



Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness

30TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

MARCH 17-21, 2010 – UC BERKELEY FACULTY CLUB, BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

THEME - CURING MINDS: CONSCIOUSNESS IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH

Consciousness plays a huge role in the spectrum of sickness and health, from the beginnings of life and in all aspects of physical, psychological, and spiritual health to death and beyond. This conference seeks to bring together research and thought on the role of consciousness in areas such as:

Life – the incipience of life, birth, emergence, rebirth, creation

Death – end of life issues, the experience of death, death in its various forms, near-death, beyond death

Health and well-being – cultivating states of health in the physical, psychological, spiritual dimensions

Sickness and pain – experience, interaction of mental and physical ailments

Healing and repair – overcoming disease, alleviation of pain, placebo effect, dimensions of healing

Mind/Body linkages – mind/body unity and duality, mind/body interaction, implications of disjuncture

Health practices and practitioners – indigenous, traditional, allopathic, alternative, self-help

Psychoactive substances – traditional and contemporary use of plant drugs in healing, addiction

Language and healing – relationships between language, consciousness, and healing

Health care policy – models for policies that promote and integrate different perspectives on health

For more information, and to register or submit an abstract for a paper, panel, or experiential workshop on these and other topics, please visit our website at:

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SUBMISSIONS AND REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY
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Submission decisions and schedule will be finalized February 15, 2010.