

# Visions and Voices- Medical Clowning, Atay Citron, Doutores d'Alegria (Doctors of Joy): Can Clowns Heal? A lecture by Dr. Atay Citron

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## Lecture by Dr. Atay Citron

### Can Clowns Heal? The Uses of Medical Clowning

A lecture by [Dr. Atay Citron](#)

Monday, October 6, 7 PM

The Forum Room, Ronald Tutor Campus Center 450

Admission is free. Reservations required. RSVP beginning Wednesday, September 10, at 9 a.m.

**USC Students, Staff and Faculty:** To RSVP, [click here](#).

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Medical clowns bring the magic of clowning to hospitals and medical centers, engaging the healing powers of laughter and humor. The materials on this guide will help you learn about speaker Dr. Atay Citron, explore the traditions of theater, clowning, and medical clowning, and discover research demonstrating the power of medical clowns.

## About Dr. Atay Citron and his work

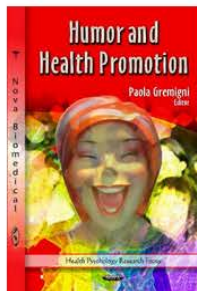


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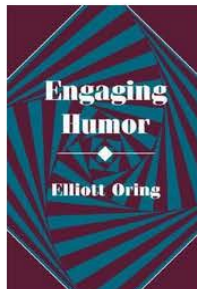
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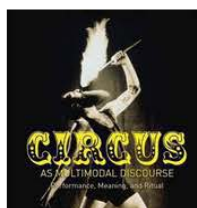
**Masking Unmasked** by Eli Simon  
ISBN: 1403973644



**Humor and Health Promotion** by Paola Gremigni  
ISBN: 1619426579



**Engaging Humor** by Elliott Oring  
ISBN: 0252027868



## Articles



These articles are available to USC students, staff, and faculty.

- Adams, P. *Humor and Love: The origination of clown therapy.* *Postgraduate medical journal*, 78 (922), p. 447.  
Review article on medical clowning written by Patch Adams, who popularized medical clowning in the United States.
- Nuttman-Shwartz O., Scheyer R., Tzioni H. *Medical Clowning: Even Adults Deserve a Dream.* *Social work in health care*, 49 (6), p. 581.  
Articles discusses experiences of two medical clowns as they integrate into an outpatient practice supporting adults with chronic illnesses.
- McMahan, SC. 2008. *Infinite possibility: clowning with elderly people.* *Care management journals : Journal of case management : the journal of long term home health care*, 9 (1), p. 19.  
A clown who works in medical situations and has volunteered to clown in areas of social strife discusses her experiences.
- Raviv, A. (2014). *The healing performance: The medical clown as compared to African! Kung and Azande ritual healers.* *Dramatherapy, (ahead-of-print)*, 1-9.
- Grinberg, Z., Pendzik, S., Kowalsky, R., & Goshen, Y. (2012). *Drama therapy role theory as a context for understanding medical clowning.* *The Arts in Psychotherapy*, 39(1), 42-51.

## Websites

There are medical clowning organizations all around the world. The links below are to some of the groups with established web presences.

Watch Dr. Citron's presentation "Professional academic training for medical clowns, the program at the University of Haifa's Theatre Department," from October 2011.

- [Biography of Dr. Citron](#)
- [Interview with Ati Citron](#)  
Interview with Dr. Citron on the beginnings of his career as a teacher of medical clowns, his inspirations, and medical clowning.
- [Send in The Clowns- To the Hospital](#)  
Newspaper article from The Jewish Times discussing the impacts of Dr. Citron's work.

### Introduction to Dream Doctors

This brief video shows medical clowns at work and discusses the origins and work of the Dream Doctors Project, an Israeli-based medical clowning non-profit.



**Circus As Multimodal Discourse** by Paul Bouissac  
Chapter nine discusses clowning.

### Books

These books are available to USC students, faculty, and staff.



[Serious Play: Modern Clown Performance](#)

Louise Peacock  
Doheny, GV1828 .P43 2009

[Performance studies in motion : international perspectives and practices in the Twenty-First Century](#)



Atay Citron  
Doheny, PN1584 .P457 2014

[The rise of performance studies](#)



James Martin Harding.  
Doheny, PN2041.A57 R57 2011

- [ClownZero](#)  
UCSF
- [Dream Doctors](#)  
Israel
- [Humour Foundation](#)  
Australia
- [Medical Clown Project](#)  
Alameda, CA
- [Patch Adams / Gesundheit! Institute](#)  
West Virginia
- [List of U.S. Hospitals and Hospice Programs Served by Caring Clowns](#)

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### Doutores d'Alegria



Tuesday, October 7, 2014 : 6:30pm

Board Room, Davidson Conference Center

University Park Campus

Reception to follow.

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Inspired by the known healing power of laughter and humor, medical clowns bring magic, music, storytelling and other clowning skills to hospitals and medical centers.

The funny, touching documentary *Doutores d'Alegria* follows the day-to-day work of the extraordinary medical-clowning organization Doctors of Joy in Brazil, illuminating the transformation that occurs via the joyful presence of clowns in a medical setting. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring **Wellington Nogueira**, founder of Doutores d'Alegria; **Dr. Atay Citron**, founder and director of the medical-clowning program at the University of Haifa, Israel; and **Karen McCarty** of the U.S.-based [Big Apple Clown Care Unit](#).

### More information on the film and Doctors of Joy

- [Doutores d'Alegria organization homepage](#)
- [Doutores d'Alegria film homepage \(Portuguese only\)](#)

Watch the film's preview, learn about the film crew and producers, festivals where they film has been played, and awards.

### More information on panel speakers

A discussion panel will occur after the film. See the sites below for more information on panelists. Examine the tab named "Can Clowns Heal? A lecture by Dr. Atay Citron" on this guide for additional information written by Dr. Citron, and books, websites, and articles about medical clowning.

- [Biography of Wellington Nogueira](#)  
Founder of Doutores d'Alegria.
- [Biographical interview of Karen McCarty](#)  
Current creative director of the Big Apple Clown Care department.
- [Big Apple Clown Care homepage](#)
- [Clown Care: When Laughter Heals](#), by Alix Cohen  
Delightful online newspaper article follows two Big Apple Clown Care clowns throughout a typical day.
- [Big Apple Clown Care Pinterest page](#)  
See Big Apple Clowns in action!
- [Dr. Atay Citron](#)  
Director of the Medical Clowning Program at the University of Haifa.
- [Interview with Ati Citron](#)  
Interview with Dr. Citron on the beginnings of his career as a teacher of medical clowns, his inspirations, and medical clowning.

### Trailer for Doutores d'Alegria



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