

# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL, CIVIC LEARNING & MINDFULNESS RESOURCES (March 2020)

Curated and reviewed by Deborah Donahue-Keegan, Associate Director, Tisch College Initiative on Social-Emotional Learning & Civic Engagement deborah.donahue\_keegan@tufts.edu

- COVID-19 Related Resources
- EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, AGILITY, AND WELL-BEING
- SEL-CE & CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES IN HIGHER EDUCATION
- MINDFULNESS RESOURCES
- SELF-CARE / COMMUNITY-CARE
- AUDIO, VIDEO RESOURCES Mindfulness
- ORGANIZATIONS / WEBSITES (with audio, video resources)

#### **COVID-19 Related Resources**

### Social Emotional Resilience, Mental Health and Well-Being

Dealing with CORONAVIRUS ANXIETY (COVID-19)

Coronavirus Anxiety and Your Ancient Brain: 10 Skills to Manage Anxiety when the News is Scary

<u>Talking about the emotional toll of the pandemic</u> (Harvard Chan School of Public Health will launch a series of weekly interactive forums to discuss issues and options.) Recorded session: <u>Resilience in Uncertain Times</u>: <u>Flexible and Mindful Strategies to Cope with Coronavirus-Related Stress</u>

COVID-19 Well-Being Toolkit and Resources Center for Healthy Minds (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Using Social Emotional Learning to Help in Times of Stress (COVID-19)

Greater Good Science Center Guide to Well-Being During Coronavirus

14 Resources for Emotional Health During Coronavirus Times

10 Well-Being Tips During the Days of Coronavirus

Four Things to Do Every Day for Your Mental Health

COVID-19 & Your Mental Health

Supporting Your Mental Health During Coronavirus

Coping with Coronavirus Anxiety (Harvard Medical School)

Coronavirus Sanity Guide (Ten Percent Happier)

Cultivating Resilience during COVID-19 (Koru Mindfulness)

10 Ways To Manage The Emotional Challenges Of Social Distancing

Managing Emotions Effectively in Uncertain Times

Regulating Emotions in a COVID-19 World

Flexibility in the Midst of Crisis

How to Take Care of Your Health and Well-Being in the Time of Coronavirus K-12 Teaching / Learning

Teacher, Interrupted: Leaning into Social-Emotional Learning Amid the COVID-19 Crisis

Stress Busters in Challenging Times

A new REALM: IFSEL's TIPS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Online Teaching Can Be Culturally Responsive

Supporting Students Through Coronavirus

Online Teaching Can Be Culturally Responsive

A Trauma-Informed Approach to Teaching Through Coronavirus

How to Respond to Coronavirus Racism

Teaching Through Coronavirus: What Educators Need Right Now

A Healthy Reminder to Educators During School Closures

Speaking Up Against Racism Around the New Coronavirus

### SELf-Care / Community-Care / Greater Good

Transforming Chaos into Health & Wholeness

CASEL CARES: Strategies for Being Your Best Possible 'SELf with Dr. Marc Brackett

SEL and Self-Care Resources for Educators, Schools, and Parents Related to COVID-19 - Curated by Nick Woolf, (Tisch SEL-CE graduate assistant)

COVID-19: How Can We Make Choices That Promote the Common Good?

COVID-19 and Our Common Humanity

Why Taking Care of Your Own Well-Being Helps Others: Our emotional well-being can benefit the people around us.

We are All Connected: Civity in the Time of COVID-19

Self-Compassion and COVID-19

Self-Love in the Time of Coronavirus

Three Reasons to Practice Gratitude During the Coronavirus Crisis (COVID-19)

14 Days of Gratitude Self-Reflection Journal

How to turn the coronavirus anxiety into something positive

How to Avoid Feeling Defeated in Today's Crazy World: The world's problems may feel overwhelming, but we can nurture our caring spirit so we stay active in solving them.

A guide to preventing and addressing COVID-19 stigma

How Can We Stop Prejudice in a Pandemic?

### Mindfulness

How Mindfulness Can Help You Navigate the Coronavirus Panic

How to Keep the Greater Good in Mind During the Coronavirus Outbreak: In the midst of our panic around COVID-19, we must look to each other to help us get through it.

How to STOP, Breathe, Listen and Connect During the COVID-19 Outbreak: We can support each during this health crisis by connecting with our essential goodness and compassion.

<u>How You Can Help Others by Practicing Mindfulness</u> "So many cultures, spiritual traditions, and even social and neuroscience tell us that our emotions, positive or negative, are contagious. Sometimes, we are called to be the calm one in the storm buffeting humanity, as <u>COVID-19</u> has done in this lifeboat we call planet earth."

Our Calm is Contagious: Meditation teacher Tara Brach offers some tips for calming your coronavirus anxiety
— so you can better care for others.

Mindfulness Buffers the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak Information on Sleep Duration Free Online Meditation Resources for Times of Social Distancing / COVID-19

Kripalu Online Classroom

Contemplation in the time of Corona (Contemplative Teaching & Learning in Higher Education)

#### **Recorded online sessions:**

Harvard Chan School of Public Health Talking about the emotional toll of the pandemic (a series of weekly interactive forums to discuss issues and options.)

#### **Recorded Presentation:**

Resilience in Uncertain Times: Flexible and Mindful Strategies to Cope with Coronavirus-Related Stress Managing Stress: Grounding Strategies for Dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence webinars:

**Recorded Webinars:** 

Managing Anxiety Around COVID-19: Tips for You & Your School Community

CASEL CARES: Strategies for Being Your Best Possible 'SELf with Dr. Marc Brackett

NOTE: Google Doc with resources is updated daily during the COVID-19 crisis:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NioOHOgQTj56BTdY5W5BiVOMJxIQbIjS2LemcK54UTw/edit?usp=sharing

# **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, AGILITY, AND WELL-BEING**

Brackett, M.A. (2019) Permission to Feel: Unlocking the Power of Emotions to Help Our Kids, Ourselves, and Our Society Thrive. Celadon Books. https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250212849 https://www.marcbrackett.com/the-emotion-scientist-blog/

David, S. The gift and power of emotional courage – TED talk by Susan David, author of Emotional Agility https://www.ted.com/talks/susan\_david\_the\_gift\_and\_power\_of\_emotional\_courage?language=en

Interview: David, S. (with Lewis Howes) The Art of Emotional Agility. (February 18, 2018). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p92f3JggmNc

The Science of Well-Being (Free Yale University online course) https://www.coursera.org/learn/the-science-of-well-being

Keys to Well-Being – Greater Good Science Center, UC Berkeley https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/key

Immordino-Yang, MH, Darling-Hammond, L., Krone, C. (2018). The Brain Basis for Integrated Social, Emotional, and Academic Development: How emotions and social relationships drive learning. The Aspen Institute. https://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/the-brain-basis-for-integrated-social-emotional-and-academic-development/

The Power of Rest In and For Education: An "Idle" Conversation About the Social Brain with Mary Helen Immordino-Yang https://internationalednews.com/2015/11/11/the-power-of-rest-in-and-for-education-an-idle-conversation-about-the-social-brain-with-mary-helen-immordino-yang/

Association for Psychological Science (APS) Rest Is Not Idleness: Reflection Is Critical for Development and Well-Being (July 2, 2012). https://www.psychologicalscience.org/news/releases/rest-is-not-idleness-reflection-is-critical-for-development-and-well-being.html

Why Your Brain Needs More Downtime: Research on naps, meditation, nature walks and the habits of exceptional artists and athletes reveals how mental breaks increase productivity, replenish attention, solidify memories and encourage creativity (*Scientific American*) https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/mental-downtime/

National Equity Project: Social-Emotional Learning & Equity https://nationalequityproject.org/about/social-emotional-learning-equity Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence - http://ei.yale.edu - http://ei.yale.edu/todays-students-may-emotionally-unprepared/ - Emotion Revolution - http://ei.yale.edu//?s=emotion+revolution

Doing Something Creative Can Boost Your Well-Being: A new study suggests that small acts of creativity in everyday life increase our overall sense of well-being. https://www.mindful.org/something-creative-can-boost-well/

Greater Good in Education https://ggie.berkeley.edu/

5 reasons to engage in Mandala coloring (free book included) https://kripalu.org/resources/how-start-mandala-practice-plus-free-coloring-book

You Can Now Virtually Tour These U.S. National Parks From Wherever You Are https://www.apartmenttherapy.com/free-us-national-parks-virtual-tours-36735495

# **SEL-CE & CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

AAC&U Diversity & Democracy Special Issue: Intersectionality and Well-Being https://www.bttop.org/resources/publications/diversity-democracy-special-issue-intersectionality-and-well-being

AAC&U Diversity & Democracy Special Issue: Civic Engagement and Psychosocial Well-Being https://www.aacu.org/liberaleducation/2011/spring

The Problem of Self-Care in Higher Education: Students struggle to care for themselves in higher education... and so do faculty.

https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/o1/10/importance-carring-ones-students-and-oneself-academe-opinion

How a student's panic attack changed my approach to teaching

https://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2019/09/how-student-s-panic-attack-changed-my-approach-teaching Swallow, J. (2018). Why We Must Balance Emotion and Intellect: The best college teaching has always included both rational argument and emotional insight. *Inside Higher Ed.* July 10, 2018

https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2018/07/10/students-today-need-colleges-value-emotions-well-intellect-opinion

Contemplative Community in Higher Education Toolkit

http://www.contemplativemind.org/admin/wp-content/uploads/Toolkito22819c.pdf

The Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education

https://www.contemplativemind.org/programs/acmhe

#### MINDFULNESS RESOURCES

The aim of mindfulness is not to intentionally clear the mind of thoughts. It is to understand how the mind works. To see how it unwittingly ties itself in knots to create anxiety, stress, unhappiness, and exhaustion. It teaches you to observe how your thoughts, feelings, and emotions rise and fall like waves on the sea. And in the calm spaces in between lie moments of piercing insight.

- Danny Penman (author, The Art of Breathing: the secret to living mindfully)

Social Emotional Stamina is cultivated when social-emotional learning is interlinked with mindfulness—the practice of maintaining present moment awareness and non-judgmental acceptance of one's feelings, thoughts and bodily sensations within the surround of one's environment (Greater Good Science Center, n.d.). It is about developing a balanced, calm autonomic nervous system, as a baseline state, to manage fight or flight responses (Seppala, 2016; Yuan & Silberstein, 2016); this baseline state helps one to more readily access and activate social-emotional skills during stressful, contentious situations (Hammond, 2015).

How mindfulness changes the emotional life of our brains | Richard J. Davidson | TEDxSanFrancisco https://www.ted.com/talks/richard\_j\_davidson\_how\_mindfulness\_changes\_the\_emotional\_life\_of\_our\_brains\_jan\_2019

Moving mindfulness from 'me' to 'we'

https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/transformation/civic-mindfulness/

A Mindful Approach to Race and Social Justice

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DPwogeTa7o

https://www.rhondavmagee.com/

How to Meditate with Anxiety

https://www.mindful.org/mindfulness-meditation-anxiety/

Anxious? Three Ways to Get Out of Panic Mode: When you feel overwhelmed with panic, try these minimindfulness practices to help calm anxiety <a href="https://www.mindful.org/high-anxiety/">https://www.mindful.org/high-anxiety/</a>
Anxiety is Also Contagious. Here's How to Calm Down

https://www.mindful.org/covid-anxiety-is-also-contagious-heres-how-to-calm-down-america/

How the Body Scan Meditation Practice Reduces Biological Stress: A daily 20-minute body scan practice may reduce your mental and physical stress levels, according to new research.

https://www.mindful.org/how-the-body-scan-meditation-practice-reduces-biological-stress/

Why Mindfulness Meditation Begins with the Breath: We can learn a lot from the natural rhythm, pace, and unfussiness of how the breath continues its work, without making a big deal out of it: <a href="https://www.mindful.org/6-reasons-why-mindfulness-begins-with-the-breath/">https://www.mindfulness-begins-with-the-breath/</a>

The S.T.O.P. Practice: Creating Space Around Automatic Reactions: Rhonda Magee takes us through this simple portable mindfulness practice she uses to find calm when difficult moments arise. https://www.mindful.org/the-s-t-o-p-practice-creating-space-around-automatic-reactions/

One Week of Mindfulness Meditation May Help You Process Your Emotions https://www.mindful.org/one-week-of-mindfulness-meditation-may-help-you-process-your-emotions/

The Mindfulness Skills that is Crucial for Stress https://www.mindful.org/the-mindfulness-skill-that-is-crucial-for-stress/

Rewire Your Anxious Brain (Mindful Magazine, April 2019 | Issue № 37) https://www.mindful.org/issue/april-2019/

Nine Ways To Ensure Your Mindfulness Teaching Practice Is Trauma-Informed https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/53228/nine-ways-to-ensure-your-mindfulness-teaching-practice-is-trauma-informed

Scientific Benefits of Intentional Breathing: Longer Exhalations Are an Easy Way to Hack Your Vagus Nerve https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-athletes-way/201905/longer-exhalations-are-easy-way-hack-your-vagus-nerve

Science Confirms That the Vagus Nerve Is Key to Well-being: The mysterious nerve network that quiets pain and stress — and may defeat disease

https://elemental.medium.com/science-confirms-that-the-vagus-nerve-is-key-to-well-being-c23fab90e211

The Scientific Benefits of Breathing Infographic https://emmaseppala.com/benefits-breathing-infographic/

Breathe. Exhale. Repeat: The Benefits of Controlled Breathing (NYT) https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/09/well/mind/breathe-exhale-repeat-the-benefits-of-controlled-breathing.html

Breathe Better: How to Improve Your Mind, Attention, and Memory https://bigthink.com/videos/emma-seppala-use-breathing-techniques-to-calm-yourself

Breathing: The Little-Known Secret to Peace of Mind https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/feeling-it/201304/breathing-the-little-known-secret-peace-mind

RAIN: A Mindfulness Practice for Welcoming Your Emotions – mindful.org https://www.mindful.org/rain-a-mindfulness-practice-for-welcoming-your-emotions/R—Recognize A—Acknowledge I—Investigate N—Non-identify

How Labels Help: Tame Reactive Emotions by Naming Them (mindful.org) https://www.mindful.org/labels-help-tame-reactive-emotions-naming/

One Thing to Change: Embrace Mindfulness

https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2019/07/focal-point-harvard-professor-ellen-langer-wants-everyone-to-question-their-assumptions/

Lazar Lab, Harvard U. "Meditation can produce experience-based structural alterations in the brain." https://scholar.harvard.edu/sara\_lazar/home

Can We Talk? Three mindfulness practices that encourage generous conversations (mindful.org) https://www.mindful.org/can-we-talk/

Three Ways Mindfulness Can Make You Less Biased (greatergood.berkeley.org) https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/three ways mindfulness can make you less biased

Why Mindfulness is the Answer to Unconscious Bias https://www.mindfulleader.org/blog/26600-why-mindfulness-is-the-answer-to

When Mindfulness and Racism Intersect https://www.mindful.org/povmindfulnessforall/

How Mindfulness Can Help Dislodge Unconscious Racial Biases https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mindfulness-racism\_n\_6288040?ncid=engmodushpmgooooooo3

### **SELF-CARE / COMMUNITY-CARE**

The Importance of Self-Care (TED Talks) https://www.ted.com/playlists/299/the\_importance\_of\_self\_care

Self-Compassion - Dr. Kristin Neff - https://self-compassion.org

Self-care isn't enough. We need community care to thrive. https://mashable.com/article/community-care-versus-self-care/

Self-care is community care http://www.forharriet.com/2018/03/self-care-is-community-care.html

Self-Care is a Radical Act, But Not in the Way We're Practicing It Right Now https://www.flare.com/living/self-care-is-a-radical-act/

Self-Care in Activism and the #BlackLivesMatter Movement https://medium.com/@DrBFPalmer/tips-for-self-care-in-activism-and-the-blacklivesmatter-movement-b501052d6379

When Self-Care Becomes a Weapon: Self-care practices that actually work https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/healing-together/201907/when-self-care-becomes-weapon

A Loving-Kindness Practice to Foster Self-Acceptance https://www.mindful.org/the-mindful-practice-podcast-loving-kindness-with-sharon-salzberg/

The Three Types of Empathy: Emotional, Cognitive, Compassionate https://blog.heartmanity.com/the-three-kinds-of-empathy-emotional-cognitive-compassionate

#### **AUDIO, VIDEO RESOURCES - Mindfulness**

The Center for Koru Mindfulness - Evidence-based meditation & mindfulness for college-aged adults

Guided Meditations: https://korumindfulness.org/guided-meditations

Free Audio Resources for Mindfulness Meditation https://www.mindful.org/audio-resources-for-mindfulness-meditation/

Five Free Mindfulness Apps Worthy of Your Attention (mindful.org) https://www.mindful.org/free-mindfulness-apps-worthy-of-your-attention/

Mindfulness and Racial Bias: Straight Talk with Rhonda Magee JD https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je1JPfQXOYA

A 10-Minute Meditation to Work with Difficult Emotions https://www.mindful.org/a-10-minute-meditation-to-work-with-difficult-emotions/?mc\_cid=9c10bdaea8&mc\_eid=dd75c17607

Present Moment Mindfulness Practice and Science https://presentmomentmindfulness.com

The Morning Intention Setting Meditation: The Small Habit That Could Change Your Life https://themindfulnesssummit.com/sessions/morning-intention-setting-meditation/

Mindfulness in Daily Life – Oprah Winfrey Interview with Jon Kabat-Zinn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5r2sBQM31k

# ORGANIZATIONS / WEBSITES (with audio, video resources)

Tufts University – Mindfulness, Emotional Intelligence, and Social Emotional Learning http://students.tufts.edu/health-and-wellness/health-promotion/mindfulness-emotional-intelligence-and-social-emotional-learning

The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (CMind) - http://www.contemplativemind.org ICEA Journal: Social Justice, Inner Work & Contemplative Practice http://www.contemplativemind.org/icea

Greater Good Science Center https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/

UMASS Medical School Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) https://www.umassmed.edu/cfm/mindfulness-based-programs/

University of Southern California - Thrive Program https://wellbeing.usc.edu/programs/thrive/https://news.usc.edu/154075/new-course-on-thriving-at-usc-and-beyond-earns-rave-reviews/

Wake Forest University – Wellbeing Collaborative http://wellbeingcollaborative.wfu.edu

University of Washington – Resilience Lab & Wellbeing for Life and Learning Initiative http://wellbeing.uw.edu/unit/resilience-lab/https://wellbeing.uw.edu/get-involved/well-being-for-life-learning-initiative/

Harvard University Center for Wellness and Health Promotion – online "Relaxation Room" https://wellness.huhs.harvard.edu/relaxation-room

How Meditation Can Re-Shape Our Brains – Sara Lazar (TEDx Cambridge) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8rRzTtP7Tc

UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center http://marc.ucla.edu

UC San Diego Center for Mindfulness https://health.ucsd.edu/specialties/mindfulness/programs/mbsr/Pages/audio.aspx

UVA Mindfulness Center https://med.virginia.edu/mindfulness-center/continue-your-practice/audio-recordings/

UVM Mindfulness https://soundcloud.com/mindfulnessuvm

University of Wisconsin Mindfulness Meditation Podcast Series https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/mindfulness-meditation-podcast-series/

Vanderbilt University Relaxation Audio https://www.vumc.org/health-wellness/resource-articles-blog/relaxation-audio