“Mental health ultimately means that an individual, through rich emotion affirming encounters with living, has integrated his or her life in such a way that the emergent self-structures, deeply affective, can steer a satisfying, cognitive course through future emotional jungles of lived lives.” – Jaak Panksepp

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Interactive Entertainment, Science & Healthcare
Mondays 11-12:50PM*

*This class will test new formats of course delivery:
- two Monday sessions will be conducted online via Skype
- two Monday sessions will be canceled and combined as a 3/4 day in-person class on March 30, 2019, which will be open to other USC students with bonus material to also make up for missing two classes due to national holidays.

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COURSE OVERVIEW
This course will give students an overview of foundational concepts required for design, development and evaluation of interactive entertainment and transmedia-based interventions at the intersection of neuroscience, public health and medicine. Students will develop a unique transdisciplinary perspective of intervention rationale and impact related to wellness, illness and resilience, following a trajectory of critical periods of life and living. They will develop critical reading abilities, writing skills, and experience analysis and synthesis skills.

For more details visit
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezonCh4KAeDq0uDNhyxdq8O_NLDLw8C_5aaXhpP2Uf4/edit?usp=sharing

1 Jaak Panksepp was an affective neuroscientist who studied the emotional systems in animals. He is most known (and ridiculed) for discovering that rats laugh when they are tickled. He explored in depth the importance of play in human development. This quote is from the following book: Panksepp J. Brain Emotional Systems and Qualities of Mental Life: From Animal Models of Affect to Implications for Psychotherapeutics. In: Fosha D, Siegel D.J, Solomon M, eds. The Healing Power of Emotion: Affective Neuroscience, Development & Clinical Practice. New York, New York, USA: W. W. Norton; 2009:368.