Dr. Donald G. MacKay: Selected Publications and Work in Progress

Dr. MacKay's published research combines human experimentation with theoretical analysis in the areas of neuropsychology, psycholinguistics and cognitive psychology, especially language comprehension as revealed by studies of ambiguity and very short term memory, language production as revealed by studies of naturally occurring and experimentally induced speech errors, encoding under time pressure, and relations between language perception and production, together with relations between language and other aspects of cognition such as everyday actions, and sequencing and timing in skilled behavior.

Memory and Language


Language Comprehension: Syntax and Semantics


Cognitive Skills


Language Production


**Philosophy of Science**


**Language Perception**


Cognitive Aging


Relations between Language Perception and Production


Language and Other Cognitive Processes: Thought, Metaphor, Emotion, Visual Cognition


Professional Background

Dr. MacKay received his PhD in psychology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his BA from the University of Toronto. From 1967 to the present, he has taught psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles where he was chair of the Cognitive Area from 1989-1991.

Academic History

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., 1967