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## **Brain and Behaviour**

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### Mnemonist

Solomon Shereshevsky (1886-1958) , Russian



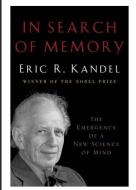




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Eric R. Kandel (1929-) Columbia University

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2000) For his work on learning and memory

Aplysia (Sea Snug)



Learning: acquisition of new information or knowledge.

Memory: retention of learned information.

Forgetting: decay/fading of memory.

### **Memory Composition**

### Acquision

Information is assembled from different sensory systems and translated into what to be remembered.

### Consolidation

Converting acquired information into permanently-stored memory trace. The hippocampus accomplishes it.

### Storage

The actual memories.

### Retrieval

Recall memories. Using past experiences as cues to reconstruct a past event.

# Types of Memory (I) Long-Term Memory Those you can recall days, months, or years after being stored. Short-Term Memory Memories last on seconds to hours, vulnerable to disruption. Working Memory A short-term form that is limited in capacity and requires rehearsal. Digit span: 7. Sensory Imperimemory Consolidation Long-term memory reformation Consolidation Long-term memory reformation Long-term memory

### Types of Memory (II)

### **Declarative Memory**

Memory for facts and events.

"I heard a most stimulating lecture." "I had milk for breakfast."

### Non-declarative Memory

**Procedural memory:** memory for skills, habits, and behaviors. "Play the piano, tie the shoes..." "learned fear..."

Explicit memory: resulting from conscious effort.

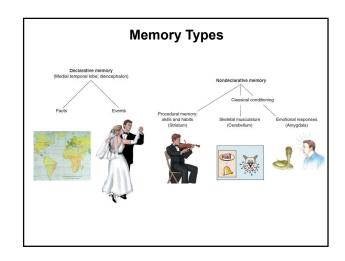
Easy to form and easy to forgotten.

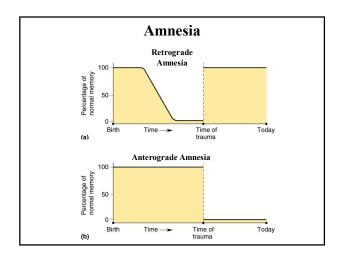
Storage capacity is high.

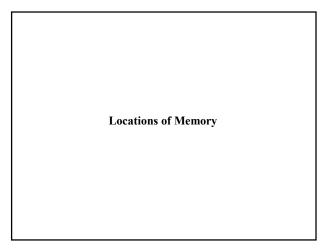
Epsodic (events) vs. semantic (facts) memory.

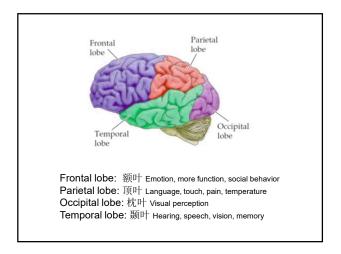
Implicit memory: resulting from direct experience.

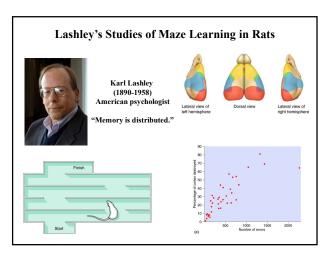
Require repetition over a long time, but difficult to be forgotten

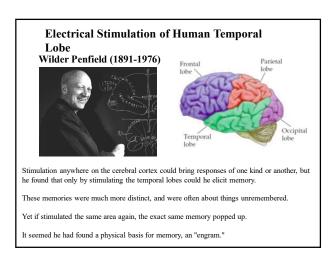


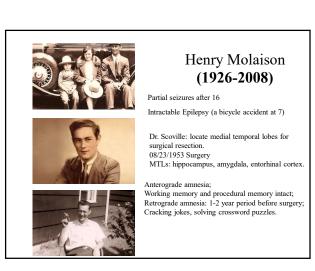


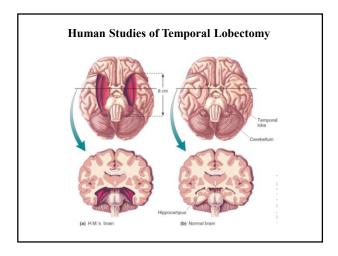












# Clive Wearing (1938-) 03/27/1985, contracted Herpes simplex virus that attacked his Hippocampus. Since this point, he has been unable to store new memories. His memory only lasts between 7 and 30 seconds He remembers little of his life before. His love for his wife Deborah is undiminished. He still recalls how to play the piano. Clive recorded his thoughts in a diary. Page after page, similar to the following: 8:31 AM: Now I am really, completely awake. 9:06 AM: Now I am perfectly, overwhelmingly awake. 9:34 AM: Now I am superlatively, actually awake.

Molecular Mechanisms of Learning and Memory

