Motivation and Emotion (PSYC 250)

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Office: Pettengill 359 Lecture: 11:00 MWF Office Hours: 9-10:30 T Th
Discussions: 11 & 12 F and by appointment

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Sept.  8 Introduction

Development of Motivational Constructs
10  a. Definition of motivation: What kinds of behaviors are assumed to be motivated? (P&G: Ch. 1 & 2, 15-28; Beck: Ch. 1, 17-29)
13  b. Motivational constructs in the history of psychology? Traditional rationalism vs. determinism (P&G: Ch. 2, 28-36; Baumeister, 2008)
15  c. Hypothesis testing and operational definitions. (Beck: Ch. 1, 2-17)
17  Discussion: Operational definitions and research Assign 1
20  d. Methods: Correlational vs. experimental; hypothesis generation (Johnson et al., 2002; Odgers et al., 2008)

22 Genetic Bases of Behavior: (P&G: Ch. 3; Plomin & DeFries, 1998)
24  Discussion: Heritability and nature/nurture (Caspi et al., 2003; Risch et al., 2009; Sapolsky, 2004) Assign 2

29 Biological Motives: Homeostasis and Drives
Oct.  1  a. Water intake (P&G: Ch. 5, 135-141)
      b. Food intake
         (1) Biological bases (P&G: Ch. 5, 107-120; Flier & Maratos-Flier, 2007)
         (2) Incentives, obesity, and anorexia (P&G: Ch. 5, 120-135; Raeburn, 2007)

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11  c. Sexual Behavior (P&G: Ch. 5: 141-145; Ch. 4, 101-104; Ch. 7, 208-213; Ch. 6, 187-189; Vandenergh, 2003; Auyeung et al., 2009)
15  Discussion: Development of sexual differences; oxytocin and affiliation (Hyde & Linn, 2006; Feng et al., 2007; Taylor et al., 2010)

25 Arousal, ADHD, and Cognitive Enhancers (P&G: Ch. 4, 68-88; Ch. 8, 224-238; Mook, 1996, 222-246; Rothenberger & Banaschewski, 2007; Stix, 2009)

Learning: Incentives and Reinforcement
27  a. Incentives, classical conditioning, and fear conditioning (P&G: Ch. 6, 157-178; Ch. 7, 192-207; Ch. 8, 238-242; Olsson et al., 2005; Davis et al., 2005)
29  Discussion: autoshaping and opponent process theory (Solomon, 1980)
Nov.  5  b. Reinforcement (Deckers, 2005, 254-284; P&G: Ch. 8. 218-224; Wise, 2004, 159-168; Siegel & MacRae, 1984)
10  c. Biological bases of reinforcement and addiction (Edwards & Koob, 2010; Heinz, 2006; Odgers et al., 2008)

12 Second Exam

Human Motivation and Emotion
15  a. Cognitions: Decision, choice, and allocation (P&G: Ch. 9, 247-259; Schwartz, 2004; Sigmund et al., 2002; Janssen et al. 2010)
17  b. Cognitive consistency and attribution theory (P&G: Ch. 10, 304-314)
19  Discussion: Applications of cognitive dissonance (Hobden & Olson, 1994; Stice et al., 2006; Lee & Schwarz, 2010)
Rationality vs. unconscious (Dijksterhuis et al., 2006; Custers & Aarts, 2010; Lakin & Chartrand, 2003)  

Attribution theory and emotions (P&G: Ch. 11, 316-336)  

Emotions, stress, helplessness, and control (P&G: Ch. 13; Ch. 4, 88-101; Ch. 8, 178-181; Ch. 11, 338-341; Gillham et al., 2001)  

Positive emotions and resiliency (Myers & Diener, 1995; Seligman et al., 2005)  

Optional Assign 3  

Achievement motivation (P&G: Ch. 9, 259-271; Ch. 11, 323-327 & 336-338; Ch. 14; Dweck & Sorich, 1999; Duckworth & Seligman, 2005)

Final Exam at 3:45 PM

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