The Emotional Brain – Spring 2018

Structure:
Faculty Lectures will take place during the first 7 classes. Read the papers and participate in discussion.

Midterm Exam will be held on March 19 and will consist of multiple-choice questions taken from the readings and lectures up to that point.

Student Presentations will begin on Mar 26. Each student will be responsible for one presentation during the semester. We will have 3 presentations each week. Each should last about 20 min, followed by discussion. Each student has been randomly assigned to papers (see below). If you don’t like your time or topic, find someone to swap with and let me know.

Class Participation All class members are required to read the assigned papers and participate in the discussion of the papers. Asking questions about what is in the paper indicates you did not read the paper. Ask questions that dig deeper.

Term Paper will be due May 14 (or earlier). Papers should be 5 double-spaced pages, with Times Roman/Cambria 12 point-font. MORE DETAILS LATER.

Grading:
*Student Presentation 1/3
*Midterm (multiple-choice) 1/3
*Term Paper 1/3
*Class participation will be used to add or subtract from your final grade. Lots of good participation turns a course grade of B to a B+ while sparse participation turns a B into a B-

CLASS CALENDAR
Jan. 22  Introduction - JL will present
Jan. 29  History of the Emotional Brain - JL will present
Feb.  5  Fear and the Amygdala - JL will present
Feb. 12  Rethinking the Emotional Brain - JL will present
Feb. 19  President’s Day (Holiday)  
Feb 26   A Philosophical Perspective on Emotional Consciousness - JL and Richard Brown
Mar  5   Human Affective Neuroscience – guest presentation (Alexandra Cohen)
Mar 12  Spring Break
Mar 19  Mid-term exam (20 minutes); Deep History of Ourselves- JL will present
Mar 26  Memory and Emotion - student presentations
Apr  2   Stress - student presentations
Apr  9   Reward and Addiction - student presentations
Apr 16  no class - JL away
Apr 23  Eating Disorders - student presentations
Apr 30  Depression - student presentations
May  7   Anxiety - student presentations
May 14  Term Paper Due
ASSIGNMENTS FOR IN CLASS PRESENTATIONS
Mar 26 – Sahaana, Hongfei, Olga
Apr 2 – Aleksander, Rohan, Olamide
Apr 9 – Rob, Alexander, Victoria
Apr 23 – Saurab, Allie, Abbie
Apr 30 - Mahdi, Konstandina, Sara
May 7 – Alissa, Anouck

READINGS
Jan. 22 Introduction — JL will present
Jan. 29 History of the Emotional Brain — JL will present
   Emotional Brain Chapter 3 – Blood, Sweat, and Tears
   Emotional Brain Chapter 4 – The Holy Grail
   Emotional Brain Chapter 5 – The Way Were, p. 104-125
Feb. 5 Fear and the Amygdala — JL will present
   Anxious Chapter 4 – The Defensive Brain
Feb. 12 Rethinking the Emotional Brain — JL will present
Feb. 26 A Philosophical Perspective on Emotional Consciousness
   Anxious Chapter 6 – Let’s Get Physical
Mar. 5 Human Affective Neuroscience — guest presentation
Mar. 19 Deep History of Ourselves
   No readings
Mar. 26 Memory and Emotion
Apr. 2 Stress
Apr 9  **Reward and Addiction**

Apr 23  **Eating Disorders**

Apr 30  **Depression**

May 7  **Anxiety**