
Mindful Somatic Approaches to Working with Acute and Developmental Trauma

5-month Training in Tauranga (May-Sept 2019)

A Comprehensive Experiential Training for Psychotherapists, Psychologists, Counsellors, and Psychology Students

Dr Paris Williams, Registered Clinical Psychologist

There has been a steady movement within the field of trauma therapy over the past few decades towards the increasing recognition that (a) Psychological trauma (i.e., PTSD, acute trauma and developmental trauma) is primarily held within the body and nervous system, (b) Working directly with the body (via sensations, impulses, breath, posture, etc.) is therefore key to resolving entrenched trauma conditions, and (c) That a particular attitude of open curiosity to one's present experience—i.e., mindfulness—is an extremely helpful component to recovering from these conditions.

In this highly experiential and comprehensive training, we'll spend 10 full days over 5 months developing a highly integrative mindful/somatic approach to trauma therapy, incorporating the basic theory and practices of a number of these mindful/somatic methods, drawing particularly from Hakomi Mindful Somatic Psychotherapy, Sensorimotor Psychotherapy, Somatic Experiencing, ACT and Internal Family Systems. Additionally, you'll receive group and one-on-one supervision from Dr Williams to further support you in becoming an effective trauma therapist.

Cost: \$1,950 (we consider fee reductions in special situations; contact us to discuss)
***only \$1,800 if paid by the 15th of March**

To register (or for more information), contact Paris at: pariswilliamsphd@gmail.com

Venue: St James Union Church, 70 Pooles Rd, Tauranga

Course Structure: 5 x 2-day Modules (one Fri/Sat each month; 9:30am-5:00pm)

3rd/4th May 31st May/1st June 5th/6th July 2nd/3rd August 6th/7th September

plus 2 x one-on-one 1hr Supervision Sessions with Paris



Paris is a Registered Clinical Psychologist from the U.S. working in private practice in Tauranga and is on the Hakomi NZ faculty as a Certified Teacher. He has a BA in Contemplative (mindfulness-based) psychology and Somatic psychology, and an MA and PhD in Humanistic, Transpersonal and Existential psychology. He has taken a particularly strong interest in trauma and extreme states, having researched and supported those recovering from trauma, psychosis, chronic pain, substance dependency and other extreme states. He published the widely acclaimed book, *Rethinking Madness*, in 2012. Learn more about Paris and his work at: TaurangaPsychologist.co.nz