

ANNOUNCING: *A Seminar in Psychology*

Perception and Language

Psychology BC 3164y

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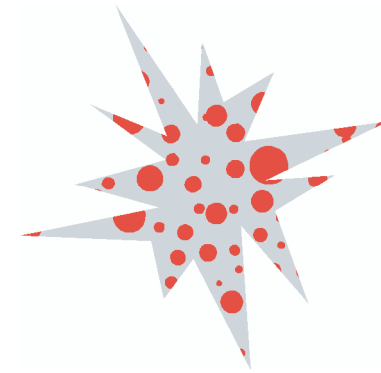
Tuesday, 6:10 pm - 8:00 pm

Room TBA

In an ordinary day, we have many, many poignant, pointless, important, ridiculous, and thrilling conversations. *Why do we do it?*

Who knows? People have been concocting bad answers to this awful question for several thousand years, and we still haven't decided on a formulation we like. But, if we ask a more recent and useful question — *How do we actually do it?* — then we find that we have a lot to learn, because the answer depends more on discovering things than on dreaming about human nature.

For an answer to the better question, we need to know about perception, generally. This is the branch of psychology that seeks to explain how the senses work. Remember, the senses provide the means by which you know the objects you encounter and the events in which you participate. And we need to know specifically about the sounds of speech, the conversion of meaning to sound and back again. By putting the perceptual and linguistic pieces together, we are able to understand how the noises we make when we talk make sense to us when we listen.



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