A Call to Care

A lecture with Brooke Dodson-Lavelle, Mind & Life Institute

Wednesday, April 30, 2014
5:30pm
Smith Buonanno 201

In 2012, the Mind & Life Institute launched its Ethics, Education, and Human Development Initiative to advance the cause promoting human flourishing around the globe. Inspired by His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s call to design a curriculum of pedagogy in “secular ethics,” we identified an opportunity to join the growing movement of educators, scientists, and contemplatives engaged in this work. Over the course of the past year, we assembled an interdisciplinary team of educators, contemplatives, and developmental psychologists to develop a framework for comprehensive PreK – 12 curriculum and pedagogy for students and teachers titled, “A Call to Care.” In this talk, Brooke will share the overarching framework that grounds the program and explore questions regarding the integration of so-called secular contemplative practices in educational settings.

Brooke Dodson-Lavelle is the senior program officer for the Mind & Life Institute’s new compassion and secular ethics initiative. She is also completing her PhD in the graduate division of religion at Emory University. Her work focuses on the confluence of Buddhist contemplative theory and cognitive science, as well as the cultural contexts that shape the transmission, reception, and “secularization” of Buddhist contemplative practices.

This event is made possible by the generous support of the Hershey Family Foundation.