

# Psychology Colloquium Series

## 2018-2019

# Northwestern University

Mon 10/1 ***Rethinking sex, brain and gender: From dimorphism to mosaic***

**Daphna Joel**

Do average sex differences in the structure of specific brain regions indicate that the typical male brain is different from the typical female brain, or are the brain types typical of females also typical of males, and sex differences exist only in the frequency of rare brain types?



**\*Location: Norris University Center  
202 Northwestern Room**

**\*This event is co-sponsored by the  
Women's Health Research Institute**

Mon 10/29 ***Symbolic systems as explanations of perception***

**David Barner**

Natural language, unlike other animal communication systems, provides a rich combinatorial system that encodes meaning structurally, allowing a finite set of words to express an unbounded number of thoughts. My research investigates how children acquire the logical representations that underlie language, and thus how they learn abstract, uniquely human, concepts.



**\*Location: Chambers Hall  
Ruan Conference Center - Lower Level**

Mon 3/4 ***The Credibility Revolution in Psychological Science***

**Simine Vazire**

A fundamental part of the scientific enterprise is for each field to engage in critical self-examination to detect errors in our theories and methods, and improve them. Psychology has recently been undergoing such a self-examination.



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Mon 4/1 ***I am because we are: Exploring the Mechanisms of Dyadic Social Interactions***

**Uri Hasson**

My research focuses on developing new methods to assess both shared and idiosyncratic aspects of the cortical response time courses across individuals. These methods measure the reliability of cortical activity, within or between subjects, in response to naturalistic stimulation (e.g., free viewing of movies).



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Mon 5/6 ***Intervening to improve adolescents' trajectories***

**David Yeager**

This talk will integrate new insights from the developmental science of adolescence with novel approaches to intervention, and propose a new framework for effective approaches to improve adolescents' trajectories.



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Mon 5/13 ***Why viewpoint diversity is essential for good science and a good university***

**Jonathan Haidt**

My research in recent years focused on the moral foundations of politics, and on ways to transcend the "culture wars" by using recent discoveries in moral psychology to foster more civil forms of politics.



**\*Location: TBA**

Mon 6/3 ***Personality and the Development, Manifestation, and Resolution of Alcohol Use Disorders.***

**Kenneth Sher**

The talk will discuss the multifaceted-roles of personality in risk for alcohol-related problems and its role in desistance processes that lead to "natural recovery." Also, I will consider the notion of "drunk personality" and its potential clinical applications.



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Events are held on Mondays  
@ 1:15-2:30pm.  
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