Maymester Abroad in Israel

GERO 494: How do our brains make us happy or miserable throughout our lives?

May 16-20, 2022: on campus
May 23-June 4, 2022: in Israel

4 units
Info Session: TBD

Class field trips include:
- Old city of Jerusalem
- Western Wall Tunnels
- Masada & Dead Sea
- Yad Vashem: The World Holocaust Rememberance Center

Somehow our brains construct our emotions. Two people experiencing the same event can have quite different emotional experiences. What are the brain mechanisms that make us happy or sad? How is that some people suffer emotionally the rest of their lives after experiencing a traumatic event whereas others are resilient? How do these processes change as we get older? Israel is a particularly interesting place to examine these issues, as its citizens experience potentially traumatic events yet are on average in relatively good mental health.

For more information, or to RSVP for an info session, please contact Sara Robinson, sararobi@usc.edu