# Outline

## The Yoga Tradition and Neuropsychology

Yoga, Patanjali and MRI's The importance of heart rate variability (HRV) Yoga as a complete system of energy medicine

#### **Embodied Psychotherapy**

The Triune Brain: left out of traditional psychotherapy?

Regulating the brain's trauma center Tracking body sensation and breathing deeply

A frame of reference from Somatic Psychotherapy

Neuroplasticity and interpersonal neurobiology

# Trauma-Informed Yoga Practices in the Psychotherapy Session

The evidence in evidence-based yoga practice

Yoga and polarities
Guided script for chair yoga:

5 trauma-informed chair yoga postures Guiding and integrating the poses into your existing treatment modality (EMDR, Somatic Experiencing, etc).

Chair trauma-yoga:
Tracking body sensation
Gaining self-mastery
Increasing self-regulation
Expanding present-moment awareness
Experience a chair yoga warm up and posture
sequence\*

### Yoga and the Breath

Respiration and the autonomic nervous system (ANS)

Breathing techniques to regulate the ANS and calm symptoms of trauma, anxiety and depression

Experience the three-part deep breath and script\*

## Structure of the Embodied Psychotherapy

Session or Group
Evaluating the client
Opening the session
Healing polarities:
Inner/outer

Sympathetic/parasympathetic activation Sensing/action

Cognitive/somatic
Healthy symptoms of trauma discharge

# Therapeutic Value of Yoga Nidra (Yogic Sleep)

Key points in making referrals to yoga classes

The benefits of sleeping while awake Varieties of Yoga Nidra Guided experience of Satchidananda's Yoga Nidra\*

Discussion of Yoga Nidra script

#### **Using Meditation**

The relaxation response

Mindfulness meditation: open-focused meditation

A guided experience of both styles of meditation\*

The benefits of meditation in the trauma psychotherapy session

**Case Study** 

# **Objectives**

- 1. Evaluate ways that autonomic nervous system dysregulation contributes to PTSD symptoms.
- 2. Ascertain symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder which can be decreased through trauma-sensitive yoga practice.
- Analyze ways that trauma-informed chair yoga postures can be used in the individual or group psychotherapy session.
- 4. Determine the benefits of bringing yogic deep relaxation into the therapy session.
- 5. Identify yogic strategies to help reduce anxiety and depression.
- 6. Explain the potential for improved clinical outcomes resulting from incorporating yoga and three-part deep breathing practices.

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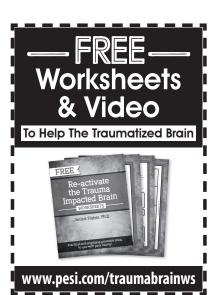
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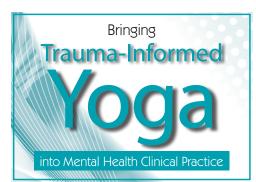
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# Speaker

oann Lutz, MSW, LICSW, E-RYT, C-IAYT, is a Licensed independent clinical social worker, a certified yoga therapist with the International Association of Yoga Therapists, an experienced registered yoga teacher with the Yoga Alliance, and a certified Ayurvedic Yoga Therapist. She is also certified in EMDR and psychosynthesis. She had a private practice in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she incorporated trauma-informed yoga into groups for combat veterans, clients recovering from psychiatric disorders, and others. She has practiced and taught Integral Yoga for over 35 years, and was a guest teacher at Omega Institute; Harbin Hot Springs; Rowe Conference Center and Sivananda Yoga Retreat, Bahamas, among other

Joann completed 40 hours of trauma-sensitive yoga training with The Trauma Center in Boston, MA. She has been training mental health professionals to bring trauma-informed yoga into their practices nationally and internationally for the past 7 years, bringing this work to universities, conferences, hospitals, ashrams and yoga centers. Her CEU course, "Bringing Yoga into Social Work Practice," was published by the National Association of Social Workers, Ma. Chapter, in 2014. Her paper, "Classical Yoga Postures as a Psychotherapeutic Intervention for Autonomic Nervous System Regulation" was published in *Proceedings of the Yoga and Psyche Conference* (2014), by Cambridge Scholars Press. Her book, Trauma Healing in the Yoga Zone, is forthcoming from Handspring Publishers.

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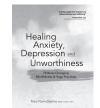
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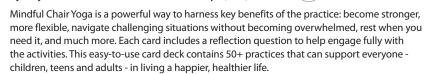
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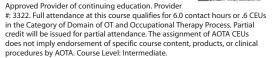
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