Cognitive/Affective Social Psychology Across the Lifespan—CASAL—18:820:505:01

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Required Readings: Readings will be made available through the sakai site for the course.

Course Description:
Reviews selected theory and research in the areas of cognitive, affective, and social psychology across the lifespan. Format will be a mix of formal presentation, demonstrations/activities, and discussion.

Grades: Grades will be based on a presentation (70%), a take-home essay question (15%), and weekly feedback provided to presenters (15%). Because discussion is a key part of the course, attendance is required. Topics for your presentation need to be approved by the instructor in advance, although they need not be on the list of suggested topics.

Supplemental Readings are provided to facilitate further exploration of a topic, such as for your presentation.
Sept. 8  Introductions & plan for the course

Sept. 14  Positive Affect
Video of Barbara Fredrickson on positivity ratio

Sept. 21  Positive Psychology—Appreciation and well being

Sept. 28  Intuition and the Two Modes of Processing

Oct. 5  Emotional Intelligence-- Guest Speaker: Cary Cherniss, Ph.D.

Oct. 12  Stigma-- Guest Speaker: Jamie Walkup, Ph.D.
Wakefield, J. C., & Horwitz, A. W. The loss of sadness, chapter 7: The surveillance of sadness, pages 144 – 164.

Oct. 19  Cultural Differences in Cognitive Processes/Emotion (Nadia)

The Spotlight Effect (Laurie)
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Dec. 7  Self-Esteem (Yair)

Sunk Cost/ Escalation of Commitment (Nida)

Dec. 14  Hindsight Bias (Margaret) – postponed from Nov. 16 due to illness

Bias in Clinical Judgment (Fagley)

Framing, Perspective Taking, and Decision Making (Fagley)

Brief introduction to probabilistic reasoning in clinical work—Bayesian revision. (Fagley)