Intrinsic Finks and Neuro-Law

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Sinnott-Armstrong (forthcoming) has recently pleaded for a major revision of criminal law by arguing from considerations of a case study in the neuro-sciences. Legal philosophers such as Farahany (forthcoming) have opted for a more conservative view that the criminal justice system can stand largely unshaken in face of new findings in the neuro-sciences. The purpose of this paper is to deepen our understanding of this debate by re-casting it in disposition terms. Through this effort, Sinnott-Armstrong’s position can be strengthened and shown to be preferable to Farahany’s position.