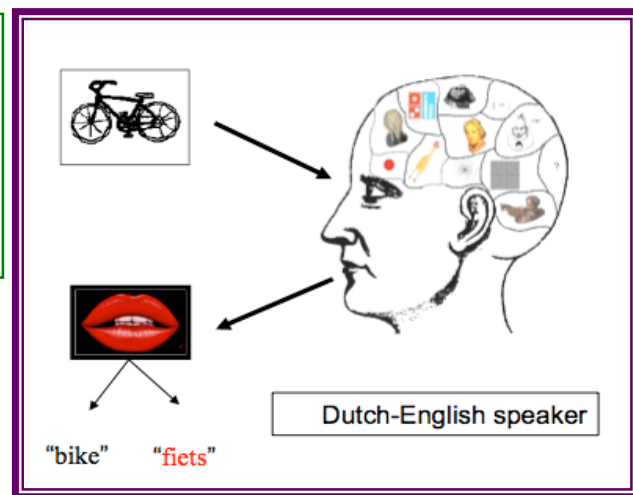


Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Fall, 2011

Cognition and Language Lab

Lab Location: Thomas Building Basement



Are you interested in bilingualism and language learning? Have you wondered why it's often difficult for adults to learn another language? Do you know that there are labs at Penn State that conduct research on the cognitive and neural processes that support the acquisition and skilled use of a second language?

We investigate how bilingual speakers manage to speak words in one language without intrusions from the other language, how adult learners of a second language acquire new vocabulary, how bilinguals understand sentences in their second language, and what information is available when proficient bilinguals read in one or both of their two languages. We are part of the Center for Language Science (<http://www.cls.psu.edu>) and collaborate with the Dussias, Gerfen, and van Hell Labs. We do most of our research here at Penn State but also maintain active collaborations with colleagues in The Netherlands, Spain, Germany, China and the UK and with colleagues at the VL2 Science of Learning Center at Gallaudet University.

We are looking for motivated undergraduates who would like to be part of an interactive lab group to gain valuable research skills. There is no requirement to speak a second language or to have past research experience. You only need to be interested in how the mind processes language. Independent study (Psych 494/Ling 496) or work study positions are available for eligible students. These are not positions for pay, only for academic credit or work study.

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NOTE: Undergraduates who are interested in PIRE summer internships for the Summer, 2012 must be enrolled in research for credit during the 2011-2012 academic year. See <http://www.cls.psu.edu/PIRE> for eligibility requirements for research abroad in the Summer, 2012.