

KAT PARKS

B.A. Psychology

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Positivity

My presentation will take a small peek at Barbara Fredrickson's groundbreaking happiness research found in her book *Positivity*. Fredrickson's broaden-and-build theory of positivity will also be examined, with an emphasis on the ability to increase creativity with increased positivity. Lastly, Fredrickson's theory of a positivity ratio will be discussed. The audience will have the chance to take a short survey calculating their own positivity ratio.