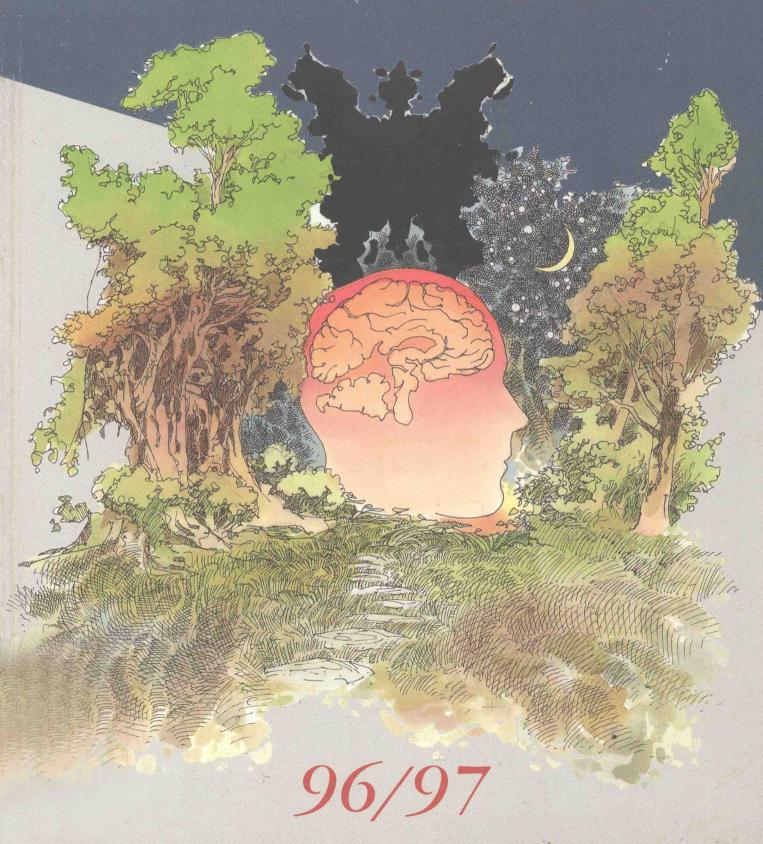
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To the Reader:

In publishing ANNUAL EDITIONS we recognize the enormous role played by the magazines, newspapers, and journals of the public press in providing current, first-rate educational information in a broad spectrum of interest areas. Within the articles, the best scientists, practitioners, researchers, and commentators draw issues into new perspective as accepted theories and viewpoints are called into account by new events, recent discoveries change old facts, and fresh debate breaks out over important controversies. Many of the articles resulting from this enormous editorial effort are appropriate for students, researchers, and professionals seeking accurate, current material to help bridge the gap between principles and theories and the real world. These articles, however, become more useful for study when those of lasting value are carefully collected, organized, indexed, and reproduced in a low-cost format. which provides easy and permanent access when the material is needed. That is the role played by Annual Editions. Under the direction of each volume's Editor, who is an expert in the subject area, and with the guidance of an Advisory Board, we seek each year to provide in each ANNUAL EDITION a current, well-balanced, carefully selected collection of the best of the public press for your study and enjoyment. We think you'll find this volume useful, and we hope you'll take a moment to let us know what you think.

Ronnie's parents could not understand why he did not want to be picked up and cuddled as did his older sister when she was a baby. As an infant, Ronnie did not respond to his parents' smiles, words, or attempts to amuse him. By the age of two, Ronnie's parents knew that he was not like other children. He spoke no English, was very temperamental, and often rocked himself for hours. Ronnie is autistic. His parents feel that some of Ronnie's behavior may be their fault; they both work long hours as young professionals and leave both children with an older woman during the week days. Ronnie's pediatrician assures his parents that their reasoning, while logical, probably holds no merit because the causes of autism are little understood. What can we do about children like Ronnie? From where does autism come? Can autism be treated or reversed? Can autism be prevented?

Psychologists attempt to answer these and other questions in a specific way, with scientific methods. Researchers, using carefully planned methods, try to discover the answers to the complexities of human behavior, normal or not. The scientific results of most psychological research are published in professional journals, and therefore may be difficult for the layperson to understand.

Annual Editions: Psychology 96/97 is designed to meet the needs of lay people and introductory level students who are curious about psychology. This Annual Edition provides a vast selection of readable and informative articles from popular magazines and newspapers. These articles are written primarily by journalists, but a few are written by psychologists with writing styles that are clear yet retain the excitement of the discovery of scientific knowledge.

The particular articles selected for this volume were chosen to be representative of current work in psychology. They were selected because they are accurate in their reporting and provide examples of the types of psychological research discussed in most introductory psychology classes. As in any science, some of the findings discussed in this collection are startling, while others will confirm what we already suspect. Some will invite speculation about social and personal ramifications; others will demand careful thought about potential misuse of the applications of research findings. You will be expected to make the investment of effort and critical judgment needed to answer such questions and concerns.

I assume that you will find this collection of articles readable and useful. I suggest that you look at the organization of this book and compare it to the organization of your textbook and course syllabus. By examining the topic guide provided after the table of contents, you can identify those articles most appropriate for any particular unit of study in your course. Your instructor may provide some help in this effort. As you read the articles, try to connect their contents with the principles you are learning from your text and classroom lectures. Some of the articles will help you better understand a specific area of research, while others are designed to help you connect and integrate information from various research areas. Both of these strategies are important in learning about psychology or any other science; it is only through intensive investigation and subsequent integration of the findings of many scientists that we are able to discover and apply new knowledge.

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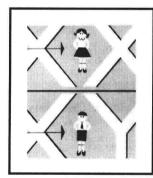
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The Science of Psychology

Three articles examine psychology as the science of behavior.



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Biological Bases of Behavior

Five selections discuss the biological bases of behavior. Topics include brain functions and the brain's control over the body.

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| 1. The 'Soul': Modern Psychological In | nterpretations. Mor- |
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Morton Hunt, Free Inquiry, Fall 1994.

Morton Hunt traces the concept of soul, or mind, from early philosophers to psychologists' more contemporary concepts of consciousness. As he develops history, Hunt reveals important points: for example, that humans are the only creatures that think about thinking.

2. Scientific and Professional Psychology, Nathaniel J. Pallone, Society, November/December 1992. The number of psychologists in the United States has approximately quadrupled over the last three decades. Nathaniel Pallone looks at the scientists versus the practitioners, fragmentation in psychology, and the future of this vast field.

 Pollsters Enlist Psychologists in Quest for Unbiased Results, Daniel Goleman, New York Times, September 7, 1993.

Public survey results can be easily biased, for example, by how questions are sequenced. Psychologists are studying and assisting in the development of less biased *surveys*.

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- 4. Up from Gorilla Land: The Hidden Logic of Love and Lust, Robert Wright, Psychology Today, March/April 1995. Evolutionary psychologists are studying human behavior, and no behavior affects the transmission of genes more than does sex. Psychologists are examining whether men are quantity creatures and women are quality creatures where sexuality and genetics are concerned.
- 5. How We Become What We Are, Winifred Gallagher, The Atlantic Monthly, September 1994.
 Perhaps our genes determine who we are, or maybe it is the environment that shapes us. On the other hand, perhaps nature tempers nurture or vice versa. The nuances of each of these stances is skillfully explored by Winifred Gallagher.
- 6. The Human Mind: Touching the Intangible, The Economist, December 26, 1992.
 Neuropsychologists, using modern technology such as positron emission tomography (PET), are able to study brain functioning in relationship to vision, memory, language, and other specific psychological phenomena. How the brain functions as a coordinated whole is yet to be understood.

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Perceptual Processes

Five articles discuss the impact of the senses on human perceptual processes.

 Man's World, Woman's World? Brain Studies Point to Differences, Gina Kolata, New York Times, February 28, 1995.

The use of magnetic resonance imaging provides scientists with a noninvasive technique to study the *brain*. Using resting and active images, scientists are uncovering some interesting cognitive, behavioral, and emotional differences in the brain functioning of *men* and *women*.

 Research Dispels Myth That Brain in Adults Is Unable to Renew Itself, Lawrence K. Altman, New York Times, April 18, 1995.

A scam in the 1930s in which female canaries injected with testosterone began to sing is prompting scientists to search for ways to *regenerate human brain cells*. Their research holds promise for those with *nervous system damage*.

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How the Brain Might Work: A New Theory of Consciousness, Sandra Blakeslee, New York Times, March 21, 1995.

Timing and rhythm in the *brain* may be the organizing principles for making visual images and other *sensory impressions*. Should this new theory be correct, it would provide scientists with a new explanation for *consciousness*.

10. Good Vibrations, JoAnn C. Gutin, Discover, June 1993. We are besieged each day with noises. The 32,000 receptors in our ears receive this stimulation and transmit it to the brain. The noise becomes interpretable sounds via this fascinating and sophisticated process.

 Powerhouse of Senses, Smell, at Last Gets Its Due: How Smells Are Processed, Natalie Angier, New York Times, February 14, 1995.

The nose's repertory of 10,000 smells plays a huge role in most human and animal interplay. Behaviors from sex to eating to survival utilize the **nose**. Researchers are learning much more about the **brain-nose connection**.

12. Touching the Phantom, James Shreeve, *Discover,* June 1993.

Phantom limbs (amputated limbs with remaining **sensations**) produce stimuli that do not exist. The study of these limbs is enabling scientists to understand the relationship of the **brain** to sensation.

13. Does ESP Exist? Daryl J. Bem, The World & I, August 1994.

In science, a phenomenon is not generally considered established until it has been observed repeatedly by different researchers. Daryl Bem explores *research* on *extrasensory perception* and concludes that evaluating psychic data is a risky business at best.



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Four selections examine how operant conditioning, positive reinforcement, and memory interact during the learning process.



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Six articles examine how social skills, common sense, and intelligence affect human cognitive processes.

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| 14. Measured Learning, The Economist, December 5, 1992. B. F. Skinner's and Ivan Pavlov's work on <i>learning</i> are described in this essay. A summary of where both forms of <i>conditioning</i> , operant and classical, fit into contemporary psychology concludes the article. | 70 |
| 15. It's Magical! It's Malleable! It's Memory, Jill Neimark, Psychology Today, January/February 1995. Memory is complex. It is malleable and mysterious. Psychologists have developed more clever and sophisticated techniques for studying this all important phenomenon. | 73 |
| 16. Biologists Find Site of Working Memory, Daniel Goleman, New York Times, May 2, 1995. Using positron emission tomography (PET) scans, neuroscientists think they have located the scratch pad of the brain that operates like random access memory in a computer. Located in the prefrontal cortex, this working memory retrieves information stored elsewhere in the brain. | 79 |
| 17. Lies of the Mind, Leon Jaroff, <i>Time</i> , November 29, 1993. Many adults are discovering <i>memories of childhood abuse</i> . Real or imagined, these memories are wreaking psychological havoc on individuals and families. New support groups and therapies are available, but some of the <i>therapy</i> may be prompting memories that are not accurate. | 82 |
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| 18. The EQ Factor, Nancy Gibbs, Time, October 2, 1995. Recent brain research suggests that emotions, not the traditional IQ rating, may be the true measure of human intelligence. This article examines this latest trend in the assessment of human ability to cope successfully with challenges. | 88 |
| 19. A Child's Theory of Mind, Bruce Bower, Science News, July 17, 1993. Knowledge and thought change substantially throughout childhood. Today's researchers in cognitive development disagree with the theory of Jean Piaget. Much more goes on in children's heads than Piaget hypothesized. | 93 |
| 20. Theory on Human Brain Hints How Its Unique Traits Arose, Sandra Blakeslee, New York Times, November 8, 1994. Humans possess many unique abilities, among them language and music. A new theory suggests that these abilities evolved from the area of the brain known as the cerebellum. Current brain im- | 97 |

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21. Glimpses of the Mind, Michael D. Lemonick, Time, July

The *brain and consciousness* are inspiring research on a variety of topics. Theories and research on learning, memory, emotions, sensation, language, and self are just some of these topics.

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| 23. Clever Measures, Hans Eysenck, The Times Higher Edu | - 110 |
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| 24. Where Emotions Come From, U.S. News & World Report, June 24, 1991. The range of human <i>emotions</i> , sincere and fake, is as complex as the <i>physiological circuitry</i> and <i>developmental patterns</i> underlying our emotions. | 114 |
| 25. A Doubtful Device, Lisa Davis, Hippocrates, November/ December 1992. There is no doubt that the polygraph measures physical arousal. However, it is very doubtful that the apparatus measures lying. In fact, an innocent person has a 50-50 chance of failing a polygraph test. | 121 |
| 26. Kernel of Fear, Mark Caldwell, <i>Discover</i> , June 1995. Researchers now know that the <i>amygdala</i> of the brain monitors <i>fear</i> responses. Finding a chemical or drug to overcome the effects of this chickpea-size part of the brain may help individuals with posttraumatic stress disorder. | 123 |
| 27. The Brain Manages Happiness and Sadness in Different Centers, Daniel Goleman, New York Times, March 28, 1995. Scientists are remapping the human brain with a surprising result for emotions. Opposite emotions such as happy and sad are not registered as opposites in the brain. Rather, each emotion entails quite independent brain activity. | 127 |
| 28. Chemistry and Craving, Hara Estroff Marano, Psychology Today, January/February 1993. The epicenter in the brain for eating is the hypothalamus. Two different neurochemicals are linked to our preferences for carbohydrates and fats. Dieting and stress upset the delicate balance | 130 |

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| 30. The Solace of Patterns, Robert M. Sapolsky, The Sciences, November/December 1994. The author traces psychological patterns humans follow in griev- | 50 |

ing, morality, cognition, and other life passages. Such patterns have a purpose, although many other patterns may have become

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31. Child Injury and Abuse-Neglect: Common Etiologies, Challenges, and Courses toward Prevention, Lizette Peterson, Current Directions in Psychological Science, August

Injured and abused children often present some of the same symptoms. Lizette Peterson focuses on differentiating between unintentional injury and child abuse-neglect and how to prevent these

32. Why Schools Must Tell Girls: 'You're Smart, You Can Do It,' Myra Sadker and David Sadker, USA Weekend. February 4-6, 1994. Boys tend to capture the lion's share of teachers' time and atten-

tion from grade school to grad school. Education has become a spectator sport for many girls; a situation much to their detriment.

33. The Inside Story, David Aronson, Teaching Tolerance, Spring 1995. Prejudice is probably developed before children enter school. Teachers, counselors, and psychologists can ease intolerance if they recognize that it might mask insecurity. Several intervention

strategies are offered. 34. New Passages, Gail Sheehy, U.S. News & World Report, June 12, 1995.

Renowned author Gail Sheehy examines adulthood. She says that we pass through three distinct adulthoods rather than one. Sheehy places particular emphasis on midlife in this article.

35. Brain Power, Joannie M. Schrof, U.S. News & World Report, November 28, 1994. New research demonstrates that aging does not necessarily cause a decline in cognition. In addition to delineating this research, the

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Sigmund Freud's ideas, theories, and cases are dissected in a multiplicity of new books. While most authors criticize Freud, his theories have left their mark on psychology and psychiatry, nonetheless.

37. The Stability of Personality: Observations and Evaluations, Robert R. McCrae and Paul T. Costa Jr., Current Directions in Psychological Science, December 1994. There is substantial evidence for the stability of personality as well as for individual differences in personality traits. The authors review research on personality that supports their view and critique research methodology that does not.



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40. Charge of the 'Right' Brigade, Bruce Bower, Science News, October 29, 1994.
How we perceive ourselves and others is an important issue. Social perceptions affect our own self-esteem and our interactions with others. Researchers are ingeniously examining personal perception in the laboratory and the real world.
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42. Seeking the Criminal Element, W. Wayt Gibbs, Scientific

American, March 1995.

Scientists are seeking the causes of crime, especially violent crime. While some search for biological causes, others are concerned that results will trigger premature attempts to funnel at-risk children into prevention programs. Recent reviews of these programs suggest that some are only modestly successful.

43. Media, Violence, Youth, and Society, Ray Surette, The World & I, July 1994.
Violence is a cultural product. Years of research have linked violence on our streets to the mass media. Ray Surette suggests other reasons for our epidemic of violence as well as solutions for decreasing violence.
44. Should This Marriage Be Saved? Elizabeth Gleick, Time,
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Four articles examine several psychological disorders. Topics include unexpected behavior, the impact of depression on a person's well-being, and addiction.



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The Science of Psychology

Little did Wilhelm Wundt realize his monumental contribution to science when, in 1879 in Germany, he opened the first psychological laboratory to examine consciousness. Today Wundt would barely recognize the science of psychology as he practiced it.

Contemporary psychology is defined as the science or study of individual mental activity and behavior. This definition reflects the two parent disciplines from which psychology emerged: philosophy and biology. Compared to its parents, psychology is very much a new discipline. Some aspects of modern psychology are particularly biological, such as neuroscience, sensation and perception, and behavioral genetics. Other aspects are more philosophical, such as the study of personality.

Today's psychologists work in a variety of settings. Many psychologists are academics, teaching and researching psychology on university campuses. Others work in applied settings such as hospitals, mental health clinics, industry, and schools. Most psychologists also specialize in psychology after some graduate training. Industrial psychologists specialize in human performance in organizational settings, while clinical psychologists are concerned about the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of individuals with a variety of mental disorders.

There are some psychologists who think that psychology is still in its adolescence and that the field seems to be experiencing some growing pains. Since its establishment, the field has expanded to many different areas. As mentioned above, some areas are very applied. Other areas appear to emphasize theory and research. The growing pains have resulted in some conflict over what the agenda of the first national psychological association, the American Psychological Association, should be. Because academics perceived this association as mainly serving practitioners, the academics established their own competing association, the American Psychological Society. Despite its varied nature and the so-called growing pains, psychology remains a viable and exciting field. The first unit of the book is designed to introduce you to the nature and history of psychology.

In the first article, "The 'Soul': Modern Psychological Interpretations," Morton Hunt traces the concept of soul, or mind, from early philosophers to contemporary psy-

chologists. Hunt also reveals important psychological information about human beings and how we differ from other creatures in terms of our consciousness.

The next article, "Scientific and Professional Psychology," Nathaniel Pallone provides an excellent overview of the discipline, both its scientific aspects and its practice. He also provides some discussion of the problems with the field, such as the split between academics and practitioners and the development of two national parallel organizations.

In our final selection of this unit, a few of the research aspects of psychology are explored. Surveys are one form of data collection utilized by psychologists. By means of surveys, experiments, and other research techniques, psychologists can better understand human behavior. "Pollsters Enlist Psychologists in Quest for Unbiased Results" elaborates about how psychologists share their vast research knowledge to facilitate the design of better surveys.

Looking Ahead: Challenge Questions

Do you think that the emergence of applied areas in psychology (such as clinical psychology) has hurt or advanced scientific psychology? Why?

Which area of psychology do you think is the most valuable and why? About which area of psychology is the public most aware? About which other areas of psychology do you think the public ought to be informed? What trends shaped psychology as we know it today? How might psychology be related to other disciplines on your campus?

Do you think psychologists will ever be able to piece together a single grand theory of human psychology? What are the various definitions of consciousness or the mind that have emerged over the years? How is psychology related to philosophy? Do you think one position is stronger than another? Why?

Why is research important to psychology? What kinds of information can be gleaned from surveys? What types of problems are inherent in poorly designed surveys? How can surveys be improved using psychology?

