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**Biographical Information**

Born September 18, 1954, Montreal, Canada  
U. S. Citizen

**Education**

Doctor of Philosophy (Experimental Psychology), Harvard University, 1979.  
Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honors in Psychology), McGill University, 1976.  
Diploma of College Studies, Dawson College, 1973.

**Academic Positions**

2008-2013	Harvard College Professor, Harvard University
2003-	Johnstone Family Professor of Psychology, Harvard University
2000-2003	Peter de Florez Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1994-99	Director, McDonnell-Pew Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at MIT
1989-2000	Professor, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1985-94	Co-Director, Center for Cognitive Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1985-89	Associate Professor, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1982-85	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1981-82	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Stanford University
1980-81	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Harvard University
1979-80	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Cognitive Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## Honors and Awards

### General:

Lotos Club Award of Distinction (with Rebecca Goldstein), 2014  
Logophile Award (with Rebecca Goldstein), Hunter College Writing Center, 2014.  
*Moment* Magazine Creativity Award, 2013.  
Gold Medal of Honorary Patronage, University Philosophical Society, Trinity College, Dublin, 2013.  
Richard Dawkins Award, Atheist Alliance of America, 2013.  
Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award, 2012.  
Innovation for Humanity Prize, La Ciudad de las Ideas, Mexico, 2008.  
Honorary President, Canadian Psychological Association, 2008.  
Humanist of the Year, American Humanist Association, 2006.  
Communication and Leadership Award, Toastmasters International (District 31), 2006.  
The Emperor's New Clothes Award, Freedom from Religion Foundation, 2004.  
Humanist Laureate, International Academy of Humanism, 2001.  
Golden Plate Award, American Academy of Achievement, 1999.

### Research:

Ramon y Cajal Award, International Neuropsychiatric Association, 2013.  
Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, Harvard University, 2012.  
George A. Miller Prize, Cognitive Neuroscience Society, 2010.  
Henry Dale Prize, The Royal Institution of Great Britain, 2004.  
Troland Research Award, National Academy of Sciences, April 1993.  
Boyd R. McCandless Young Scientist Award, Division of Developmental Psychology, American Psychological Association, 1986.  
Distinguished Scientific Award for an Early Career Contribution to Psychology, American Psychological Association, 1984.

### Honorary Doctorates:

Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, Simon Fraser University, 2014.  
Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, Mt. Allison University, 2012.  
Doctor of Philosophy *honoris causa*, University of Tromsø, Norway, 2008.  
Doctor of Humane Letters, Albion College, 2007.  
Doctor of Science *honoris causa*, University of Newcastle, 2005.  
Doctor of the University *honoris causa*, University of Surrey, 2003.  
*Doctor Philosophiae honoris causa*, Tel Aviv University, 2003  
Doctor of Science *honoris causa*, McGill University, 1999.

### Magazine Lists:

*Prospect* "The World's Top 100 Public Intellectuals/World Thinkers": 2005, 2008, 2013.  
*Muy Historia*, "The 25 Most Influential Thinkers in History," 2013  
The Fifty Best Science Writers of All Time, [onlinecollege.org](http://onlinecollege.org), 2012

*Foreign Policy* "Top Global Thinkers": 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011.  
*02138 Magazine*: "The Harvard 100: The Most Influential Alumni," 2006.  
*Time* 100: "The 100 Most Influential People in the World Today," 2004.  
*Newsweek* "One Hundred Americans for the Next Century," 1995.  
*Esquire* "Register of Outstanding Men and Women Under Forty," 1986.

**Books: *The Language Instinct***

Public Interest Award, Linguistics Society of America, 1997.  
William James Book Prize, American Psychological Association, 1995.  
*New York Times Book Review* Editor's Choice: Ten Best Books of 1994.  
Finalist, Rhone-Poulenc Science Book Prize, 1994.  
One Hundred Best Science Books of the Century, *American Scientist*.  
Honorable Mention, Best Books of the 1990s, *Lingua Franca*

**Books: *How the Mind Works***

William James Book Prize, American Psychological Association, 1999.  
*Los Angeles Times* Book Prize in Science and Technology, 1998.  
Finalist, Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction, 1998.  
Ten Best Books of the Decade / One Hundred Best Books of the Century, Amazon.com, 1999.  
*Good Book Guide* Award: Best Science Book of 1998.  
Finalist, Rhone-Poulenc Science Book Prize, 1999.  
Finalist, National Book Critics' Circle Award, 1998.  
Finalist, Winship Book Prize, PEN New England, 1998.  
Literary Lights, Boston Public Library, 1998.  
Books to Remember (25 best of 1997), New York Public Library, 1998.  
Best Books of 2002, *Publishers Weekly*  
Honored Author, Newton Public Library, 2000.  
Great Brain Books, Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives.

**Books: *The Blank Slate***

*50 Psychology Classics*, T. Butler-Bowdon, Brealey Publishing, 2007  
Kistler Book Award, Foundation for the Future, 2005  
William James Book Prize, American Psychological Association, 2003  
Eleanor Maccoby Book Award, American Psychological Association, 2003  
Literary Lights, Boston Public Library, 2005.  
Finalist, Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction, 2003.  
Finalist, Aventis Science Book Prize, 2003.  
Book of the Year 2003, *Yorkshire Post*  
Best Books of 2002: amazon.com, Borders Bookstores, *The Evening Standard*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Independent*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *New Statesman*, *New York Times* ("Notable Books"), *Publishers Weekly*, *The Spectator*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *The Telegraph*, *Times Literary Supplement*

**Books: *The Stuff of Thought***

Editors' Picks: Ten Best Science Books of 2007, amazon.com

Choice Outstanding Academic Titles of 2008

**Books: *The Better Angels of Our Nature***

Book of the Year, Conflict Research Society, 2013.

Cundill Recognition of Excellence Prize in History, 2012.

Finalist, Royal Society Winton Prize for Science Books, 2012.

Finalist, The Samuel Johnson Book Prize, 2012.

Finalist, Julia Ward Howe Prize, Boston Authors Club.

Notable Books of 2011, *New York Times Book Review*

Best Nonfiction Book, *Improper Bostonian*, 2012

Best Books of 2011, amazon.com

Top Ten Books of 2011, *Library Journal*

Choice Outstanding Academic Titles for 2012

**Teaching:**

Harvard College Professorship, 2008-2013.

Harvard Yearbook, Favorite Professors, Classes of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

School of Science Teaching Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, MIT, 2001

Margaret MacVicar Faculty Fellow, MIT, 2000-2003.

Graduate Student Council Teaching Award, MIT, 1986.

**Essays:**

Sidney Hook Award, best essays of 2013 (from David Brooks' *New York Times* column), for *Science is Not Your Enemy*.

*The Best American Essays 2010* (Christopher Hitchens, Ed.), "My Genome, Myself"

*The Best American Science Writing 2010* (Jerome Groopman, Ed.), "My Genome, Myself."

Sidney Hook Award, best essays of 2005 (from David Brooks' *New York Times* column), "The Science of Gender and Science" (with Elizabeth Spelke).

*The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2003* (Richard Dawkins, Ed.), "The Blank Slate."

**Elected Fellowships in Scholarly Societies:**

Foreign Member, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, 2014- .

Fellow, Linguistics Society of America, 2007- .

Herbert Simon Fellow, The American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2006- .

Fellow, Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences, 2007- .

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1998-.

Fellow, Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, 2000-.

Fellow, Neurosciences Research Program, 1995-2002.

Fellow, American Psychological Association, 1992- .

Fellow, Division of Experimental Psychology, American Psychological Association, 1991- .  
Fellow, American Psychological Society, 1990- .  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1987- .  
Distinguished Fellow, New England Institute for Cognitive Science and Evolutionary Psychology,  
2001-2004.  
Fellow-elect, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA, 1981- .

### **Extramural Grants**

Google University Research Awards, "The Bibliome: Uncovering the Dynamics of the Human Past," 2009-2011.  
National Institutes of Health, "Development and Neural Bases of Words and Rules," 2000-2008.  
MIT Classes of '51, '55, and '72 Funds for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Innovation, "Computer-Based Multimedia Demonstrations in Psychology," 2000-2001.  
National Institutes of Health, "Language Learnability and Language Development", 1983-2000 (competitively renewed 1986, 1989, 1994).  
National Institute of Mental Health Training Grant, "Development of Cognition," 1997-2002 (PI 2001-2002).  
National Institute of Mental Health Training Grant, "Visual Cognition," 1998-2003 (PI 1998-2001).  
American Council of Learned Societies/Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, German American Collaborative Research Grant, "Symbolic Representation and Network Models: The Psycholinguistic Basis of Inflectional Morphology, 1992-1993.  
National Science Foundation Research Training Grant, "Language Acquisition and Computation" (1 of 15 Co-Investigators), 1991-1996.  
McDonnell-Pew Program in Cognitive Neuroscience grant, "From Perception to Action," 1990-1998 (competitively renewed 1994).  
National Science Foundation, "Inflection as a Model System for the Psychology of Language," 1991-1994.  
National Institutes of Health, "Development of Cognition", program training grant (1 of 6 Co-Investigators), 1987-1992.  
National Science Foundation, "The Mental Representation of 3-D Space and Objects, 1986-89.  
National Science Foundation, "Language Learnability and Language Development", 1982-85.  
National Science Foundation, "The Mental Representation of 3-D Space", 1981-83.

### **Other Positions**

Meymandi Distinguished Visitor, National Humanities Center, 2014  
Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Professorship, University of California, Berkeley, 2014.  
Visiting Professor, New College of the Humanities, 2011- .  
Visiting Professor, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School, 2007  
Honorary Visiting Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand, 2001-2007

Visiting Scholar, Departments of Psychology and Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1995-96.  
Faculty, McDonnell Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, 1990, 1993, 1994  
Visiting Scholar, Cognitive Development Unit, Medical Research Council, London, UK, 1988.  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, 1987-88.  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Psychology, Brandeis University, 1987-88.  
Consultant, Cognitive and Instructional Sciences Group, Xerox Corporation Palo Alto Research Centers, 1981-82.

### **Major Professional Activities**

Chair, Usage Panel, *American Heritage Dictionary*, 2008- .  
Board of Directors, Peace Research Endowment, 2012- .  
Contributing Editor, *The New Republic*, 2008- .  
Contributing Editor, *Seed*, 2006- .  
Executive Associate Editor, *Cognition: International Journal of Cognitive Science*, 1985-2006.  
Executive Council, Human Behavior and Evolution Society, 2006- .  
Steering Committee, Section on Linguistics and Language Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2005-2009.  
Jury, Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Excellence in the Literature of Diversity, 2002- .  
Membership Section Panel, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2007-2012.

### **Editorial Boards of Scientific and Scholarly Journals**

*American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience*  
*Canadian Psychology*, 2003- .  
*Cognition*, 1982-2008.  
*Cognitive Science*, 1991-1996.  
*Daedalus*, 2002- .  
*Earth & Sky*, 2007- .  
*English Linguistics*, 2003- .  
*Essays in Philosophy of Humanism*, 2012- .  
*Evolution and Human Behavior*, 1998- .  
*Evolutionary Psychology*, 2001- .  
*Intercultural Pragmatics*, 2003- .  
*International Journal of Bilingualism*. 1996- .  
*Journal of Child Language*, 1994-2004.  
*Journal of Cognition and Culture*, 2000- .  
*Journal of Evolutionary Psychology*, 2014- .  
*Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*, 2008- .  
*Language Acquisition*, 1990-2004; Advisory Board, 2004- .  
*Language and Dialogue*, 2010- .

*Mind & Society*, 2002- .  
*PLoS ONE*, 2006- .  
*Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*, 2014- .  
*The Evolutionary Review*, 2008- .  
*The Humanist*, 2007- .  
*The Scientific Study of Literature*, 2010- .  
*Theoria et Historia Scientiarum: An International Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies*, 2000- .  
*Trends in Cognitive Science*, 2000-2010.  
*Words*, 2002- .

### **Advisory Boards of Scientific, Scholarly, and Public Interest Organizations**

American Council on Science and Health, 2008- .  
Campus Freedom Network, 2009- .  
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, 1994- .  
Center for Research on Language, Mind, and Brain, McGill University, 2003- .  
Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, 1979- .  
Cybereditions, Advisory Board, 1998- .  
The Decade of Behavior, 2003-2005  
Diamond Sky Productions/The Day the Earth Smiled, 2013- .  
E. O. Wilson Foundation, 2007- .  
Endangered Language Fund, 1998- .  
English for the Children, 2001-2004.  
Executive Board, Society for Language Development, 2003- .  
Ford Hall Forum, 2012- .  
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, 2007- .  
Paul G. Allen Institute for Brain Science, 2001- .  
HumanProgress.org  
Institute for Science and Human Values, 2010- .  
International Academy of Humanism, 2010- .  
International Association for the Study of Attention and Performance, 1992- .  
Naturalism Research Project, Center for Inquiry.  
NSF Science of Learning Center at Gallaudet University, 2011- .  
Office of Public Policy, Center for Inquiry, Washington DC, 2006- .  
Origins Project, Arizona State University, 2009- .  
Oxford University Press, Heretical Thought series, 2013- .  
Science and Entertainment Exchange, The National Academy of Sciences, 2008- .  
Rock-It Science, 2008- .  
Secular Coalition for America  
Science for Peace, 2009- .  
Society for Evolutionary Analysis in Law, 2009- .  
Student Achievement and Advocacy Services, 2002- .

World Science Festival, New York, 2006- .

### **Selected Past Professional Activities**

Linguistics, Language, and the Public Interest Award Committee, Linguistics Society of America, 2006-2007.

Chair, Eleanor Maccoby Book Prize Committee, Division of Developmental Psychology, American Psychological Association, 2004.

Panel on Integrative Cognitive Science, National Science Foundation, 2003.

Testimony, President's Council on Bioethics, 2003, 2008.

Grant review panel, Program in Biological Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 2002.

Senior Independent Advisory Panel, Biopsychology of Humane Leadership Project, Center for Positive Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, 2000.

Scientific Advisor, Nova/WGBH, 7-part television series on Evolution, 1998-2001.

Panel on the Bioethics of Brain Imaging, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, 2000-2002.

Usage Panel, *American Heritage Dictionary*, 1995-2008.

Selection Committee, Centennial Fellowship in Human Cognition, McDonnell Foundation, 1998.

Grant review panel, Learning and Information Systems, National Science Foundation, 1997.

Academic Editorial Board, MIT Press, 1996-2001.

Section Editor for Language, M. S. Gazzaniga's *The Cognitive Neurosciences*, MIT Press, 1995.

Electorate Nominating Committee, Section on Linguistics and Language Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1994-1999.

Consultant, Boston University Conference on Language Development, 1984-1997.

### **Reviewing**

**Journals:** *American Anthropologist*, *American Psychologist*, *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *Behavioral Neuroscience*, *Canadian Journal of Psychology*, *Child Development*, *Cognition*, *Cognitive Psychology*, *Cognitive Science*, *Current Biology*, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *Development and Psychopathology*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *Evolutionary Psychology*, *Nature*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception & Performance*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, & Cognition*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Mental Imagery*, *Journal of Personality*, *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, *Language*, *Language Acquisition*, *Language and Cognitive Processes*, *Language Learning and Development*, *Lingua*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Memory and Cognition*, *Mind and Language*, *Nature*, *Nature Genetics*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Neuron*, *Neuropsychologia*, *Parenting: Science and Practice*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, *Psychological Bulletin*, *Psychological Review*, *Psychological Science*, *Psychology*, *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, *Science*, *Spatial Vision*, *Synthese*, *The Skeptic*, *Trends In Cognitive Science*.



**Publishers:** Blackwell, MIT Press, Cambridge University Press, Free Press, Harvard University Press, Harvester-Wheatsheaf, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Prentice-Hall, Princeton University Press, Reidel, Rowman & Littlefield, Scientific American Books, University of Arizona Press, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, Yale University Press.

**Funding Agencies:** Air Force Office of Scientific Research, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, John and Catherine Macarthur Foundation, Leverhulme Trust (UK), Medical Research Council (Canada), Medical Research Council (UK), National Institutes of Health, National Humanities Council, National Research Council (New Zealand), National Science Foundation, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (Canada), Russell Sage Foundation.

### **Publications: Books**

- Pinker, S. (1984) *Language Learnability and Language Development*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Reprinted with a new introduction, 1996.
- Pinker, S. (Ed.). (1985) *Visual Cognition*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press/Bradford Books.
- Pinker, S. & J. Mehler (Eds.) (1988). *Connections and Symbols*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press/Bradford Books.
- Pinker, S. (1989) *Learnability and Cognition: The Acquisition of Argument Structure*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press/Bradford Books. Reprinted with a new introduction, 2013.
- Levin, B. & S. Pinker (Eds.) (1992) *Lexical and Conceptual Semantics*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.
- Pinker, S. (1994) *The Language Instinct*. New York: HarperCollins; London: Penguin. Translations published in Arabic, Basque, Bulgarian, Chinese (Taiwan), Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, Ukrainian. Translations pending in Chinese (China), Danish, Portuguese (Portugal). New edition with postscript and update, HarperCollins, 2007.
- Pinker, S. (1997) *How the Mind Works*. New York: Norton; London: Penguin. Translations published in Bulgarian, Chinese (Taiwan), Dutch, German, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Hebrew, French, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Romanian, Spanish. Translations pending in Chinese (China), Greek, Slovenian, Turkish. New edition with foreword, Norton, 2009. Reprinted with a new introduction, 2009.
- Pinker, S. (1999) *Words and Rules: The Ingredients of Language*. New York: HarperCollins. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson. Translations published in German and Slovak. Translation pending in Korean. New edition with postscript and update, HarperCollins, 2011.
- Pinker, S. (2002) *The Blank Slate: The Modern Denial of Human Nature*. New York: Viking; London: Penguin. Translations published in Dutch, French, Farsi, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish. Translations pending in Chinese (China), Chinese (Taiwan), and Croatian.
- Pinker, S. (Ed.). (2004) *The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2004*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.
- Pinker, S. (2007) *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature*. New York: Viking; London: Penguin. Translations published in Dutch, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Spanish,

- Russian, and Portuguese (Brazil). Translations pending in Bulgarian, Chinese (China), Croatian, Finnish, Korean, Russian, and Slovenian.
- Pinker, S. (2011) *The Better Angels of our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*. New York: Viking. London: Penguin. Translations published in Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, and German. Translations pending in Bulgarian, Chinese (PRC), Finnish, Korean, Macedonian, Polish, and Russian.
- Pinker, S. (2013) *Language, cognition, and human nature: Collected articles*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Pinker, S. (2014) *The sense of style: The thinking person's guide to writing in the 21st century*. New York: Viking. London: Penguin.

### Publications: Articles in Scholarly Journals

- Millenson, J. R., Allen, R. B. & Pinker, S. (1977). Adjunctive drinking during variable and random-interval food reinforcement schedules. *Animal Learning and Behavior*, 5, 285-290.
- Bregman, A. S. & Pinker, S. (1978). Auditory streaming and the building of timbre. *Canadian Journal of Psychology*, 32, 19-31.
- Pinker, S. & Kosslyn, S. M. (1978). The representation and manipulation of three-dimensional space in mental images. *Journal of Mental Imagery*, 1, 69-84.
- Pinker, S. (1979). Formal models of language learning. *Cognition*, 7, 217-283. Reprinted (1994) in N. Sheehy & T. Chapman (Eds.), *Cognitive Science*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Pinker, S. & Birdsong, D. (1979). Speakers' sensitivity to rules of frozen word order. *Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior*, 18, 497-508.
- Kosslyn, S. M., Pinker, S., Smith, G. E., Shwartz, S. P. (1979). On the demystification of mental imagery. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 1, 535-581. Reprinted (1981) in N. Block (Ed.), *Imagery* (pp. 131-150). Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1981.
- Pinker, S. (1980). Mental imagery and the third dimension. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 109, 254-371.
- Pinker, S. & Finke, R. A. (1980). Emergent two-dimensional patterns in images rotated in depth. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 6, 244-264.
- Pinker, S. (1981). On the acquisition of grammatical morphemes. *Journal of Child Language*, 8, 477-484.
- Finke, R. A. & Pinker, S. (1982). Spontaneous mental image scanning in mental extrapolation. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 8, 142-147.
- Finke, R. A. & Pinker, S. (1983). Directional scanning of remembered visual patterns. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 9, 398-410.
- Rosenblum, T. & Pinker, S. (1983). Word magic revisited: Monolingual and bilingual preschoolers' understanding of the word-object relationship. *Child Development*, 54, 773-780. Reprinted (1987) in M. B. Franklin & S. S. Barten (Eds.), *Child language: A book of readings*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Pinker, S. (1984). Visual cognition: an introduction. *Cognition*, 18, 1-63.
- Pinker, S. Choate, P., & Finke, R. A. (1984). Mental extrapolation in patterns constructed from memory. *Memory and Cognition*, 12, 207-218.

- Downing, C. J. & Pinker, S. (1985). The spatial structure of visual attention. In M. Posner and O. Marin (Eds.), *Attention and Performance XI: Mechanisms of attention and visual search*. Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.
- Stromswold, K., Pinker, S., and Kaplan, R. M. (1985) Cues for understanding the passive voice. *Papers and Reports in Child Language* 1985.
- Pinker, S., Lebeaux, D. S., & Frost, L. A. (1987) Productivity and constraints in the acquisition of the passive. *Cognition*, 26, 195-267.
- Pinker, S. & Prince, A. (1988) On language and connectionism: Analysis of a parallel distributed processing model of language acquisition. *Cognition*, 28, 73-193. Reprinted in S. Pinker & J. Mehler (Eds.) (1988) *Connections and symbols*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Prince, A. & Pinker, S. (1988) Rules and connections in human language. *Trends in Neurosciences*, 11, 195-202. Reprinted (1989) in R. G. Morris (Ed.), *Parallel Distributed Processing: Implications for psychology and neurobiology*. New York: Oxford University Press. Reprinted (1993) in J. Higginbotham (Ed.), *Language and cognition*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell. Reprinted (1999) in R. Cummins & D. D. Cummins (Eds.), *Minds, brains, and computers*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Prince, A., & Pinker, S. (1989) Wickelphone ambiguity. *Cognition*, 30, 189-190.
- Tarr, M. J. & Pinker, S. (1989) Mental rotation and orientation-dependence in shape recognition. *Cognitive Psychology*, 21, 233-282.
- Gropen, J., Pinker, S., Hollander, M., Goldberg, R. & Wilson, R. (1989) The learnability and acquisition of the dative alternation in English. *Language*, 65, 203-257.
- Finke, R. A., Pinker, S., & Farah, M. J. (1989) Reinterpreting visual patterns in mental imagery. *Cognitive Science*, 13, 51-78.
- Tarr, M. J. & Pinker, S. (1990) When does human object recognition use a viewer-centered reference frame? *Psychological Science*, 1, 253-256.
- Pinker, S. & Bloom, P. (1990) Natural language and natural selection. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 13, 707-784. Reprinted in J. Barkow, L. Cosmides, & J. Tooby (Eds.) (1991), *The Adapted Mind: Evolutionary Psychology and the Generation of Culture*. New York: Oxford University Press. Reprinted in Finnish in *Psykologia*, 31(4), s1-s20, 31(5), s1-s23. Reprinted (2010) in F. Ferretti (Ed.), *Classics in Contemporary Philosophy of Mind and Language*. Rome: Armando Editore.
- Gropen, J., Pinker, S, Hollander, M., & Goldberg, R. (1991) Syntax and semantics in the acquisition of locative verbs. *Journal of Child Language*, 18, 115-151.
- Kim, J. J., Pinker, S., Prince, A, & Prasada, S. (1991) Why no mere mortal has ever flown out to center field. *Cognitive Science*, 15, 173-218.
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- cognitive science: Conceptual issues*. Hamden, CT: Garland. Reprinted (1999) in A. Slater & D. Muir (Eds.), *The Blackwell reader in developmental psychology*. Oxford: Blackwell. Reprinted (2002) in G. T. M. Altmann (Ed.), *Psycholinguistics: Critical concepts*. London: Routledge. Reprinted (2009) in D. Shanks (Ed.), *Psychology of Learning*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
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- Pinker, S. (1994) How could a child use verb syntax to learn verb semantics? *Lingua*, 92, 377-410. Reprinted in L. Gleitman and B. Landau (Eds.), (1994) *The acquisition of the lexicon*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
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### **Keynote Addresses and Honorary Lectures**

Nijmegen Lectures, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, 1984

Keynote, Stanford Child Language Research Forum, 1985

Keynote, Language Acquisition Research Symposium, Utrecht, 1986

Keynote, NATO European Workshop on Imagery and Cognition, 1986

Keynote, Wisconsin Symposium for Research on Child Language Disorders, 1990

Keynote, Fourth Conference on the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, UC Irvine, 1990

D. O. Hebb Lecture, McGill University, 1991.

Keynote, Berkeley Linguistics Society, 1991

Keynote, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 1991

Keynote, Boston University Conference on Language Development, 1991

Keynote, English Linguistics Society of Japan, 1992

Elizabeth McNab Lecture, McGill University, 1993

Plenary, Society for Neuroscience, 1993  
 Keynote, Society for Cognitive Neuroscience, 1994  
 Gordon Tomkins Lecture, University of California, San Francisco, 1994  
 Keynote, UK Child Language Symposium, 1995  
 Keynote, American College of Psychoanalysts, 1995  
 Keynote, Society for Literature and Science, 1995  
 Whidden Lectures, McMaster University, 1996  
 Wechsler Lecture, University of Texas at Austin, 1996  
 Mason Library Lecture, Keene State College, 1997  
 Annual Postdoctoral Fellows' Lecture, Whitehead Institute, 1997  
 Keynote, Society for Music Perception and Cognition, 1997  
 Symbolic Systems Distinguished Lecture, Stanford University, February 1998.  
 Neuroscience Distinguished Lecture, University of California, Davis, February 1998.  
 Steel Lecture, Pediatric Orthopedics Society of North America, Cleveland, May 7, 1998.  
 Keynote, "Brain and Psyche" Press Seminar, Whitehead Institute, 1998.  
 Plenary, Utrecht Congress on Storage and Computation in Linguistics, University of Utrecht, 1998.  
 Distinguished Lecture, National Science Foundation, November 1999.  
 Director's Cultural Lecture, National Institutes of Health, November, 1999.  
 President's Lecture, Rice University, February 1999.  
 University Lecture, University of Wisconsin at Madison, February 1999.  
 President's Lecture, Lafayette College, March 1999.  
 Colin Cherry Memorial Lecture, Imperial College, University of London, March 1999.  
 Tanner Lectures on Human Values, Yale University, April 20-21, 1999.  
 Santagata Memorial Lecture, Bowdoin College, April 26, 1999.  
 IHF Distinguished Lecture on Brain, Learning, and Memory, UC Irvine, May 11, 1999.  
 Earl Grey Memorial Lecture, University of Newcastle, November 10, 1999.  
 Littleton-Franklin Lecture, Auburn University, April 2000  
 Psi Chi / Frederick Howell Lewis Distinguished Lecture, American Psychological Association,  
 August 4, 2000  
 Herzberg Memorial Lecture, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, November 2000.  
 Caroline P. & Charles W. Ireland Distinguished Visiting Scholar, University of Alabama at  
 Birmingham, February 2001.  
 Master Lecture, Society for Research on Cognitive Development, Minneapolis, April 2001.  
 Robb Lectures, University of Auckland, New Zealand, May 2001.  
 President's Lecture, University of Syracuse, October 2001.  
 David and James Orr Memorial Lecture, Dartmouth College, November 2001.  
 Louis Clark Vanuxem Lecture, Princeton University, February 2002.  
 Donald & Margaret Freeman Lecture, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, February 2002.  
 Keynote, Society for the Evolutionary Analysis of Law, April 2002.  
 475<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary Lecture, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany, May 2002.  
 Leibniz Lecture, University of Potsdam, Germany, May 2002.  
 Plenary Lecture, American Psychological Association, August 2002  
 Charles Simonyi Lecture, University of Oxford, September 2002.



William Hamilton Memorial Lecture, The New England Institute, University of New England, April 2003.

Dawson-Scott Memorial Lecture, PEN International Writers' Day, University of London, June 2003.

Keynote, American Society for Surgeons of the Hand, Chicago, Sept. 2003.

Robert G. Crowder Memorial Lecture, Yale University, September 2003.

Bradley Lecture, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC, October 2003.

Lindemann Lecture in Human Development, Adelphi University, November 2003.

Ida Beam Distinguished Lectureship, University of Iowa, December 2003.

Hearst Lecture, University of Northern Iowa, December 2003.

University Convocation, Lawrence University, January 2004.

Keynote Address, Conference on Content and Concepts, UC Santa Barbara, February 2004.

Keynote Address, Annual Reason Foundation Weekend, Orlando, March 2004.

Frontiers in Science Lecture, Ohio University, March 2004.

Seventy-fourth James Arthur Lecture on the Evolution of the Human Brain, American Museum of Natural History, March 2004.

Keynote Lecture, Toward a Science of Consciousness, Tucson, April 2004.

Keynote Address, VI International Ontology Congress "From Gene to Logos," Museum Chilidaleku, San Sebastian, Spain. Sept. 2004.

Keynote Address, Annual meeting of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, Madison WI, Oct. 2004.

Keynote Address, "Liberal Education: Dead or Alive?" conference, Dartmouth College, Nov. 2004.

Keynote Address, "Story/Metaphor/Vision" Conference, Stanford University, Nov. 2004.

Tanner Lecture in Human Values, Southern Utah University, March 2005.

President's Distinguished Lecture, Case Western Reserve University, March 2005.

Keynote Address, "Literary Lights Dinner," Friends of Boston Public Library, April 2005.

Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, Los Angeles, May 2005.

Keynote Address, Bradley Conference on "The Medicalization of Morality," American Enterprise Institute, June 2005.

Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Austin, June 2005.

Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Humanist Society of America, Tampa, May 2006.

Steinberg Lecture, McGill University Health Center, April 2007.

Calvaruso Lecture, Albion College, April 2007.

Chandaria Lecture, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, October 2007.

Visiting Professor Lecture, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School, October 2007.

Lamar Conerly Lecture, Mississippi State University, October 2007.

Gordon Gray Lecture on the Craft of Scholarly Writing, Harvard University, November 2007.

Keynote Address, World Congress of Science and Factual Producers, New York, November, 2007.

Keynote Address, Conference on Linguistics and Culture, 3rd International Symposium on Intercultural Communication and Pragmatics, January 2008.

Keynote Address, Joint Conference of the Linguistics Society of South Africa, the South Africa Association of Language Acquisition, and the South Africa Association of Language Therapists, January 2008

Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture, Royal Geographical Society, London, March 2008.

Hovedtal University Lecture, University of Tromsø, Norway, March 2008.

Keynote Address, New England Evolutionary Psychology Society, May 2008.

Heller Lecture, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2008.

Enlightenment Lecture, Edinburgh University, June 2008.

Presidential Lecture, Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2008.

Robert C. Cobb Memorial Lecture and Convocation Address, Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement, September 2008.

J. V. Clyne Lecture, University of British Columbia, September 2008.

Convocation Lecture, University of Oregon, September 2008.

James S. Plant Distinguished Scientist Lecture, Hamilton College, September 2009.

Keynote Address, Society for Judgment and Decision Making, November 2009.

Solomon Schechter Lecture, University of Cambridge, March 2010.

George A. Miller Lecture, Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Montreal, April 2010.

Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture, Psi Chi: International Honors Program in Psychology, Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, May 2010.

Milton Lecture, Syracuse University, Oct. 2010.

Stratton Lecture, MIT, Nov. 2010.

Paul Kurtz Lecture, University at Buffalo, Dec. 2010.

Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Address, Cornell University, March 2011.

Keynote Address, "Ethics and the Brain," University of Missouri, March 2011.

Keynote Address, "Making Sense of Violence?," University of Bern, September 2011.

Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecturer and Scholar in Residence, Otterbein University, February 2012.

Dr. Jean Mayer Award Keynote Address, "Conflict in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University, February 2012.

Humanities & Social Sciences Lecture, Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters, March 2012.

Norman Lecture, Bishop's University, March 2012.

Varner Vitality Lecture and Keynote address, "The Evolution of Violence," Oakland University, April 2012.

Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Affairs, Harvard University, May 11.

Keynote Address, "Social Meets Science," 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Behavioral Sciences Summit, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, June 2012.

Keynote Address, "Crime Prevention and Social Innovation," 2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum, National Crime Prevention and Citizen Participation Center, Mexico, September 2012.

Franke Lectures, Yale University, Nov. 1-2, 2012.

Francis Crick Lecture, Salk Institute, February 2013.

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture, Rhode Island Medical Society and Brown University Institute for Brain Science, February 2013.

Keynote Address, The Neuroscience and Social Conflict Initiative, "Dehumanization in Conflict" Meeting, MIT, Feb. 16-17.  
Voltaire Lecture, British Humanist Society, London, March, 2013.  
Keynote Address, Intelligence Community Research Fellowship Program Annual Colloquium, US Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, April 2013.  
Niko Tinbergen Lecture, University of Leiden, May 2013.  
The Gifford Lectures, University of Edinburgh, May 2013.  
Ramon y Cajal Lecture, International Neuropsychiatry Society, Chicago, September 2013.  
Aiken Lecture, University of Vermont, October 2013.  
Andros Lecture, University of Chicago, October 2013.  
Dan and Margaret Carper Lecture, Eastern Washington University, November 2013.  
Keynote address, National Council of Teachers of English College Section, Boston, Nov 2013.  
The Hitchcock Lectures, University of California, Berkeley, February 2014.  
Haldane Lecture, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, February 2014.  
Keynote address, Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, March 2014.  
Keynote address, conference on "Human Rights and the Humanities," National Humanities Center, March 2014.  
Keynote address, International Forum on Cognitive Linguistics, International Burch University, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, May 2014.

#### **Recent Public Lectures at Libraries, Museums, and Societies**

J. Leo Dowd & Catherine Mellon Dowd Lecture, Great Barrington, MA, February 2008.  
Conversation with Ian McEwan, PEN World Voices, New York, April 2008.  
Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, London, June 2008.  
Cheltenham Science Festival, June 2008.  
The Vancouver Institute, September 2008.  
Boston College High School, December 2008.  
92<sup>nd</sup> St. Y, New York, Oct. 19, 2009.  
PEN New England, Harvard University, February 2010.  
Royal Society of the Arts, London, March 2010.  
Centre for Life, Newcastle, March 2010.  
Glasgow Public Library, March 2010.  
Ford Hall Forum, Boston, March 2010.  
Harvard Hillel, March 2010.  
Gottingen Literary Festival, October 2010.  
La Ciudad de Las Ideas, Puebla, Mexico, November 2010.  
British Library, January 2011.  
Philadelphia Free Library, October 2011.  
Harold Washington Library, Chicago, October 2011.  
Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, October 2011.

Royal Geographic Society, November, 2011.  
 Royal Society for the Arts, November, 2011.  
 Royal Institution of Great Britain, November 2011.  
 Sheldonian Museum, Oxford, November 2011.  
 Uranus Institute, Berlin, November 2011.  
 Bruno Kreisky Hall, Vienna, November 2011.  
 Herbst Theater, San Francisco, October 2012.  
 How the Light Gets In, England, June 2012.  
 Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Relations, September 2012.  
 Kentucky Authors Forum, Louisville, October 2012.  
 Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley, October 2012.  
 St. Louis Public Library, October 2012.  
 Cheltenham Literary Festival, October 2012.  
 School of Life, London, October 2012.  
 Harvard University Museum of Natural History, October 2012.  
 Boston Book Festival, October 2012.  
 Edmonton Festival of Ideas, November 2012.  
 The Economist Summit, New York, December 2012.  
 Rubin Museum of Art, New York, March 2013  
 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, April 2013  
 MOMA PS1, New York, April 2013  
 Genomes, Environments and Traits Conference, Boston, April 2013.  
 Netherlands Liberation Day and Treaty of Utrecht 300th Anniversary May 2013.  
 Metropolitan Museum of New York, March 2014.  
 Coolidge Corner Theater, Brookline MA, March 2014.  
 Canadian Museum of Human Rights, Winnipeg, April 2014.  
 Secret Science Club, Brooklyn, April 2014.

### **Recent Papers Presented to Professional Meetings**

Pinker, S. (2008) The moral instinct. Conference on Secular Humanist Ethics—Planetary Ethics, Center for Inquiry, Brazil, May.  
 Pinker, S. (2009) A history of violence. MacArthur Initiative on Neuroscience and Law, Santa Monica, CA, Jan. 9.  
 Pinker, S. (2009) The decline of violence. Conference on “The Evolution of Human Aggression: Lessons for Today’s Conflicts: The 3rd Annual Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy Forum, Fe. 25-27, 2009, University of Utah.  
 Pinker, S. (2009) The cognitive niche. Conference on “Evolution—The Molecular Landscape,” Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, May 30.  
 Pinker, S. (2009) Language and human nature. Conference on “Darwin’s Intellectual Legacy to the XXI Century,” Fundación Ciencia y Evolución, Santiago, Chile, Sept. 7, 2009.  
 Pinker, S. (2009) The cognitive niche. Sackler colloquium, “In the Light of Evolution IV: the Human Condition,” National Academy of Sciences, Irvine, CA, Dec. 10-12.

- Pinker, S. (2010) A history of violence. Conference on "The Origins of Morality," Arizona State University, Nov. 5-7, 2010.
- Thomas, K. A., DeScioli, P., Pinker, S., & Haque, O. S. (2011) Common knowledge and coordination. Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meeting, Paris, June 28-30.
- Pinker, S. (2011) The better angels of our nature. Conference on "Integrating the Humanities and Sciences," Boston College, Oct. 29, 2011.
- Pinker, S. (2012) A history of violence. "Public Voices," The New School for Social Research, March 23, 2012.
- Pinker, S. (2012) Human nature and the decline of war. Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, April 3.
- Pinker, S. (2012) Violence, empathy, culture, and institutions. Conference on "Positive Models and Normative Ideals of Social Cooperation," Center for Ethics, Princeton University, May 10-12.
- Pinker, S. (2012) A history of violence. UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Conference on "The Death Penalty: Most Serious Crimes, Complicity, and the Question of Torture." Harvard Law School, June 25.
- Pinker, S. (2012) Author meets critics. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Nov. 15-17.
- Pinker, S. (2013) Language as an adaptation to the cognitive niche. American Association for the Advancement of Science, Boston, Feb. 15.
- Pinker, S. (2013) The history of peace and progress. Global Scholar Symposium, Cambridge, UK, April 19-21.
- Pinker, S. (2013) Keynote Introduction. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Miami, July 20, 2013.
- Thomas, K. A. & Pinker, S. (2013) Common knowledge and the self-conscious emotions: A game-theoretic perspective. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Miami, July 20, 2013.
- Pinker, S. (2013) Adaptations and nonadaptations to violence and nonviolence. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Miami, July 20.
- Pinker, S. (2013) Comments on the symposium "Resolving A Learnability Paradox in the Acquisition of Verb Argument Structure: What have we learned in the last 25 years?" Boston University Conference on Language Development, Nov. 2.
- Hartshorne, Joshua K. & Pinker, S. (2013). The fractionation of pragmatics and social cognition. Paper presented at Architectures and Mechanisms in Language Processing, Marseille, France.
- Pinker, S. (2013) Symposium: The importance of curated reference products in education today. National Council of Teachers of English, Boston, Nov. 24.
- Pinker, S. (2014) Language as an adaptation to the cognitive niche. Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, March 14.
- Pinker, S. (2014) Comments on the papers and questions for future research. Panel on Global Trends in War, Conflict, and Political Violence, International Studies Association, Toronto, March 25.
- Pinker, S. (2014) An appreciation of John Mueller as a scholar and stylist. Presidential Round Table, International Studies Association, Toronto, March 27.
- Pinker, S. (2014) Introduction to the sessions. "Origins of Violence," Arizona State University, April 4-5.

## Recent University Colloquia

University of Pennsylvania, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, April 2008.  
Hebrew University, Interdisciplinary Center for Neural Computation, May 2008.  
London School of Economics, June 2008.  
The University of Cambridge, Cambridge Union, June 2008.  
Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, September 2008.  
University of British Columbia, The Vancouver Institute, September 2008.  
Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group, Newport RI, October 2008.  
University of California, Santa Barbara, Sage Center for the Study of Mind, January 2009.  
Hamilton College, September 2009.  
University of Richmond, October 2009.  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 2009.  
University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, November 2009.  
Tufts University Center for the Humanities, November 2009.  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, November 2009.  
London School of Economics, March 2010.  
University of the Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, April 2010.  
Midland College, Midland, Texas, April 2010.  
Syracuse University, October 2010.  
MIT, Communications Forum, October 2010.  
Franklin and Marshall College, November 2010.  
UCLA, Dept. of Anthropology, Relational Models Seminar, December 2010.  
Boston VA Hospital, Neuropsychology, December 2010.  
University of Bristol, November 2011.  
London School of Economics, October 2011.  
Northwestern University, February 2012.  
University of Uppsala, March 2012.  
MIT Dept. of Nuclear Science and Nuclear Engineering, Sept. 2012.  
University of Virginia-Wise, Sept. 2012.  
Boise State University, Sept. 2012.  
University of Bristol, Oct. 2012.  
Brunel University, London, Oct. 2012.  
University of Alberta, Nov. 2012.  
Yale Legal Theory Workshop, Dec. 2012.  
MIT Moses Seminar, Dec. 2012.  
MIT Evolution of Religion and Spirituality Lecture Series, February 2013.  
SUNY University at Buffalo, March 2013.  
Sage Center for the Study of the Mind, University of California, January 2014.  
Tufts University, World Peace Foundation, February 2014.  
Georgetown University, March 2014.

New Mexico State University, April 2014.

### **Major Film Appearances**

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