

Developments in developmental prosopagnosia

There is ongoing debate in the face recognition research community about the nature of developmental prosopagnosia (DP). Individuals with DP perform poorer on standardized tests of face memory and can report some shocking face recognition failure even for the highly familiar people in their day-to-day lives. However, there has been disagreement about whether DP represents categorically altered processing for faces, or if it just represents the extreme lower bounds along a normal range of functional ability. In this informal discussion, I will review emerging research on potentially different subtypes of DP and what memory training programs for DP may reveal about the interaction between perceptual systems for face processing and semantic memory systems for social information.