

Ethology And Human Development

Origins of Altruism and Cooperation Robert W. Sussman 2011-08-02 This book is about the evolution and nature of cooperation and altruism in social-living animals, focusing especially on non-human primates and on humans. Although cooperation and altruism are often thought of as ways to attenuate competition and aggression within groups, or are related to the action of "selfish genes", there is increasing evidence that these behaviors are the result of biological mechanisms that have developed through natural selection in group-living species. This evidence leads to the conclusion that cooperative and altruistic behavior are not just by-products of competition but are rather the glue that underlies the ability for primates and humans to live in groups. The anthropological, primatological, paleontological, behavioral, neurobiological, and psychological evidence provided in this book gives a more optimistic view of human nature than the more popular, conventional view of humans being naturally and basically aggressive and warlike. Although competition and aggression are recognized as an important part of the non-human primate and human behavioral repertoire, the evidence from these fields indicates that cooperation and altruism may represent the more typical, "normal", and healthy behavioral pattern. The book is intended both for the general reader and also for students at a variety of levels (graduate and undergraduate): it aims to provide a compact, accessible, and up-to-date account of the current scholarly advances and debates in this field of study, and it is designed to be used in teaching and in discussion groups. The book derived from a conference sponsored by N.S.F., the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, the Washington University Committee for Ethics and Human Values, and the Anthropedia Foundation for the study of well-being.

Uniting Psychology and Biology Nancy L. Segal 1997 This volume of essays in honour of Daniel G. Freedman provides an overview of holistic studies of human behaviour. Freedman's

pioneering ethological analyses encouraged naturalistic studies of evolved bases of behaviour. His comparative view of behaviour helped prepare the way for much of the current cross-cultural research.

Ethology and Psychiatry : from the Clarence M. Hincks Memorial Lectures, Held at McMaster University, 1970 Norman F. White 1974

Influences on Human Development Urie Bronfenbrenner 1975

Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Development Robert G. Burgess 2005

Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Development's Comprehensive coverage on current thinking about the impact of evolutionary theory on human development provides students with the most thorough grounding available in this area. Contributions by leading scholars and researchers expose students first-hand to the thinking of widely recognized experts and the exciting contributions they have been making to this field. To ensure accessibility in classroom settings, chapters have been written according to uniform guidelines for length and format, with cross-references between chapters and a style appropriate to upper-division undergraduate and beginning graduate psychology students. To further facilitate the use of *Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Development* as supplemental classroom reading, the volume editors provide an introductory overview chapter and a concluding chapter that sums up the book.

Recent Advances in Biological Psychiatry Joseph Wortis 2012-12-06 I: Joint Meeting of the Pavlovian Society and the Society of Biological Psychiatry.- 1. Ivan Petrovich Pavlov-Presidential Address.- 2. Pavlovianism and Clinical Psychiatry.- 3. The Traditional and the New in Pavlov's Theory of "Higher Nervous Activity."--4. Salivary Conditional Reflexes in Man.- 5. The Conditional Psychogalvanic Reflex: Its Contribution to Psychiatric Diagnosis.- 6. Effects of Muscular Exertion and Verbal Stimuli on Heart Rate and Blood Pressure in the Human.- 7. Awareness of Stimulus Relationships and

Physiological Generality of Response in Autonomic Discrimination.- 8. App.

The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Child Development

Brian Hopkins 2017-10-19

Updated and expanded to 124 entries, The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Child Development remains the authoritative reference in the field.

Patterns of Behavior Richard W. Burkhardt

2005-03-15 Publisher Description

Behaviour, Development and Evolution Patrick Bateson

2017-02-20 The role of parents in

shaping the characters of their children, the causes of violence and crime, and the roots of personal unhappiness are central to humanity.

Like so many fundamental questions about

human existence, these issues all relate to

behavioural development. In this lucid and

accessible book, eminent biologist Professor Sir

Patrick Bateson suggests that the nature/nurture

dichotomy we often use to think about questions

of development in both humans and animals is

misleading. Instead, he argues that we should

pay attention to whole systems, rather than to

simple causes, when trying to understand the

complexity of development. In his wide-ranging

approach Bateson discusses why so much

behaviour appears to be well-designed. He

explores issues such as 'imprinting' and its

importance to the attachment of offspring to

their parents; the mutual benefits that

characterise communication between parent and

offspring; the importance of play in learning how

to choose and control the optimal conditions in

which to thrive; and the vital function of

adaptability in the interplay between

development and evolution. Bateson disputes the

idea that a simple link can be found between

genetics and behaviour. What an individual

human or animal does in its life depends on the

reciprocal nature of its relationships with the

world about it. This knowledge also points to

ways in which an animal's own behaviour can

provide the variation that influences the

subsequent course of evolution. This has

relevance not only for our scientific approaches

to the systems of development and evolution, but

also on how humans change institutional rules

that have become dysfunctional, or design public

health measures when mismatches occur

between themselves and their environments. It

affects how we think about ourselves and our

own capacity for change.

Theories of Human Development Barbara M.

Newman 2010-10-18 Intended for courses on

theories of human development, this new text

presents nine theories grouped into three major

families - those that emphasize biological

systems; those that emphasize environmental

factors; and those that emphasize a dynamic

interaction between biological and

environmental forces. The nine theories selected

have a long and productive history in human

development and continue to evolve as a result

of new insights. The inclusion of social role

theory and life course theory expand the book's

relevance to the study of adulthood and aging.

Grouping the theories by families enhances

students' ability to think critically about

theoretical ideas, assess the strengths and

weaknesses of each theory, and gain a deeper

understanding of how each theory guides

research and application. The three families are

introduced with a brief overview of the unique

perspectives of each theory and the rationale for

grouping these theories together. Discussion of

each theory includes: the historical and cultural

context in which the theory was developed; an

overview of key concepts and important ideas;

new directions in contemporary scientific work;

a research example illustrating how the theory

has been tested and modified; an application

showing how the theory has guided the design of

an intervention or program; an analysis of how

the theory answers basic questions about human

development; and a critique highlighting the

theories' strengths and weaknesses. Theories of

Human Development serves as a text in

advanced undergraduate and/or beginning

graduate courses in theories of human

development. Its clear organization and

engaging writing style make it accessible to

students with a minimal background in human

development.

Animal Cognition Mary C. Olmstead 2016 The

study of animal cognition has undergone

enormous growth in the last two decades. In the

early part of the 20th century, the work was

conducted primarily by psychologists who

studied animal behavior in the laboratory as a

model of human cognition. By the middle of the

century, ethological studies of animal behavior

in the natural environment revealed an amazing

array of cognitive abilities in different species, worthy of study in their own right. In many cases, scientists in these two disciplines were investigating the same process (e.g., learning, navigation, communication) from very different perspectives. Psychologists tended to focus on developmental or mechanistic explanations, whereas ethologists and behavioral ecologists emphasised adaptive or functional ones. Eventually, it became clear that the two fields are complementary with a full description of any cognitive process, depending on both proximate and ultimate explanations. This text builds on the tradition of combining data from laboratory and field studies of animal behavior as a means of understanding the evolution and function of cognition. In keeping with contemporary terminology, cognition refers to a wide range of processes from modification of simple reflexes to abstract concept learning to social interactions to the expression of emotions, such as guilt. These are examined throughout the text in animal groups ranging from insects to great apes. A general theme across chapters is that the evolution of behavioral patterns is adaptive, thereby reflected in underlying neural structures. Many of the authors go on to examine the adaptive significance of a behavior in relation to a species ecological history in order to develop theories of cognitive evolution. These issues are becoming increasingly important in a world with rapidly changing environments to which all animals, including humans, must adjust. A primary goal of this volume is to introduce the exciting field of animal cognition to a new group of young scientists. The editor also hopes to encourage experienced researchers to expand their ideas of what constitutes animal cognition and how it can be studied in the future. From the editors own reading, one area of potential growth is the development of more formal models of cognition to guide quantitative predictions of behavior. Although no chapter focuses exclusively on humans, readers should have no difficulty extrapolating research findings and theories from other species to those of our own. Differences are clearly based on degree, not kind.

On the Evolution of Human Behavior Peter C. Reynolds 1981 "Challenging many of the

premises of conventional anthropological theory, 'On the evolution of human behavior' draws on recent evidence from psychobiology, linguistics, and ethology to trace the evolution of human social behavior from that of other primates. Rejecting the assumption that significant behavioral discrepancies between man and other primate species stem from equally significant psychological differences, Reynolds argues instead that small evolutionary changes may result in greatly increased complexity of behavior. His frankly ethological theory of human origins assumes that reason and instinct evolve together and that instinctual mechanisms are necessary for the emergence of human culture." -- book cover.

Sociobiological Perspectives on Human Development Kevin B. MacDonald 2012-12-06 Examines the importance of evolutionary biology for key issues in human development. Illustrates the power of socio- biological approaches in understanding developmental phenomena and their importance in generating new, empirically verifiable predictions.

Peace Ethology Peter Verbeek 2018-05-08 A scholarly collection of timely essays on the behavioral science of peace With contributions from experts representing a wide variety of scholarly fields (behavioral and social sciences, philosophy, environmental science, anthropology and economics), Peace Ethology offers original essays on the most recent research and findings on the topic of the behavioral science of peace. This much-needed volume includes writings that examine four main areas of study: the proximate causation of peace, the developmental aspects of peace, the function and systems of peace and the evolution of peace. The popular belief persists that, by nature, humans are not pre-disposed to peace. However, archeological and paleontological evidence reveals that the vast majority of our time as a species has been spent in small hunter-gatherer bands that are basically peaceful and egalitarian in nature. The text also reveals that most of the earth's people are living in more peaceful societies than in centuries past. This hopeful compendium of essays: Contains writings from noted experts from a variety of academic studies Offers a social-psychological perspective on the causation of peaceful behavior Includes information on children's

peacekeeping and peacemaking Presents ideas for overcoming social tension between police and civilians Provides the most recent thinking on the behavioral science of peace Written for students and academics of the behavioral and social sciences, Peace Ethology offers scholarly essays on the development, nature, and current state of peace.

John Bowlby - From Psychoanalysis to Ethology

Frank C. P. van der Horst 2011-03-21 This accessible book draws on unique evidence from oral histories and little-known archive material to shed new light on the working relationships which led to John Bowlby's shift from psychoanalysis to ethology as a frame of reference - and ultimately to the development of attachment theory. A unique exploration of the origins of Bowlby's ideas and the critical transformation in his thinking - offers an alternative to standard accounts of the origin of attachment theory Explores the significance of Bowlby's influential working relationships with Robert Hinde, Harry Harlow, James Robertson and Mary Ainsworth Provides students, academics, and practitioners with clear insights into the development of attachment theory Accessible to general readers interested in psychology and psychoanalysis

Machiavellian Intelligence II Andrew Whiten 1997-09-25 Extends and evaluates the Machiavellian Intelligence Hypothesis for intelligence's social basis.

Theories of Human Development Neil J. Salkind 1985-01-18 Provides a clearly written, basic introduction to the different theoretical approaches to understanding human development, designed for the first-year student of human development. Features an overview and discussion of the maturational/biological, psychoanalytic, behavioral, and cognitive-developmental theories of human development, and includes applied examples of every theory and a set of seven questions used to compare and contrast theories presented throughout the book.

Social Behavior P. Bateson 2013-06-29 Sociobiology is the play of the season. Its success is measured by its immense popularity and perhaps by the controversy it has generated as well. Unfortunately, neither its popularity nor the resulting controversy seems likely to assure

progress toward understanding sociobiological issues. The play has too many actors and, it seems, the casting has been poor; the players are unable to maintain their roles. At center stage, of course, is E. O. Wilson and his monumental opus Sociobiology. 1 In the wings, and making periodic entrances, are an assortment of brilliant, committed, and aggressive adversaries. On cue, one of them steps out and decries the self-fulfilling nature of sociobiological prophecies. The arguments of the adversaries are varied. They warn that if all nonhuman primate societies tolerate aggression and man is also a primate, then aggression may come to be considered "normal" and therefore acceptable. Their dire warnings may also have real impact on policy, altering, for example, a research program intended to examine longitudinally the relation between a supernumerary chromosome and certain behavioral disorders. The rationale is that since the afflicted infants would have to be identified and the study obviously does assume that psychopathology is linked to the chromosome aberration, the attitudes of the child's parents could well contribute to abnormal behavior that might otherwise not appear.

Conceptual Breakthroughs in Ethology and Animal Behavior Michael D. Breed 2017-01-25 Conceptual Breakthroughs in Ethology and Animal Behavior highlights, through concise summaries, the most important discoveries and scientific revolutions in animal behavior. These are assessed for their relative impact on the field and their significance to the forward motion of the science of animal behavior. Eighty short essays capture the moment when a new concept emerged or a publication signaled a paradigm shift. How the new understanding came about is explained, and any continuing controversy or scientific conversation on the issue is highlighted. Behavior is a rich and varied field, drawing on genetics, evolution, physiology, and ecology to inform its principles, and this book embraces the wealth of knowledge that comes from the unification of these fields around the study of animals in motion. The chronological organization of the essays makes this an excellent overview of the history of animal behavior, ethology, and behavioral ecology. The work includes such topics as Darwin's role in

shaping the study of animal behavior, the logic of animal contests, cognition, empathy in animals, and animal personalities. Succinct accounts of new revelations about behavior through scientific investigation and scrutiny reveal the fascinating story of this field. Similar to Dr. John Avise's *Contemporary Breakthroughs in Evolutionary Genetics*, the work is structured into vignettes that describe the conceptual revolution and assess the impact of the conceptual change, with a score, which ranges from 1-10, providing an assessment of the impact of the new findings on contemporary science. Features a lively, brisk writing style and brief entries to enable easy, enjoyable access to this essential information. Includes topics that cover the range of behavioral biology from mechanism to behavioral ecology. Can also be used as supplemental material for an undergraduate animal behavior course, or as the foundational text for an upper level or graduate discussion course in advanced animal behavior.

Developmental Plasticity Eugene Gollin
2012-12-02 *Developmental Plasticity: Behavioral and Biological Aspects of Variations in Development* explores the behavioral and biological aspects of variations in development from a variety of theoretical viewpoints and research contexts. Topics covered include evolution and genetic variability; sensory bases of infant perception; and learning and ethology. The infancy of human learning processes is also discussed, along with epistemology and developmental psychology. Comprised of eight chapters, this book opens with a review of the broad evolutionary landscape and the specific genetic mechanisms implicated in biological and behavioral development. It then describes the sensory apparatus available to neonatal human beings and analyzes the similarities and differences between ethological theory and learning theory. Developmental plasticity is also examined in interdisciplinary contexts, while the acquisition of behavior patterns during early postnatal development is explored from a traditional learning theory point of view. The remaining chapters focus on the role played by asymmetry in general and by cerebral asymmetry in particular in the generation of individuality; cultural and biological instances of plasticity in development; and the barriers

separating epistemology from developmental psychology and psycholinguistics. This monograph will be a useful resource for developmental psychologists and other professionals devoted to child development and learning, as well as those in the fields of genetics and behavioral and biological sciences.

Human Ethology Irenaus Eibl-Eibesfeldt
2017-07-28 With the discovery of conditioned reflexes by I. P. Pavlov, the possibilities for experimenting, following the example set by the classical, exact sciences, were made available to the behavioral sciences. Many psychologists hoped that the component parts of behavior had also been found from which the entire, multifaceted cosmos of behavior could then be constructed. An experimentally oriented psychology subsequently developed including the influential school of behaviorism. This first text on human ethology presents itself as a unified work, even though not every area could be treated with equal depth. For example, a branch of ethology has developed in the past decade which places particular emphasis on ecology and population genetics. This field, known as sociobiology, has enriched discussion beyond the boundaries of behavioral biology through its stimulating, and often provocative, theses. After vigorous debates between behaviorists, anthropologists, and sociologists, we have entered a period of exchange of thoughts and a mutual approach, which in many instances has led to cooperative projects of researchers from different disciplines. This work offers a biological point of view for discussion and includes data from the author's cross-cultural work and research from the staff of his institute. It confirms, above all else, the astonishing unity of mankind and paints a basically positive picture of how we are moved by the same passions, jealousies, friendliness, and active curiosity. The need to understand ourselves has never been as great as it is today. An ideologically torn humanity struggles for its survival. Our species, does not know how it should compensate its workers, and it experiments with various economic systems, constitutions, and forms of government. It struggles for freedom and stumbles into newer conflicts. Population growth is apparently completely out of hand, and at the same time

many resources are being depleted. We must consider our existence rati

Ethology and Behavioral Ecology of

Odontocetes Bernd Würsig 2019-08-02 This book concentrates on the marine mammalian group of Odontocetes, the toothed whales, dolphins, and porpoises. In 23 chapters, a total of 40 authors describe general patterns of ethological concepts of odontocetes in their natural environments, with a strong bent towards behavioral ecology. Examples are given of particularly well-studied species and species groups for which enough data exist, especially from the past 15 years. The aim is to give a modern flavor of present knowledge of ethology and behavior of generally large-brained behaviorally flexible mammals that have evolved quite separately from social mammals on land. As well, the plight of populations and species due to humans is described in multiple chapters, with the goal that an understanding of behavior can help to solve or alleviate at least some human-made problems.

New Aspects of Human Ethology Klaus

Atzwanger 2007-11-23 Rough-and-tumble play provided one of the paradigmatic examples of the application of ethological methods, back in the 1970's. Since then, a modest number of researchers have developed our knowledge of this kind of activity, using a variety of methods, and addressing some quite fundamental questions about age changes, sex differences, nature and function of behaviour. In this chapter I will review work on this topic, mentioning particularly the interest in comparing results from different informants and different methods of investigation. Briefly, rough-and-tumble play (or R&T for short) refers to a cluster of behaviours whose core is rough but playful wrestling and tumbling on the ground; and whose general characteristic is that the behaviours seem to be agonistic but in a non-serious, playful context. The varieties of R&T, and the detailed differences between rough-and-tumble play and real fighting, will be discussed later. 2. A BRIEF HISTORY OF RESEARCH ON R&T In his pioneering work on human play, Groos (1901) described many kinds of rough-and-tumble play. However, R&T was virtually an ignored topic from then until the late 1960's. There was, of course, a flowering of

observational research on children in the 1920s and 1930s, especially in North America; but this research had a strong practical orientation, and lacked the cross-species perspective and evolutionary orientation present in Groos' work. The Biological Roots of Human Nature Timothy H. Goldsmith 1994-10-20 In this stimulating book, Goldsmith argues that biology has a great deal to say that should be of interest to social scientists, historians, philosophers, and humanists in general. He believes that anyone studying the social behavior of humans must take into consideration both proximate cause--the physiology, biochemistry, and social mechanisms of behavior--and ultimate cause--how the behavior came to exist in evolutionary time. Goldsmith, a neurobiologist, draws examples from neurobiology, psychology, and ethology (behavioral evolution). The result is a work that overcomes many of the misconceptions that have hindered the rich contributions the biological sciences have to offer concerning the evolution of human society, behavior, and sense of identity. Among the key topics addressed are the nature of biological explanation, the relationship between genes and behavior, those aspects of behavior most likely to respond to natural selection, the relationship between evolution and learning, and some probable modes of interaction between cultural and biological evolution. By re-examining the role of biological explanation in the domain of social development, the author has significantly advanced a more well-rounded view of human evolution and shed new light on the perennial question of what it means to be human. His book will appeal to biologists, social scientists, traditional humanists, and interested general readers.

The Development of Animal Behavior Johan

J. Bolhuis 1999-01-26 This book brings together for the first time, a collection of classic texts combined with a number of contemporary syntheses on the widely studied topic of behavioural development in animals. Human Ethology Irenaus Eibl-Eibesfeldt 2017-07-28 With the discovery of conditioned reflexes by I. P. Pavlov, the possibilities for experimenting, following the example set by the classical, exact sciences, were made available to the behavioral sciences. Many psychologists

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Perspectives in Ethology P.P.G Bateson
1989-01-31 Nine chapters on diverse topics that include: an analysis of whether sociobiology has killed ethology or revitalized it; aims, limitations, and the future of ethology and comparative ethology; the tyranny of anthropocentrism; psychoimmunology; gender differences in behavior; behavioral development.

The Genesis of Animal Play Gordon M. Burghardt 2005 A scientist examines the origins and evolutionary significance of play in humans

and animals.

Ethology and Human Development John Archer
1992 Evaluates the results of several decades of ethological work on developmental psychology. It looks at human development from the context of the natural world, thereby re-establishing the links, begun with Charles Darwin, between research on child development and animal behaviour.

Navajo Infancy James S. Chisholm 2017-07-05
Navajo Infancy describes the major sources of change and continuity in Navajo infant development. It does so by combining concepts and methods of classical ethology with those of social-cultural anthropology. The goal is to establish the relationships between human nature and culture. By considering the nature of adaptation, and the evolution of human developmental patterns, and through analyses of the determinants of change and continuity in Navajo infant development, Navajo Infancy outlines how the process of development itself may bridge nature and culture. With its special focus on the effect of the cradleboard on Navajo mother-infant interaction, Navajo Infancy raises important developmental issues in its analyses of why the effects of the cradleboard do not last. Incorporating the Brazelton Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale into its ethological-anthropological methods, Navajo Infancy demonstrates significant Navajo-Anglo-American differences in newborn temperament. It finds a strong correlation between newborn behavior and prenatal environmental factors, arguing that racial and ethnic differences in behavior at birth go well beyond simple gene pool differences. Navajo Infancy also describes the individual and group differences in the development of Navajo and Anglo-American children's fear of strangers and patterns of mother-infant interaction. Aspects of attachment theory, transactional theories of development, and anthropological theories of socialization are related to this broad new evolutionary approach to the process of development and nature-culture interaction.

Animal Nature and Human Nature W.H. Thorpe 2018-02-19 Our views on human nature are fundamental to the whole development, indeed the whole future, of human society. Originally published in 1974, Professor Thorpe

believed that this was one of the most important and significant topics to which a biologist can address himself, and in this book he attempts a synthetic view of the nature of man and animal based on the five disciplines of physiology, ethology, genetics, psychology and philosophy. In a masterly survey of the natural order he shows the animal world as part of, yet distinct from, the inanimate world. He then treats aspects of the animal world which approach the human world in behaviour and capabilities, examining simple organisms, communications in vertebrates and invertebrates, innate behaviour versus acquired behaviour, and animal perception. In the second part of the book he deals with those aspects of human nature for which there is no analogy and which constitute man's uniqueness - his consciousness of his past, his awareness of his future and his desire to understand the meaning of his existence. The primary facts which demonstrate the importance of this book arise from the ever-growing power of man over his environment and his apparent inability to foresee and cope with the dangers of uncontrolled population growth on the one hand and the wildly irrational waste and degradation of the natural resources of the world on the other. Professor Thorpe believes that an immense responsibility lies with literate men of good will, particularly scientists, to convince man that he is the spearhead and custodian of a stupendous evolutionary process. *Animal Nature and Human Nature* integrates scientific fact with sound theological thought in an attempt to fulfil, in a manner previously impossible Pascal's injunction that: 'It is dangerous to show man too clearly how much he resembles the beast without at the same time showing him his greatness. It is also dangerous to allow him too clear a vision of his greatness without his baseness. It is even more dangerous to leave him in ignorance of both. But it is very profitable to show him both.'

Growing Points Ethology P. P. G. Bateson 1976-10-07 First published in 1976, this volume is a collection of essays by some of the most prominent and active ethologists. It is organized into four sections: motivation and perception, function and evolution, development, and human social relationships. The first three sections reflect the four questions which are basic to

ethology: what were the immediate causes of a behaviour pattern; what is its biological function; how did it evolve; and how did it develop in the individual? The last section involves questions of all four types. The sections are introduced and linked by editorials and the book concludes with an important statement on asking the right questions. The essays are forward looking and identify areas of importance for the study of behaviour. The volume is a source of formative ideas for students, their teachers and research workers in a wide variety of disciplines in the biological psychological and social sciences.

Developmental Psychobiology George F. Michel 1995 This text is the first to provide a coherent theoretical treatment of the flourishing new field of developmental psychobiology which has arisen in recent years on the crest of exciting advances in evolutionary biology, developmental neuroscience, and dynamic systems theory. Michel and Moore, two of the field's key pioneers and researchers, integrate primary source information from research in both biological and psychological disciplines in a clear account of the frontier of biopsychological investigation and theorizing. Explicitly conceptual and historical, the first three chapters set the stage for a clear understanding of the field and its research, with particular attention to the nature-nurture question. The next three chapters each provide information about a basic subfield in biology (genetics, evolution, embryology) that is particularly relevant for developmental studies of behavior. These are followed by extended treatments of three spheres of inquiry (behavioral embryology, cognitive neuroscience, animal behavior) in terms of how a successful interdisciplinary approach to behavioral development might look. A final chapter comments on some of the unique aspects of development study. From this detailed and clearly organized text, students will achieve a firm grasp of some of science's most fertile questions about the relation between evolution and development, the relation between brain and cognitive development, the value of a natural history approach to animal behavior--and what it teaches us about humans--and much more. Each chapter contains material that questions the conventional wisdom held in many

subdisciplines of biology and psychology. Throughout, the text challenges students to think creatively as it thoroughly grounds them in the field's approach to such topics as behavioral-genetic analysis, the concept of innateness, molecular genetics and development, neuroembryology, behavioral embryology, maturation, cognition, and ethology. A Bradford Book

The Development of Numerical Competence

Sarah T. Boysen 2014-01-14 The area of animal counting has historically been the subject of a long and colorful debate, but only more recently have systematic, more rigorous experimental efforts to evaluate numerical abilities in animals been undertaken. This volume contains chapters from investigators in a range of disciplines with interests in comparative cognition. The studies described characterize the emergence of number-related abilities in rats, pigeons, chimpanzees, and humans, bringing together -- for the first time in one volume -- the rich diversity of cognitive capabilities demonstrated throughout many species. The data and theoretical perspectives shared will likely serve to provoke much thought and discussion among comparative psychologists and fuel new research and interest in the field of animal cognition.

The Foundations of Ethology K. Lorenz 2013-04-17 This book is a contribution to the history of ethology-not a definitive history, but the personal view of a major figure in that story. It is all the more welcome because such a grand theme as ethology calls for a range of perspectives. One reason is the overarching scope of the subject. Two great questions about life that constitute much of biology are "How does it work (structure and function)?" and "How did it get that way (evolution and ontogeny)?" Ethology addresses the antecedent of "it." Of what are we trying to explain the mechanism and development? Surely behavior, in all its wealth of detail, variation, causation, and control, is the main achievement of animal evolution, the essential consequence of animal structure and function, the *raison d'être* of all the rest. Ethology thus spans between and overlaps with the ever-widening circles of ecology over the eons and the ever-narrowing focus of physiology of the neurons. Another reason

why the history of ethology needs perspectives is the recency of its acceptance. For such an obviously major aspect of animal biology, it is curious how short a time-less than three decades-has seen the excitement of an active field and a substantial fraternity of workers, the addition of professors and courses to departments and curricula in biology (still far from universal), and the normal complement of special journals, symposia, and sessions at congresses.

Adaptive Origins Peter LaFrenière 2011-01-07

In this text, students are invited to rethink psychology by grounding it in the natural sciences with the understanding that evolutionary and developmental processes work together with culture to solve problems of human adaptation. These processes are cast as interdependent: Development cannot be understood except in the light of evolutionary theory, and the best proof of evolution is the fact of development. For students of evolutionary psychology, all the central topics -- such as evolved mental modules for theory of mind or language -- require an understanding of the developmental processes that lead to their expression. Genes, as important as they are, are never the whole story. The role of biological factors is explored in chapters outlining evolution, development, genetics, human origins, hormones and the brain. Then, the integrative value of this evolutionary/developmental vision in understanding key topics in psychology is illustrated by applying it to traditional area of inquiry including infancy and attachment, emotions and their expression, social relations with peers, cognitive and language development, sex differences, courtship and mating, violence and aggression, and cooperation and competition.

Perspectives in Ethology Nicholas S. Thompson

2013-06-29 The relations between behavior, evolution, and culture have been a subject of vigorous debate since the publication of Darwin's *The Descent of Man* (1871). The latest volume of *Perspectives in Ethology* brings anthropologists, ethologists, psychologists, and evolutionary theorists together to reexamine this important relation. With two exceptions (the essays by Brown and Eldredge), all of the present essays were originally presented at the

Fifth Biannual Symposium on the Science of Behavior held in Guadalajara, Mexico, in February 1998. The volume opens with the problem of the origins of culture, tackled from two different viewpoints by Richerson and Boyd, and Lancaster, Kaplan, Hill, and Hurtado, respectively. Richerson and Boyd analyze the possible relations between climatic change in the Pleistocene and the evolution of social learning, evaluating the boundary conditions under which social learning could increase fitness and contribute to culture. Lancaster, Kaplan, Hill, and Hurtado examine how a shift in the diet of the genus *Homo* toward difficult-to-acquire food could have determined (or coevolved with) unique features of the human life cycle. These two essays illustrate how techniques that range from computer modeling to comparative behavioral analysis, and that make use of a wide range of data, can be used for drawing inferences about past selection pressures. As culture evolves, it must somehow find its place within (and also affect) a complex hierarchy of behavioral and biological factors.

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Beyond The Dyad Michael Lewis 2013-11-22 How are we to understand the complex forces that shape human behavior? A variety of diverse perspectives, drawing on studies of human behavioral ontogeny, as well as humanity's evolutionary heritage, seem to provide the best likelihood of success. It is in an attempt to synthesize such potentially disparate approaches to human development into an integrated whole that we undertake this series on the genesis of behavior. In many respects, the incredible burgeoning of research in child development over the last decade or two seems like a

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