

CAN WE ALL GET ALONG?

PSYCHOLOGY
the Science of Being Human

7 PM THURSDAYS
April 6, 13 & 20, 2017

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These were the words of Rodney King in 1992 as he called for calm amidst the widespread LA riots following his violent arrest by police.

In this series, faculty of Western's Psychology Department will help to answer his question by shedding light on our capacities to compete and cooperate with each other.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Six Secrets of Social Behavior
SPEAKER: DR. ERIN HEEREY

Humans are social animals. Although no two interactions are identical, we appear to be masters of conversation. How do we manage the ever-changing demands of social environments? What clues help us anticipate conversation partner behaviour? How do biases shape social outcomes? This talk explores the science of human social connections.

DR ERIN HEEREY'S research focuses on the scientific study of face-to-face social behaviour. Her work explores how people read and evaluate different types of social cues, use these cues to predict social partners' behaviour, and how different types of cues drive decision-making in cooperative and competitive environments.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
Do You Hear What I Hear?
Sensory Perception, Socialness, and Autism
SPEAKER: DR. RYAN STEVENSON

Many individuals on the autism spectrum see and hear the world differently from their peers. Do perceptual differences shape the way autistic children interact with the world around them? How does this impact social abilities? This talk examines how individual differences in sensory perception impact our social world.

DR. STEVENSON'S research investigates how we perceive sensory information, and integrate these sensory inputs into meaningful representations of the world. His work explores the wide-ranging influences these perceptual processes have on cognition, and how differences in perception, such as are seen in autism, can have cascading impacts on cognitive processes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
Why Do Bullies Bully?
SPEAKER: DR. LYNNE ZARBATANY

Bullying is a common problem in school settings worldwide, causing pain to countless children. Why do bullies hurt their peers? Is bullying the result of maladjusted minds? Or is bullying used strategically to achieve important social goals? The answers may stimulate new ways of thinking about bullying prevention in schools.

DR. LYNNE ZARBATANY'S research focuses on peer influences on behavior and adjustment in late childhood and early adolescence. She is interested in identifying social processes used by peer groups to influence their members and explaining why some children are more susceptible to peer group influence than others.

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