

EMBODIED INTELLIGENCE

LECTURE AND WORKSHOP SERIES

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, CA Spring 2017
Engaging the Sprintensive course theme: Social Change for Social Justice



Amy Collier: *Embodiment and the Digital: Constructing and Deconstructing the Body*

Friday, February 17—Lecture 12 noon-1:30 p.m. McGowan 102, 411 Pacific St.

Amy reflects on the role of body intelligence when communicating in virtual space, amplifying the ways we can use technology to enhance social change rather than diminish exploration and creativity.

Amy is the Associate Provost for Digital Learning at Middlebury College. She was formerly the senior director for inspiration and outreach at Stanford University, and she received her doctorate in Family Studies from Texas Women's University. Her focus at Middlebury is on sustaining a global learning community through digital pedagogies and technologies, reflecting her passion for topics like open learning, online learning, and faculty development. See <https://redpincushion.me>

Co-sponsored with the Digital Learning Commons



Lee Holden: *Self-Managing Stress through Qi Gong for Effective Social Change*

Thursday, March 2, Lecture 6-7:30 p.m. Irvine Auditorium, 499 Pierce St. (workshops March 3)

Lee discusses his Qi Gong journey through playing varsity soccer at Berkeley, translating the works of Grandmaster Mantak Chia in Thailand, and creating training programs and Qi Gong videos in Santa Cruz, including new films for PBS. Reflections link to his recent collaboration with Middlebury College on a website and videos for clearing stress and sustaining vitality.

<http://sites.middlebury.edu/wholebody/>

Lee is a Doctor of Chinese Medicine, and a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. Along with weekly classes and training programs at the Cbi Center in Santa Cruz, he is a frequent presenter on PBS, bringing the healthful and effective practice of Qi Gong into greater public awareness.

Co-sponsored with the Mindfulness Working Group and the Department of Development, Practice, and Policy



John Elder: *Myth as a Deep Cultural Resource in an Era of Climate Change*

Tuesday, March 7—Lecture 6-7:30 p.m. McGowan 102 (workshops March 9-10)

John shares his passion for myth and story by focusing on the myth of Persephone as a way of engaging concretely and emotionally with the seasons, modeling the relevance of writing as a form of activism around contemporary climate challenges.

*John is an award-winning professor emeritus at Middlebury College, chairing both the Environmental Studies Program and English Department, and teaching most summers at the Breadloaf School of English. He holds a Ph.D. in English from Yale University and is author of numerous books, articles, and anthologies, including his recent multi-media project called *Picking Up the Flute*.*

<https://sites.middlebury.edu/johncelder>

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Molly Anderson: *Written on the Body: Impact of Food Insecurity Across Generations*

Thursday, March 30—Lecture 12 noon-1:30 p.m., McGowan 102

Molly considers the ways that food insecurity affects mothers, children, and their children through the multifaceted impacts of poverty and injustice globally.

Molly is shaping the Food Studies Program at Middlebury College in Vermont (See: <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/food-studies>) where she teaches about hunger and food security, fixing food systems, and sustainability. She bridges interests and concerns of academicians and community-based activists and is involved in food system planning at the state, regional and international scales. Molly earned an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Systems Ecology from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Co-sponsored with the program in International Environmental Policy and the MIIS organic garden—Our Green Thumb, with support from the One Middlebury fund



Dr. Shruthi Mahalingaiah: *Interpreting and Translating the Body: Medical and Intercultural Views*

Friday, April 21—Lecture 8-10 a.m. Irvine Auditorium

Shruthi illustrates the multilingual challenges of working with medical patients, relying on interpreters, often by phone, to convey body sensations, physical symptoms, and choices about medical procedures within intercultural contexts. Her journey as an Indian-born American, a Watson Fellow studying indigenous healing in Ecuador and Bali, and her medical career at Harvard and Boston Universities inform the presentation.

Shruthi was born in India and immigrated to Connecticut with her family. She is a graduate of Middlebury College and Harvard Medical School and joined the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine, where she is an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and board certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. Her current research focuses on environmental exposure and polycystic ovary syndrome, and she was recently awarded the Endocrine Society's Early Investigator Award 2016.

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For more information see:

<https://sites.middlebury.edu/embody/>



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