WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year!! I hope you all enjoyed your Winter Break. Before we closed the office for the Winter Holidays, nearly 1,200 of you enrolled in 30 course offerings – something that is sure to make for an engaging and exciting Winter 2020 Session. Much of our work is intended to entice you to enroll in the academic program we offer, but we also know that the community created by our students, faculty and staff is one of the principal benefits all who are touched by the Fromm Institute share. It is my hope that the camaraderie you encounter during the next eight weeks, as well as the courses you take, continue the tradition that has made the Fromm Institute a San Francisco “original” serving hundreds of older students each day, with thousands of retired people among its lifelong learning student body and alumni. Talk about community! You are now, for the first time or once again, part of a great one.

From all of us here on the Fromm Team, WELCOME to the 80 new students anticipating a new adventure, and WELCOME BACK to the more than 1,100 of you undertaking another new expedition. We are thrilled that you are here!!

FROMM INSTITUTE OFFICE HOURS DURING THE WINTER SESSION

The Fromm Institute Office is open Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays. We are in the office and available the entire day when classes meet (including lunch hours). However, we may be out of the office at unscheduled times during days when classes do not meet. If you plan to visit the office on a Friday or on a day when classes are not in session, please call to confirm that someone will be available to meet you.

Regular Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday  7:30am – 5:30pm

Friday Office Hours / Holidays:
January 3, 2020  8:30am – 4:30pm
January 10  Closed
January 17  8:30am – 4:30pm
January 20  Closed (MLK Jr. Holiday)
January 24  Closed
January 31  8:30am – 4:30pm

February 7, 2020  Closed
February 14  8:30am – 4:30pm
February 17  Closed (Presidents’ Day Holiday)
February 21  Closed
February 28  8:30am – 4:30pm

March 6, 2020  Closed

TWO HOLIDAYS CANCEL CLASSES: This session two holidays will cancel classes and the first is coming up soon - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20th. The next is on Monday, Feb. 17th, Presidents’ Day. These classes will meet once again during “Make-Up” Week.
NEW MEMBERS – LET’S DO LUNCH!
New members are invited to New Members Meet & Greet Lunches during the second week of classes. Lunches will take place at Noon, Monday - Thursday, January 13 – 16 in the Broad Room and will be hosted by Student Association New Member Committee member Frances Pinnock. Come learn about your new status as a Fromm Institute student, hear from “seasoned” Frommies who’ll talk about their experiences, and come meet some of your fellow newbies who are sure to be your newest friends. Please RSVP to Carla Hall in the Fromm Institute office to secure a free box lunch. You will also receive an email invite.

MAKE LISTENING EASY
Having trouble hearing our lectures? Try a Sennheiser headset or, for those with compatible hearing aids, a T-Coil headset. These hearing enhancement tools are available outside or in the Fromm Institute Office before each class. Leave your USF ID card (required for the privilege) and let our headsets make your listening, and learning, easier.

FISA DUES
The Fromm Institute Student Association (FISA) plans all non-academic programming at the Fromm Institute. In the past, they have paid for these events through your voluntary dues of $5 per session. It was suggested that dues be paid through student membership fees, and the Friends of the Fromm Institute Board of Directors approved the financial support of FISA through regular membership fees and the Fromm Institute annual budget. All students continue to be members of FISA. If you have prepaid dues for Winter or Spring 2020, please pick up a free notebook from the FISA desk during the first week of classes or from the office thereafter. If you have not paid your dues, notebooks are available at cost for $3 per notebook. This new process will streamline FISA's budget process and make for an improved Student Association.

THREE CLASSES ARE DELAYED THIS WINTER
Prof. Lurie’s class will not meet this week or next, his first class is on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Prof. Hunt and Prof. Hohmann will not meet their classes this week. They will meet for the first time, next week, on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

“FROMM FOCUS” IS YOUR NEWSLETTER ALL SESSION LONG
This newsletter, the “Fromm Focus,” is published five times each session and available by email with a few hard copies found in and around Fromm Hall. The “Focus” publishes fresh issues as Week One (01/06), Two (01/13), Four (01/27), Six (02/10) and Eight (02/24) begin. Always a good read, it’s brimming with info on what’s happening throughout the Fromm Institute program. The “Focus” also wants to hear from you. The column “Express Yourself” accepts submissions on a rolling basis and can include all sorts of articles, opinion pieces or notes, written by you the students who want to share something with the larger Fromm Institute community. Drop them off or email your submissions to Scott Moules, in the Fromm Institute office (fromm@usfca.edu). Most importantly, read your “Focus” and stay on top of things at the Fromm Institute.

FROMM’S WINTER WONDERS OF SCIENCE SERIES
An amazing resource with invaluable access to the issues and developments in health care today awaits you. Fromm Institute’s Wonders of Science Series, coordinated by Dr. Jerold Lowenstein, begins its heralded program of science’s best lecturers featured each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Xavier Auditorium, and all enrolled students and their guests are welcome to attend. Here are the first three:

Jan. 08 “Where Will We Go When the Earth Becomes Too Hot” with Seth Shostak
Jan. 15 “The Nuclear Option for Combatting Global Warming” with Richard Rhodes
Jan. 22 “Princess Flowers: a Terrestrial Bouquet” with Frank Almeda

Watch this newsletter for more information on our science lectures this session — a unique educational opportunity offered nowhere else, thanks to Dr. Lowenstein and the Fromm Institute, is now within your realm of educational possibilities.