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Presents a Mini-Course Seminar on

ENDURING PROBLEMS IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LANGUAGE

TOPICS:

1. Major issues in psycholinguistics from 1940 to the present. (assignment: chapter 2 and 4 of Townsend and Bever, Sentence Comprehension, MIT Press, 2001)
2. The nature of cerebral asymmetries for language and other behaviors. (assignment: "Broca and Lashley Were Right", T. Bever, paper provided on line)
3. A personal history of attempts to teach animals to talk (dolphins; chimpanzees): the importance of prostheses. (assignment: Terrace et al, "Can a chimp produce a sentence" Science, 1978, on line)
4. The analysis by synthesis model of comprehension and functionalist explanations of linguistic universals. (assignment: chapter 3 and 5 from Townsend & Bever; selections from various articles)

GRADING:

Will be based on in class discussion performance (15%) and a written paper (85%).

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Four 3 hour sessions, each with a lecture 1-2 hours and discussion 2-1 hours.
total hours, 12.

USC Registration: LING 595 (48061D)

Seminar Schedule at USC:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 12	5:00-7:30 p.m.	GFS 222
April 13	3:00-5:30 p.m.	GFS 218
April 14	5:00-7:30 p.m.	GFS 223
April 15	12:00-2:30 p.m.	GFS 223