

The Science of Love Symposium



On February 6th, in anticipation of Valentine's Day, the Center for Translational Social Neuroscience (CTSN, www.ctsn.emory.edu) and the Emory Conte Center (www.oxytocin.emory.edu) will host a special public seminar on the "**Science of Love**," with presentations from Drs. Helen Fisher and Larry Young. Join us for an enlightening evening focused on the latest scientific perspectives regarding our most powerful emotion.

Helen Fisher PhD-Biological Anthropologist, is Senior Research Fellow at The Kinsey Institute and Chief Science Advisor to Match.com. She uses brain scanning (fMRI) to study the neural systems associated with the sex drive, romantic love, attachment, rejection, love addiction and long-term partnership happiness. She has written six internationally-selling books on romantic love and sex, including: *WHY WE LOVE*; *WHY HIM? WHY HER?*; and *ANATOMY OF LOVE* (2ND ed). Fisher is currently studying the biological basis of personality and partnership compatibility, as well as courtship trends in the digital age. She is a TED All-Star with over 12 million views of her TED talks, a recipient of the American Anthropological Association's *Distinguished Service Award* for her work presenting anthropological data to the public, and chosen in 2015 by Business Insider as one of "The Fifteen Most Amazing Women in Science."

Larry Young PhD-Professor of Psychiatry at Emory University and Director of the CTSN at Yerkes Primate Center. He has spent the last 25 years exploring the neurobiology of relationships and bonding using monogamous prairie voles. His work suggests that love is the result of chemicals such as oxytocin and dopamine interacting to produce an addiction to a romantic partner. He will discuss the latest discoveries of the chemistry of love, the consequences of loss of a partner, and how this knowledge might be used to treat psychiatric disorders such as autism.

The seminar will be held February 6th at 6:30-8:00 PM in the Claudia Nance Rollins Auditorium in the Claudia Nance Rollins Building (1st floor) at the Rollins School of Public Health.

Parking is available at the Michael Street Deck.

Campus Map: <http://emap.fmd.emory.edu/website/campus/index.htm>.

Drinks and light appetizers will be served beginning at 6:00 PM.

Please RSVP to ibudrec@emory.edu if you plan to attend.