**HIP Engagement Classes, Fall 2019**

*All Engagement Classes are STAP and EA fund eligible*

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**Enhancing Resilience by Cultivating a Contemplative Lifestyle**

Tia Rich  
Tuesdays  
10/22/2019 – 11/12/2019  
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Location TBD  
$70

You can develop daily lifestyle habits that promote the resilience-building benefits of contemplative practices. Resilience is the ability to efficiently bounce back after hard times and adapt well to change, and more importantly, to learn from both. Resilience increases a person's capacity to manage stress, deal with difficult feelings, and effectively handle whatever comes their way. Thus, resilience supports professional excellence.

Fifty years of research has shown that resilience can be enhanced by contemplative practices such as mindfulness, self-compassion, breathing, reflection, quieting the thinking mind through gentle movement, gratitude, journaling, awareness-awakening nature walks, and experiencing membership in something larger than your individual life.

This 2-session workshop, in conjunction with Stanford's 2019 Contemplation By Design (CBD) Summit, October 29 - November 7, will equip you with tools from the science of behavior change for creating or strengthening your contemplative lifestyle routine. Enjoy developing a personal resilience-building lifestyle action plan during these two 1-hour sessions. Learn ways to deepen and enhance your engagement with the numerous contemplation-related opportunities offered in the CBD Summit and thus maximize the benefits you receive from the free Summit sessions you attend.

Separate registration in four of the free Contemplation By Design summit sessions is required as part of this class. Please register for your choice of [Contemplation by Design Summit sessions](#).

Instructor: Tia Rich, PhD, is the founder and director of Contemplation by Design and the manager of resilience, stress management, and contemplative practices at the Stanford Health Improvement Program.

Note: Classes not held on 10/29/2019 and 11/5/2019

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**Equine-imity - Stress Reduction In the Company of Horses**

Beverley Kane, MD  
Thursdays
Do you wonder what it means to be "healthy as a horse?" This 4-week course uses the horse-human relationship to enhance our ability to breathe deeply and relax, to self-regulate our emotions, and to apply other stress relief techniques. Horses help us develop these skills through their magnificent strength, grace, and reading of body language. They teach us to use all our senses plus breath and movement to release stress, heal, and invigorate the body. Using techniques from mindfulness meditation, tai chi, qigong, yoga, Reiki, and nature-based therapy, you will learn to ground, center, and relax by touching and breathing with horses.

The Harvard Medical School Guide to Tai Chi cites medical studies showing the value of tai chi and qigong on long-term stress reduction and improvement in cognitive function. Horse-assisted somatic or "of the body" learning, in combination with daily practices offered in class, will help you establish a lasting and healthy integration of your physical movements and senses with your intellect, emotions, and intuition. The course includes 4 class sessions plus 1 individual private session. No horse experience needed.

Instructor: Beverley Kane, MD, is a family medicine physician and equine-assisted learning specialist on the faculty of Stanford Medical School. She will be assisted by Robin Murphy, a PATH-certified therapeutic riding instructor, with extensive experience in teaching adults and children.

Hear Your Heart Speak with Embodied Storytelling
Lisa Chu, MD
Tuesdays
10/08/2019 – 11/12/2019
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Stanford Redwood City, Cardinal Hall
505 Broadway, Room 145
$200

Can finding and telling your own story be an act of wellness and healthy transformation? Research has shown that expressing our deeply held stories through language and other creative modalities can improve immune system and lung function, diminish psychological distress, and enhance relationships and social role functioning. Come and explore your own expressions in this introduction to embodied storytelling.

In this 6-week class, you will engage in playful, creative, interactive exercises using your whole body, mind, and soul in vocal sound, movement, imagination, and listening, all in a supportive environment.
At the end of the course, you will be able to engage in multiple modes of expression such as speaking, movement, sound, and gesture in telling stories of personal significance. You will also learn ways of witnessing and supporting others in a creative process, learn specific practices for engaging in playful creative expression, and personally experience the energy, resilience, and healthy transformation that can come through storytelling.

Instructor: Lisa Chu, MD, is a multidisciplinary artist, performance creator, and SoulBodyMind life coach. She enjoys encouraging people of all ages to recognize and explore their own creative potential, which she herself has explored through research and practice at the intersection of expressive arts and healing for the past decade and performing arts and teaching for the past 3 decades.

**How to Avert and Resolve Conflicts to Cultivate Healthy Relationships**

Donnovan Yisrael, Farshid Oshidari  
Saturday  
11/09/2019  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Kingscote Gardens  
419 Lagunita Drive, Suite 110  
$200

Interpersonal conflict can be a significant source of stress. By implementing positive psychology tools and concepts, you can learn to proactively avoid pitfalls and responsively resolve conflicts, resulting in reduced personal anxiety and enhanced, more meaningful relationships.

In this 1-day course, we will discuss, practice, and apply evidence-based positive psychology concepts and tools, including meditation, mindfulness, presence, empathy and compassion for yourself as well as others, emotional and social intelligence, gratitude, forgiveness, and nonviolent communication. You will learn to effectively assess and resolve conflict, whether it’s just brewing, acute, or on-going.

Equipped with a strong, positive psychology skillset, your awareness will increase, as well as your ability to regulate the thoughts, emotions, mindsets, and language that impact the health and quality of your most valued relationships.

The skills learned in this course can benefit most interpersonal relationships, including married couples, romantic partners, siblings, parents and children, relatives, friends, colleagues, roommates, and others.

Instructors: Donnovan Somera Yisrael, MA, is the senior health educator for Well-Being at Stanford and a grief educator/facilitator with Kara in Palo Alto, bringing a positive psychology and emotional intelligence perspective to all his teaching.

Farshid Oshidari is a lecturer with the LifeWorks Integrative Learning Program at Stanford. He has been involved in the development and teaching of positive psychology academic courses.
related to wellness for Well-Being at Stanford, Continuing Studies, the Graduate Summer Institute, and LifeWorks programs.

**Life's Purpose Workshop: Exploring Purpose for Health, Happiness, and Longevity**
Jayna Rogers
Fridays
11/01/2019 – 11/22/2019
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Location TBD
$200

Do you ever feel a need for greater professional or personal fulfillment? In the past few decades, studies on longevity have shown that people who live a “purpose-driven life” not only find more meaning and fulfillment, but are also healthier and happier. In this 4-session workshop, we will take a methodological approach to understanding the importance of purpose, finding your purpose and putting it in the driver’s seat for living a healthier and more fulfilled life.

Join us, as we:
- Identify the health benefits of having purpose in life
- Recognize and prioritize our values
- Define the positive impact of value-based behaviors on health
- Uncover our personal passion and talents/gifts
- Align our values, passions, and gifts with purpose

By the end of class, you will have developed your own Purpose Statement and be ready to implement a plan of action for living a healthy, more purpose-driven life.

Instructor: Jayna Rogers, MPH, is a Health Education Manager for the Health Improvement Program and the BeWell Employee Incentive Program Workshop Coordinator. She has been a health educator and researcher for Stanford School of Medicine for 20 years in the areas of chronic disease self-management, and smoking cessation.

**Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR)**
Mark Abramson
Tuesdays, 09/24/2019 – 11/12/2019, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Saturday, 11/02/2019, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Li Ka Shing Center for Learning and Knowledge
291 Campus Drive, Room 130
$330

*Co-sponsored with the Stanford Center for Integrative Medicine.*
It has been known for centuries in the meditative traditions, and is now widely accepted in Western culture, that the sustained practice of mindfulness meditation can have profoundly healing and transformative effects on one's life.
This 8-week class is modeled on the program taught at the UMass Stress Reduction Clinic and will focus on mindfulness meditation to help you gain a new understanding of how stress affects your life and how life can be lived more fully. Included in the class fee is the text Full Catastrophe Living by Jon Kabat-Zinn.

Instructor: Mark Abramson, DDS, the founder and facilitator of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction programs at Stanford. He has practiced dentistry in the Bay Area for more than 30 years, specializing in the treatment of chronic pain and temporomandibular disorders.

**Tending Your Fall Garden**

Anna Lee  
Mondays  
10/07/2019 – 10/28/2019  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
O’Donohue Family Educational Farm  
Oak Road, Palo Alto  
$200

*This class is co-sponsored with the School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences.*

Plant your winter garden this fall! Gardening provides a wholesome activity that promotes the health of both mind and body. Experiencing the contemplative activities of gardening and interacting with nature can help one to relax, unwind, reflect and restore. And not least, gardening nourishes us with fresh vegetables and fruits.

Join us in this 4-session class at the O'Donohue Stanford Educational Farm at this very transitional time of the year where we can still enjoy and be inspired by autumn's bounty around us while we prepare the soil and ourselves for another healthy season.

You will learn how to grow winter vegetables and about crop rotation throughout the seasons to maintain healthy garden beds as well as how to enhance the harmonious experience of connecting with nature by practicing mindfulness in the garden.

Instructor: Anna Lee is a PhD student in the Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources. She is a master composter for San Mateo County and holds an advanced certificate in ecological horticulture from the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at UC Santa Cruz and an MS in agroecology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Traditional Oriental Medicine Self-Care Principles and Practices**

Luca Moschini  
Saturday  
10/05/2019  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
This practical introduction to the ancient wisdom of Traditional Oriental Medicine (TOM), also often called Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), is a 1-day workshop in which knowledge and practical self-care skills are cultivated for the purpose of improving and strengthening the healing potential of your body.

You will learn basic TOM, including theories of qi, yin and yang, the 5 elements, and acupuncture meridians and apply them during practices of acupressure and qigong movement. At course completion, you will be able to use acupressure points and movement patterns to influence the physical and emotional health of specific organ systems of your body. You will also be able to apply qigong breathing techniques to your daily activities in order to relax, improve your mental clarity, and emotional awareness. The power of healing is in your hands.

Instructor: Luca Moschini, Dipl. ABT (Asian Bodywork Therapy), is the founder and head instructor of Dashen® Foundation of acupressure and qigong training. He has a private practice in Mountain View, CA, and is a former faculty member of Five Branches University of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine in San Jose.

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**Weight Management: Starting the Journey**  
Debbie Balfanz, PhD  
Wednesdays  
10/16/2016 – 12/11/2019  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
Psychiatry Building  
401 Quarry Road, Room 1211  
$250

This 8-week program will help you take the first steps in the process of changing life-long habits related to nutrition, physical activity, weight management, and stress management. Through setting and implementing small goals around lifestyle practices, you will begin to see sustainable improvements in your health, enjoy improved interpersonal relationships, and experience increased effectiveness at work.

Each class will consist of individual health behavior goal setting, group discussion, and activities. All interested individuals are required to engage in a short phone call with the facilitator before registering to ensure that the class is the right fit for them.

Facilitator: Deborah Balfanz, PhD, is the group behavior change program manager for the Stanford Health Improvement Program and has been helping individuals make sustainable lifestyle changes since coming to HIP in 2002.