Sensation and Emotion:

A discussion of human interaction with the insect world

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Introduction

- Introductory Comments
- Learning Objectives
- Part I Sensory Experience our awareness of the insect world
- Anatomy & Physiology
 - Special Senses: Vision, Hearing, Smelling Tasting
 - End Organs, Cranial Nerves
 - Somatic Sensation
 - External (Touch): Vibration, Temperature, Fine Sensation
 - Internal: Itch, Pain
 - Sensory End Organs & Peripheral Nerves
 - Central Nervous System: Spinal Cord, Brain Stem, Cerebral Cortex
- Part II Emotional Experience our reaction to insect world
 - Limbic System
 - Integration of Sensory Inputs
 - Memory Systems
 - Papez Circuit
 - Emotion
 - Anger disgust, fear, happiness, sadness, and surprise



Conclusion

Objectives

- To appreciate the brain, or more specifically, the central nervous system, from an anatomical (structural) perspective.
- To understand the physiology (function) of the central nervous system.
- To appreciate how mind and thought emerge from the structure and function of the brain.



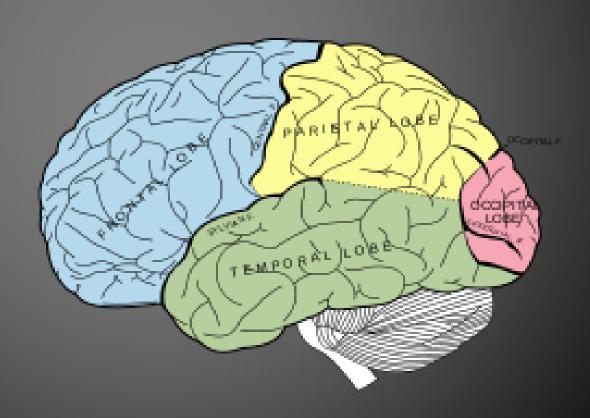
Part I

 We need to orient ourselves to the different parts of the nervous system to understand how we receive information about the physical world



Anatomy

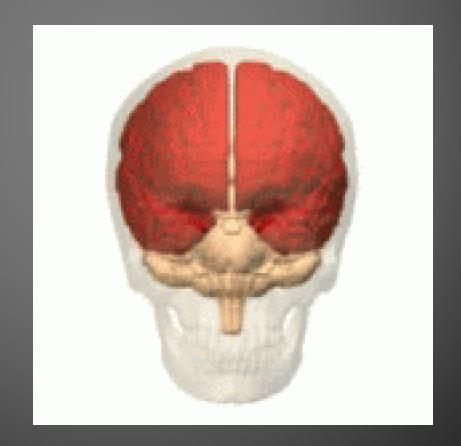
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 - Temporal
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 - Occipital





Anatomy

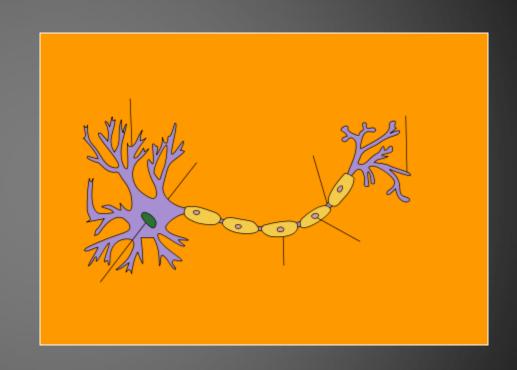
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Anatomy

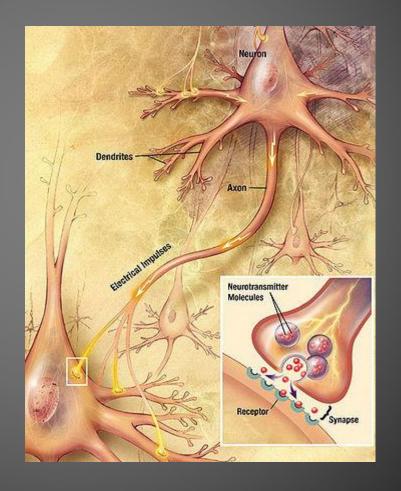
- Neurons and Glia
 - Dendrites
 - The "Inputs"
 - Cell body
 - The "Computer"
 - Axon
 - The "Output"





Physiology

- Neurons
 - Electrical
 - Electrochemical





Sensory Systems

• What is the purpose of the sensory systems?

• What are the different senses?

• How is this processed by the nervous system?



• What do you see?





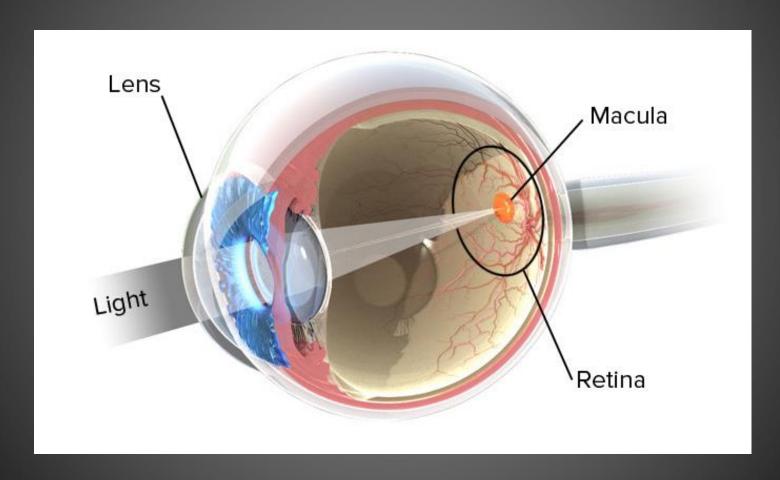




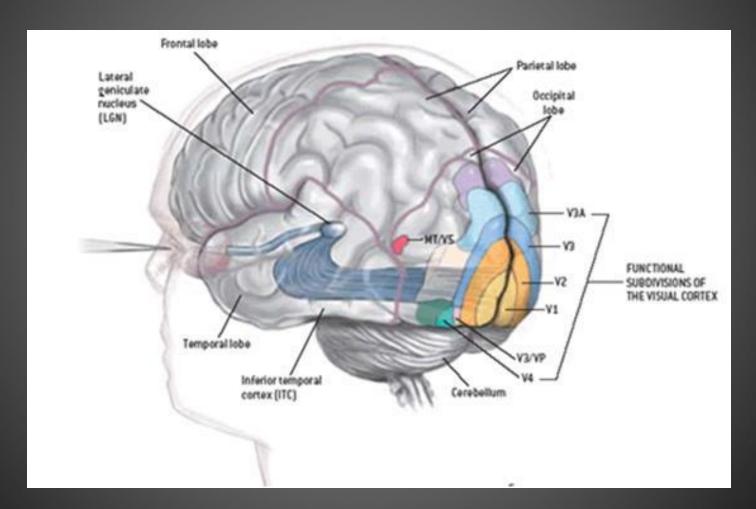
- Image Processing Segmentation
 - Form/Color Pathways
 - Motion/Localization Pathways

- Image Reintegration
 - All of these features are then reintegrated at various points in the brain for use by other systems









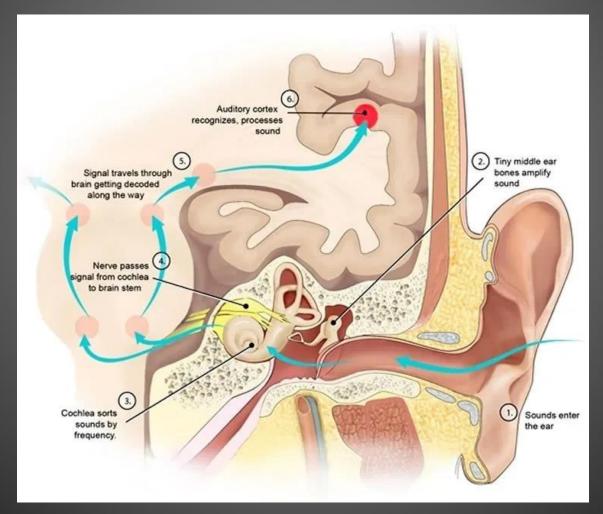


- What do you hear?
 - Sound 1
 - Sound 2

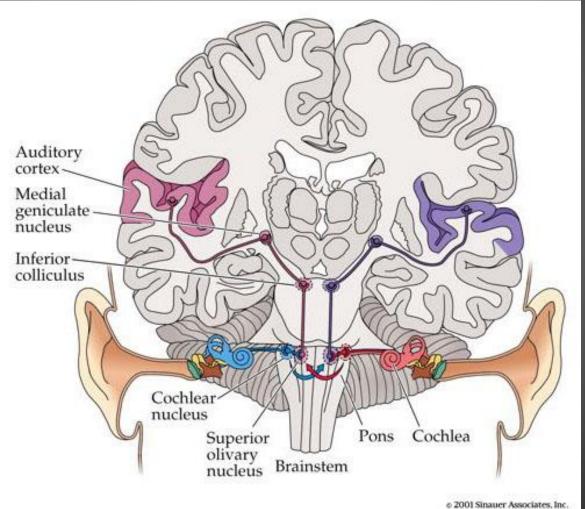


- Sound Processing
 - Component Frequencies
 - Location
- Sound Reintegration











• What do you taste?

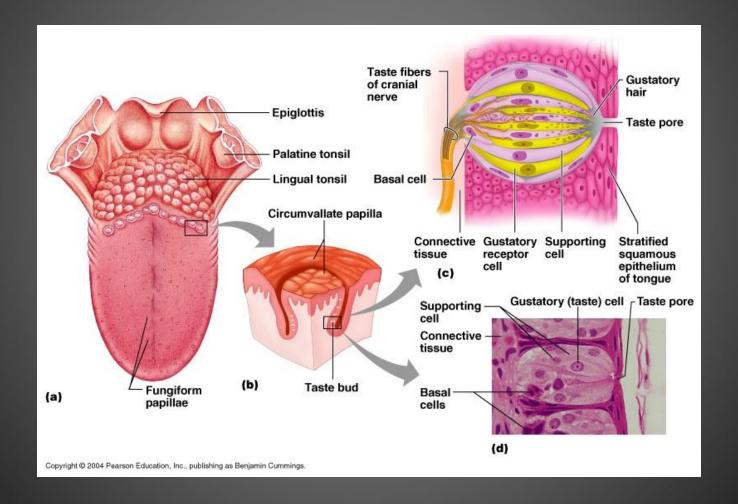




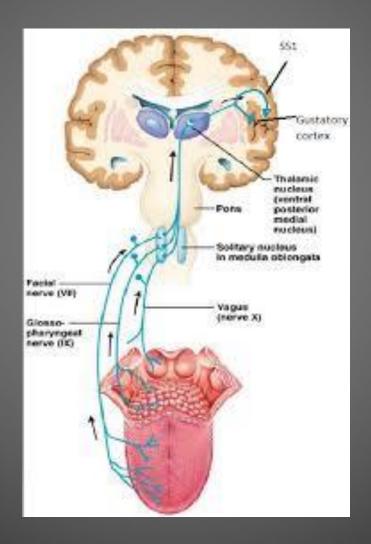


- Flavor Processing
 - Salt, Sweet, Sour, Bitter, Umami
 - Smell
- Touch Sensations
 - Texture (Touch)
 - Temperature (Touch)
- Taste Reintegration











• What do you smell?



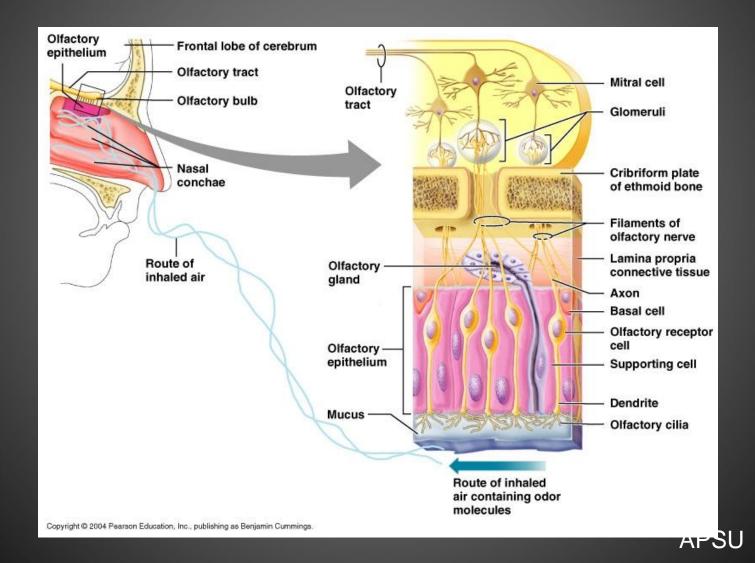




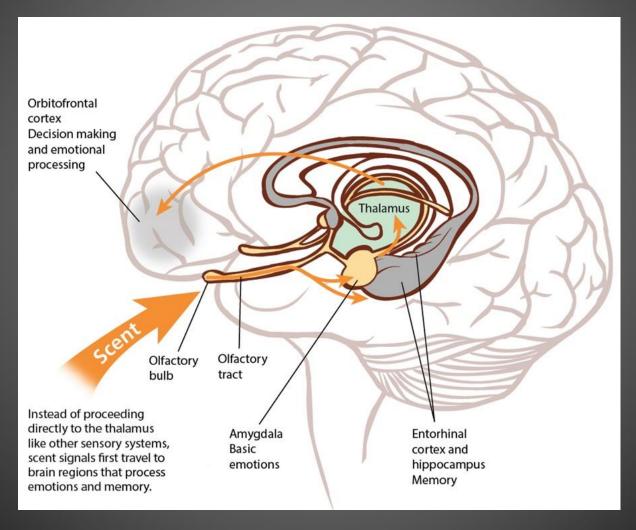


- Odor Processing
 - Volatile compounds
- Odor Reintegration











• What do you feel?





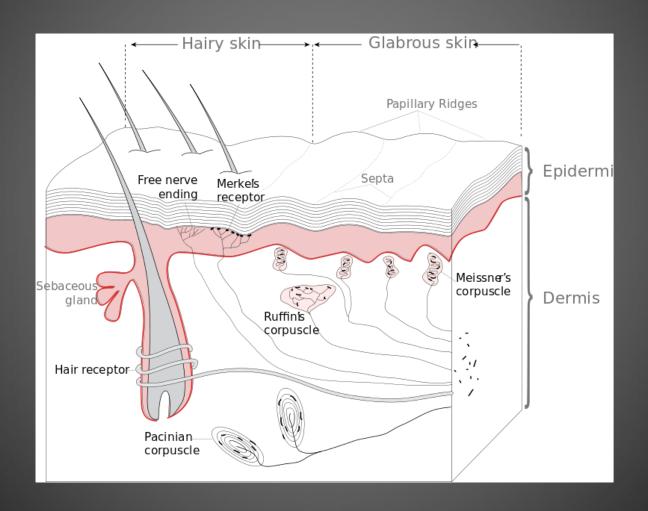




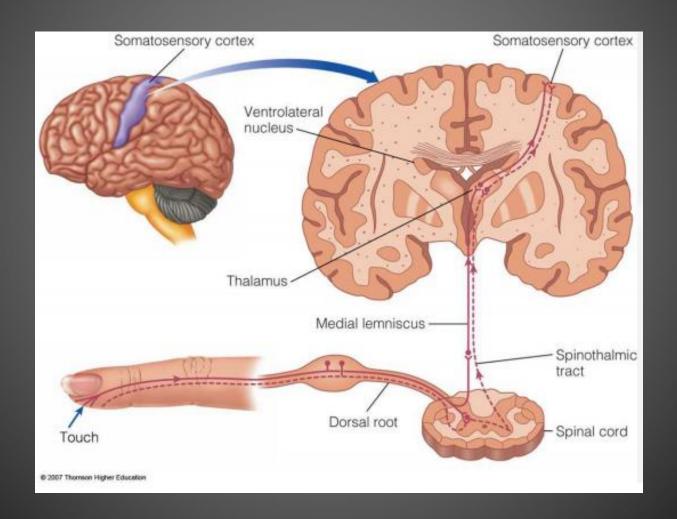
- Somatosensory (Touch) Processing
 - Fine Touch
 - Temperature
 - Vibration
 - Pain

Somatosensory Reintegration











Part II

• Let's now switch gears...

• How is the sensory experience used in shaping our behavioral response?



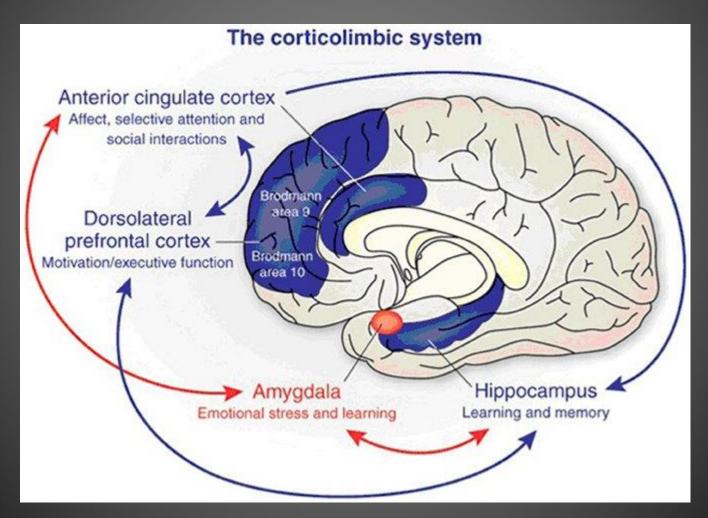
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• What are the different emotions?

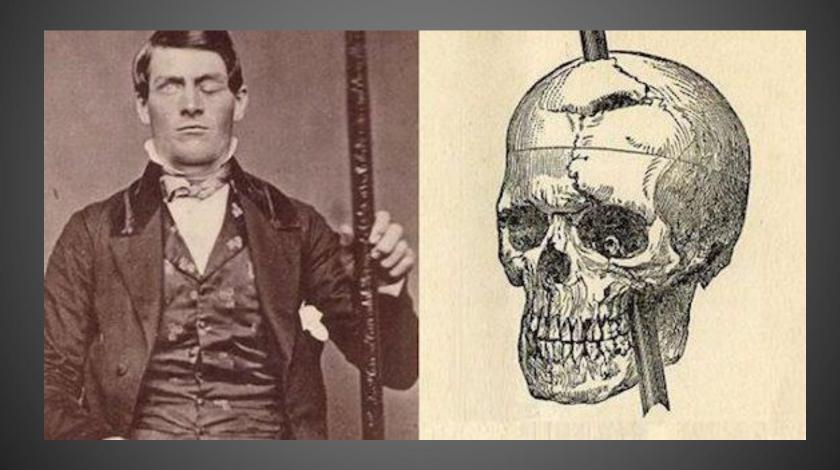
• Where is this processed in the brain?



Learning and Behavior



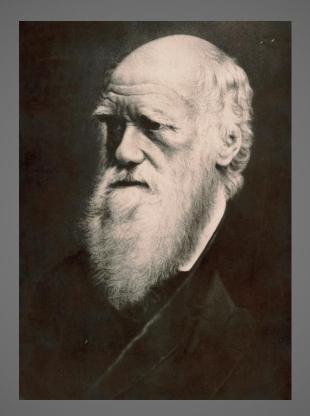






• Kluver-Bucy Syndrome



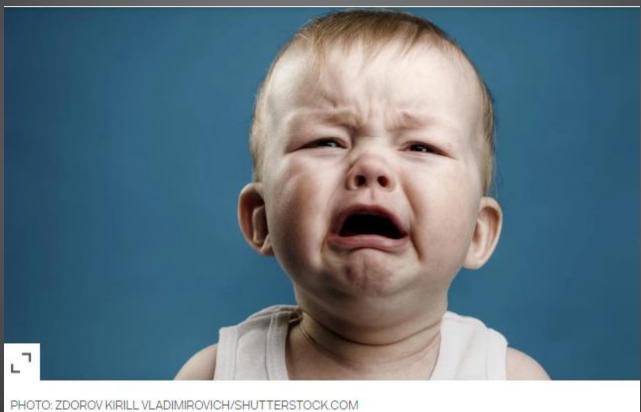


The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals, 1872



- Anger
- Fear
- Surprise
- Disgust
- Happiness
- Sadness



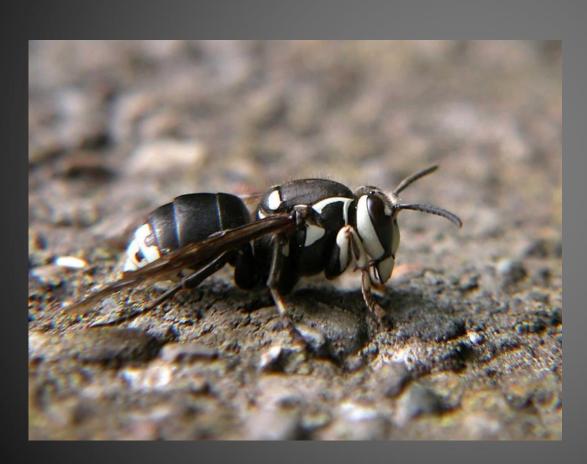














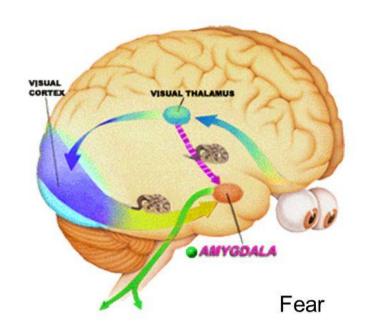


Fear

Role of amygdala

Rage





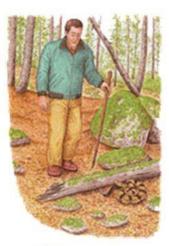




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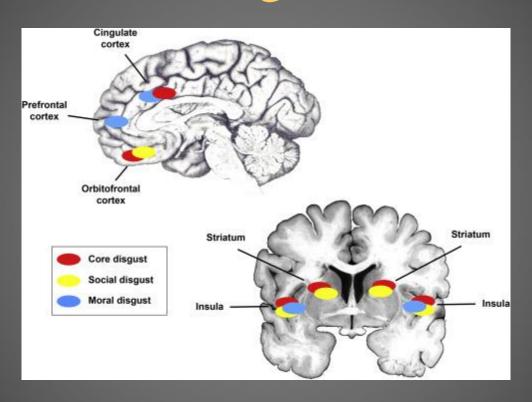
Disgust

- Core Disgust
- Animal-Nature Disgust
- Interpersonal Disgust
- Moral Disgust

• What is the purpose of disgust?



Disgust





Emotion

- How does disgust develop?
 - Experimental psychology
 - Paul Rozin PhD

- How do we as individuals vary in our responses?
 - Moral Psychology
 - Jonathan Haidt, PhD



Emotion

- Intuition leads, reason follows
- Cultural norms



Emotion

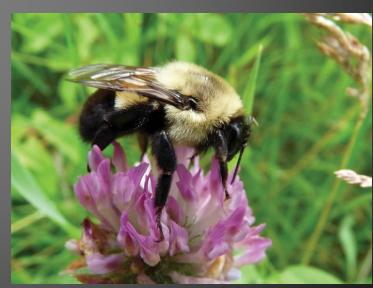






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Integration

 Our sensory systems enable us to interact with the physical world

• Our experience with the physical world — either positive or negative drives our future responses through the emotional system



Integration

• We learn to avoid harmful encounters by feeling anger, fear, disgust, sadness (pain)

 We learn to seek out beneficial encounters by feeling happiness (pleasure)

• We can modify our intuition or initial reactions through reason and intellect

