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


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

Professional academic training ...

E-books

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

1. Masking Unmasked by Eli Simon
   ISBN: 1403973644

2. Humor and Health Promotion by Paola Grebenni
   ISBN: 1616426579

3. Engaging Humor by Elliott Oring
   ISBN: 0252027888

Articles

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

  Review article on medical clowning written by Patch Adams, who popularized medical clowning in the United States.

  Articles discusses experiences of two medical clowns as they integrate into an outpatient practice supporting adults with chronic illnesses.

  A clown who works in medical situations and has volunteered to clown in areas of social strife discusses her experiences.


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 Ali 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 Roussac
Chapter nine discusses clowning.

Books

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- Serious Play, Modern Clown Performance
  Louise Peacock
  Dehery, GV1828 .P43 2009

- Performance studies in motion: international perspectives and practices in the Twenty-First Century
  May Citron
  Dehery, PN1584 .P457 2014

- The rise of performance studies
  James Martin Harding
  Dehery, PN2041 .A57 R57 2011
Doutores d'Allegria

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'Allegria 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'Allegria; 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.

Trailer for Doutores d'Allegria

Trailer Doutores da Alegria - O filme

More Information on the film and Doctors of Joy

- Doutores d'Allegria organization homepage
- Doutores d'Allegria 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

- Biography of Wellington Nogueira
  Founder of Doutores d'Allegria.
- 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 Alia 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 Alit Citron
  Interview with Dr. Citron on the beginnings of his career as a teacher of medical clowns, his inspirations, and medical clowning.