

9TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF AYURVEDA AND HEALTH

Dept. of Immunology, CASC, UConn Health in Collaboration with
The International Society for Ayurveda & Health and
Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Presents

Chair: Stefan Brocke, MD

On

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2018

Where: Keller Auditorium and Lobby, UConn Health, Farmington

Walk the Labyrinth

From 9 am-2 pm

Ayurveda's Contributions to Modern Medicine

By Ketan Bulsara, MD, MBA

4:0 PM

Lighting of Lamp:

Drs. Bulsara, Laurencin, Liang, Vella & speakers

4:15 PM

Can You See Me?

A tale of misdiagnosis, mistreatment and the resilience to heal

Speaker: Dr. Annita Perez Sawyer

4:45 PM

About Dr. Sawyer: Dr. Sawyer is the author of the memoir *Smoking Cigarettes, Eating Glass*, winner of the 2013 Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards Program Nonfiction Grand Prize. A psychologist in practice for over thirty years, she is a member of the clinical faculty at Yale Medical School. Her presentation details Sawyer's nearly six-year institutionalization (beginning at the age of 17) for mental illness in the 1960s, during which time she was misdiagnosed as schizophrenic and treated with electroconvulsive therapy, which resulted in extensive memory loss. She also describes her painful journey from mental illness to becoming a psychotherapist and the power of human connection to heal. **Dr. Sawyer will be happy to sign your book**

Kathak Dance by Priya Bhat 5:45 PM

Registration is Free. Please take your seats before 4PM

To reserve your seat, please email: aguha1@att.net

Directions to UConn Health from Greater Hartford: Route 84 to Exit 39. Turn right onto Route 4-East (Farmington Avenue). Drive about 1-1/2 miles

Location: Keller auditorium entering from Farmington Avenue, proceed to the roundabout and follow the signs to the main building. Bear left at the fork and continue up the hill to the Upper Campus. At the third stop sign, go straight to the main entrance. Visitor parking is available in Garage 3 or Lots M1, M2, and H1.

Stefan Brocke, MD: Associate Professor of Immunology, UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Dr. Brocke received his M.D. degree at the Free University of Berlin, Germany. He trained at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel and received his Doctorate in Immunology at the Free University of Berlin School of Medicine. Dr. Brocke performed internships and residency in Medical Microbiology at the Free University of Berlin followed by a postdoctoral fellowship and research associate position at Stanford University Medical Center. His present research interests are focused on the molecular basis of cAMP signaling in immune cells, lymphocyte adhesion and migration

Ketan Bulsara, MD, MBA: Chief Division of Neurosurgery, Director Neurovascular and Endovascular surgery
Director, Skull Based Microsurgery, School of Medicine, UConn Health

Dr. Bulsara Received his MD degree and training in Neurosurgery from Duke University School of Medicine and his MBA from Yale School of management. He is a world-renowned neurosurgeon with an unparalleled range of expertise in treating neurological disorders including complex tumors, aneurysms, brain- or nerve-related problems, and a full spectrum of treatment of both hemorrhagic stroke and ischemic stroke.

Cato T. Laurencin, MD, PhD: University Professor, Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Professor of Chemical materials and Bioengineering, Director, Institute for Regenerative Engineering, Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science,

He received his B.S.E. degree in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University, MD degree from Harvard Medical School, and PhD in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology from MIT. Dr. Laurencin is a University Professor at the University of Connecticut (the 8th to be designated in the institution's over 135 year history). Dr. Laurencin is internationally renowned for his scientific work in biomaterials, stem cell science, nanotechnology, drug delivery systems, and a new field he has pioneered, regenerative engineering.

Bruce Liang, MD: Dean UConn School of Medicine

Director, Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center

Ray Neag Distinguished Professor of Cardiovascular Biology and Medicine

He received his MD degree from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Liang is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and the Council on Clinical Cardiology and Basic Cardiovascular Sciences. He is also a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. Dr. Liang's research program has focused on the fundamental signaling mechanisms that regulate cardiovascular functions

Anthony Vella, PhD: Professor and Chair, Boehringer Ingelheim Chair in Immunology,
Associate Dean of Research Mentoring and Career Development
School of Medicine, UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Dr. Vella received his PhD from Cornell University, Ithaca NY in 1993 and thereafter pursued postdoctoral studies at The National Jewish Center for Immunology Respiratory Medicine, Denver Colorado. The main goal of his research program is to develop carefully controlled methods to stimulate or inhibit T cells to foster beneficial responses in cancer and inflammatory-based diseases. While much of his research has relied on immuno-biological approaches, a recent application has been the use of a liquid-based proteomic strategy to discover molecular mechanisms of cell function and to uncover inflammatory-based biomarkers. Collectively, Dr. Vella's research program has incorporated a number of productive collaborations involving both academia and industry, and is currently funded by the NIH

Annita Perez, PhD: Clinical faculty. Yale Medical School, New Haven, CT

Dr. Sawyer is the author of the memoir Smoking Cigarettes, Eating Glass, winner of the 2013 Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards Program Nonfiction Grand Prize. A psychologist in practice for over thirty years, she is a member of the clinical faculty at Yale Medical School. Her work has appeared in both professional and literary journals, where her essays have won prizes and twice been included among the Notables in the Best American Essays. Using herself as a case study, Dr. Perez speaks to clinical audiences around the country. Her talks, essays and stories illuminate lifetime consequences of childhood trauma, harmful effects of fads in psychiatric diagnosis and treatment, the enduring impact of stigma and shame, and the power of human connection to heal.

Priya Bhat:

Is a sophomore at the University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford, CT. She has been studying Kathak from Ms. Rachna Agrawal for past 7 years at the Sumbhaav School of Kathak Dance. She is an ardent violin player.