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A Message to EPICureans!

The forsythia is out and the final Graduate Scholar Talk will take place on Thursday, April 4, when Michelle Van Tieghem (Psychology) presents her studies of adverse early environment and social and emotional functioning. Please join us for interesting discussion and lunch. Thank you Professor Emeritus Dan Thys for curating an excellent season of intergenerational talks.

Last Tuesday, while we were having fun discovering a multitude of useful features lurking in our smartphones, I thought about the old pink telephone message pads, and "snail mail," and booklets of pictures developed from rolls of film. Seems like ancient history. I wonder where the modern deluge of imagery and nearly suffocating interconnectedness is leading? Each day we see more dearly how the vast databanks of our dicks and geographical locations can be manipulated. Our generation has a relatively small collection of old photos and faded films that serve as signage of the passage through life. Not sure which is better, but it's no longer a relevant question.

EPIC yoga, led by Professor Emerita Ginny Papaioannou, continues on Thursday mornings with two session options, mat at 10 AM or "gentle"/beginner chair format at 11:15. Join us for a workout before the Graduate Scholar Talk. Significant others and friends are welcome.

Have a good day.

Jeanne Mager Stellman, President, EPIC Professor Emerita & Special Lecturer Mailman School of Public Heal

Thursday, April 5 Neurobehavioral Predictors of Risk and Resilience following Early Adversity

Our final Graduate Scholar Talk of the year will be presented by Michelle Van Tieghem, a second-year graduate student in the Psychology Ph.D. program at Columbia. Before joining the Developmental Affective Neuroscience Lab at Columbia, Ms. Van Tieghem was a research assistant at the NIMH, where she studied the neurobiology of atypical emotion processing in adolescents with disruptive behavior disorders.

Her graduate research examines how the early environment shapes neurobiological development and influences socioemotional functioning. Currently, she is investigating the neurobiological, behavioral and social factors that predict risk versus resilience for psychopathology following early adverse caregiving.



12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Ward H. Dennis Room 602 Lewisohn Hall

Guests welcome!

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A sandwich lunch is provided. RSVP to insure an appropriate catering order.

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Tuesday, April 10 Does Age-Related Hearing Loss Affect the Brain?

Justin S. Golub, M.D., MS is an otologist/neurotologist, a specialist of the ear and surrounding skull base. He provides both medical and surgical treatment of common disorders as well as rare, complex conditions. One of Dr. Golub's passions is introducing cutting edge treatments to the practice of otology. He is a pioneer in endoscopic ear surgery, directing one of the few training courses in the country on this new minimally invasive technique. He is also one of the first American members of the International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery. Dr. Golub is actively engaged in clinical and translational research to

On April 10, he will be discussing his research investigating associations and effects of age-related hearing loss on the brain. This includes whether age-related hearing loss may increase the risk of dementia and depression.

improve patient care and outcomes.



12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Faculty House Garden Room 2

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Tuesday, April 24 "Improving Gait and Balance during Walking with Robotics"

Professor Sunil K. Agrawal has developed a highly visible interdisciplinary program in rehabilitation robotics at Columbia University. Through a range of innovative designs of robots and dinical studies, Dr. Agrawal has showed that novel training robots can help humans to relearn, restore, or improve functional movements.

Professor Agrawal will offer a presentation of his research followed by a tour of the The Robotics And Rehabilitation (RoAR) Lab. We will meet in the Seeley W. Mudd building at 12:00 p.m.(exact room to be announced).

Join EPIC for lunch after the tour in the Faculty House Dining Room. at 1:30 p.m.



12:00 - 1: 30 pm. Seeley W. Mudd Building (Room TBA)

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Annual Reception is May 8



Save the date for the EPIC Annual Reception

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Faculty House

Invitation to come

EPIC Yoga Spring Schedule

Professor Emerita Virginia Papaioannou, a registered teacher with the Yoga Alliance, continues to lead EPIC Yoga Thursdays in Faculty House in the Spring 2018 semester.

No prior experience is required to join. Yoga can benefit people at all levels of physical training and health, but it is always wise to consult with a physician before undertaking any new exercise regime. Modifications will be offered to any participants with specific limitations arising from recovery from injury, arthritis, limited movement, or other causes.

Two one-hour classes are offered each week.

The 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. class practices breathing techniques and moves through some basic yoga poses, concentrating on alignment, balance, and flexibility. Those with experience move more deeply into the poses.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., we practice gentle/chair yoga, which is ideal for those of more limited mobility or flexibility. Classes include breathing, stretching, and yoga poses, done either seated in a chair or standing. No yoga mats are required for this class.

Please see the EPIC events calendar for schedule details.

For more information, see the EPIC website or email Lalla Grimes.

Morningside Gardens Speaker Series Continues April 18

In 2017, EPIC launched the Morningside Gardens Speaker Series in collaboration with Columbia's School of Professional Studies. Coordinated by Professor Emerita Jo Shepherd and Morningside Retirement and Health Services, the series is free and open to the public. Talks take place at 100 LaSalle Street, Room #MC. For more information, please call 212-666-4000 or email ronb@mrhsny.org.

Spring 2018 Program

February 21, 7:00 p.m.

<u>"Yoking Up Yoga"</u> Where does Yoga come from and where is it going? Is Yoga an important part of Hinduism? Some answers to these questions may surprise you. You don't need to be a yogi to find this talk interesting! Speaker: Frances Pritchett, Professor Emerita of Modern Indic Languages, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, Columbia University

March 14, 7:00 p.m.

"Rethinking Rural Healthcare Delivery: A Nigerian Diaspora-Town Union Partnership." Dr. Ferdinand Ofodile will share experience and insights from the Nnobi USA Diaspora Health Group, a path breaking medical mission project in Nnobi, the Nigerian village where he was born. The free health fairs and screening offered by the group in 2016 and 2017 have benefited over 2500 people, hundreds of whom were treated on the spot for malaria, hypertension, and diabetes. The Nnobi project is not only providing much needed health screening, but also developing a model for further Diaspora-Town Union efforts to improve and sustain health in Nigeria, which remains near the bottom of World Health Organization indices.

Speaker: Ferdinand Ofodile, M.D., Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery, Columbia University Medical Center

April 18, 7:00 p.m.

"Eve and Adam in the Gardens" For millennia, readers have interpreted the story of Adam and Eve by pandering to him and blaming her for their expulsion from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2-3). But there are more excellent ways to understand the story. This talk will undercut the traditional reading by exploring anew the story of Eve and Adam as they enter the Gardens of Morningside.

Speaker: Phyllis Trible, Baldwin Professor Emerita of Sacred Literature, Union Theological Seminary

May 16, 7:00 p.m.

"Columbia University on Morningside Heights: The Early Years in Postcard Views" As the title implies, Mr. Susi takes us on a tour of Morningside Heights using vintage postcards he began collecting more than 20 years ago.

Speaker: Michael V. Susi, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Columbia University; local historian and postcard collector