A Joint UC Davis-TCCI Contemplative Science Summit and Community Gathering

Out of the Lab and Into the World:
The Next Chapter of Contemplative Science

February 24, 2023 | 8:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Vanderhoef Studio Theatre
Mondavi Center UC Davis Campus

Join us for a daylong summit to explore how contemplative science can extend beyond the lab and into the world to better study the consequences of contemplative practice, and to engage with society in more meaningful, impactful ways.

Symposium 1: Embedded Measurement & Remote Technologies, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Contemplative research in context: Insights from COVID-era research and intensive retreat studies.
Quinn Conklin, Ph.D., Brandon King, Ph.D., & Alea Skwara, Ph.D., University of California, Davis

Capturing the natural unfolding of memory for events encountered under threat and curiosity.
Vishnu Murty, Ph.D., Temple University

App-based contemplative trainings: Promises and pitfalls of scalability.
Paul Condon, Ph.D., Southern Oregon University

Symposium 2: Social Identity and Context, 1:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Restoring the élan vital of research: Principles and practices of inclusive, anti-racist science.
Kamilah Majied, Ph.D., California State University, Monterey Bay

Can deep language models serve as a cognitive model for natural language processing in the human brain?
Uri Hasson, Ph.D., Princeton University

Contemplative practice in context: A cultural-ecosocial approach
Laurence Kirmayer, M.D., McGill University

Symposium 3: Shifting Societal Structures & Priorities, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Law’s Middle Way: Contemplative presence and restorative justice.
sujatha baliga, J.D., Berkeley, California

Pay attention like your life depends on it: Advancing research on mindfulness training in real-world high-demand settings.
Amishi Jha, Ph.D., University of Miami

Mindfulness training and peacemaking: Toward embracing reconciliation.
Nava Levit-Binnun, Ph.D., Reichman University, Israel

Registration required.
Options to participate in person or via Zoom.
For detailed program and tickets, see:

Meeting Partners: Tianqiao and Chrissy Chen Institute and the UC Davis Center for Mind and Brain