Steven Pinker

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Books: Click on cover

- Steven Pinker: The Blank Slate
- Steven Pinker: Words and Rules
- Steven Pinker: How the Mind Works
- Steven Pinker: The Language Instinct
- Steven Pinker: Learnability and Cognition
- Steven Pinker: Language Learnability and Language Development

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Biographical Information:

Steven Pinker is Peter de Florez Professor in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Selected Articles in Magazines and Newspapers:

"How Much Art Can the Brain Take?" The Independent on Sunday, February 7, 1998.
"The Seven Wonders of the World." Convocation Address, Faculty of Science, McGill University, June 7, 1999.
"Regular Habits", Times Literary Supplement, Oct. 29, 1999/
"Will the Mind Figure out How the Brain Works?" TIME, April 3, 2000.
Letter in Skeptical Inquirer on 9/11 and Perceptions of Risk.

Public Lectures:

Steven Pinker is represented by the David Lavin Agency, Ltd., 1-800-762-4234.

April 2003, William Hamilton Memorial Lecture, The New England Institute, University of New England
May 15, 2003, 6 PM, "Do Parents Shape Their Children?" Lesley University's Center for Children, Families & Public Policy, Cambridge, MA.
May 18, 2003, 4 PM, "The Blank Slate," Tel Aviv University. "The Blank Slate," Tel Aviv University, 4PM, May 18.
June 1, 2003, 10 AM, “The Blank Slate,” Hay-on-Wye Literary Festival
June 6, 2003, 6:30 PM, “The Blank Slate,” University of Sussex.

Current and Pending Media Events:

Sept. 16, "Newsnight," BBC-TV.
Sept. 17, "Radio 5 Live" (UK), afternoon, time TBA.
Sept. 18, "Nightwaves," BBC 3, 9:45 PM.
Sept. 25, 2002, 8:30 PM Profile half-hour television biography, BBC-4.
Oct. 6, 2002, TBA. Pittsburgh Tribune Review.
Oct. 8, 2002, 9-11PM (CT)."Ext. 729 w/ Milton Rosenberg, WGN Chicago."
Oct. 16, 2002, TBA. GRACECATHEDRAL.COM.
Steven Pinker will converse with host Eric Chemi and play some of his favorite music, including tracks by John Coltrane, The Weavers, Dinah Washington, Elvis Costello, Oliver Nelson, Bob Dylan, Peter Gabriel, and others.

Teaching:

Professor Pinker is a MacVicar Faculty Fellow at MIT, 2000-2010.

Professor Pinker is on sabbatical during the 2002-2003 academic year and will not be teaching his usual courses at MIT.
Research:

Among Prof. Pinker's research projects are The MIT Twins Study and other studies of language, its development, and its neural bases. This research uses regular (walk-walked) and irregular (come-came) inflection as well-matched and easily studied examples of the two main components of language: combinatorial grammar and memorized words. Click here for a recent bibliography of this research.

Summary of research.

MIT Twins Study: Web Page. Follow this link if you are interested in language in twins, or if you are a parent of twins and might be interested in participating in the study.

MIT/KIT Magnetoencephalography Laboratory

Click here for resources in Cognitive Science, Psychology, and Linguistics.

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Recent Media Profiles:

Biology vs. the Blank Slate, Reason, Oct. 2002.
We are who we are or are we? USA Today (Kim Painter), Oct. 3, 2002.
Lunch with FT Interview, Financial Times, Sept. 12, 2002.

Cover story, Maclean's (Canada's newsmagazine), May 1, 2000.

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Recent Academic Publications (Under Construction):


Films featuring Steven Pinker:

Profile, half-hour program to air on BBC-4 the week of September 23, 2002.

How the Mind Works and Steven Pinker: In Depth. Filmed lecture and interview. Click here for the brochure text. Into the Classroom Media, 10573 W. Pico Blvd. #162, Los Angeles CA 90064. 800-732-7946

The Seven Wonders of the World II. One of seven half-hour BBC programs in which a scientist or author describes seven wonders of the world. Christopher Sykes Productions.


"The Blank Slate" at MIT: Streaming Video

Silly:

Project Steve


Cartoon on How the Mind Works

Cartoon on books by Steve

Lingua Franza poster updating Raphael’s "The School of Athens." Click here for a detail. Click here for a legend identifying the characters.

Luxuriant Flowing Hair Club for Scientists: Highlighting the Heads of Science.

Multitelovers.com: Regular men, page 3, column 3, row 5.