

Graduate Seminar on Perspective Taking

Spring 1989

Professor: Marjorie Taylor

Office hours: Mon 2:15 -3:45, Thurs 9:30 - 11:00

Meeting time & place: Straub 156 Wed. 1-3

Course Readings: These are available in a packet from Campus Copy.

Requirements: Students will take turns leading the discussion and will be required to write a research proposal (about 5 pages) that will be due the last day of class. In the proposal, students will describe a study they have designed that they believe would be an important contribution to the perspective-taking literature. Grading will be based on participation in class and the quality of the research idea described in the proposal. Students are encouraged to take this class pass/no pass rather than for a letter grade.

Course Outline

March 29 Organizational meeting

April 5 Overview of development in perspective taking

Shantz, C.U. (1983). Short section (pp. 508-518) from her Social Cognition chapter. In J. H. Flavell & E. M. Markman (Eds.) Cognitive development, Vol. II of P. Mussen (gen. Ed.) Handbook of child psychology. New York: John Wiley.

Higgins, E. T. (1981). Role taking and social judgment: Alternative developmental perspectives and processes. In J. H. Flavell & L. Ross (Eds.) Social cognitive development. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

April 12 Visual perspective taking

Flavell, J. H. (1977). The development of knowledge about visual perception. In H. E. Howe & C. B. Keasey (Eds.) Nebraska Symposium on Motivation Vol. 25. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

Masangkay, Z. S., McCluskey, K. A., McIntire, C. W., Sims-Knight, J., Vaughn, B. E., & Flavell, J. H. (1974). The early development of inferences about the visual percepts of others. Child Development, 45, 357-366.

Lempers, J. D., Flavell, E. R., & Flavell, J. H. (1977). The development in very young children of tacit knowledge concerning visual perception. Genetic Psychology Monographs, 95, 3-53.

Yaniv, I., & Shatz, M. (1988). Children's understanding of perceptibility. In J. Astington, P. L. Harris, & D. R. Olson (Eds.) Developing theories of mind. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

April 19    Conceptual perspective taking

Taylor, M. (1988). Conceptual perspective taking: Children's ability to distinguish what they know from what they see. Child Development, 59, 703-718.

Chandler, M. (1988). Doubt and developing theories of mind. In J. Astington, P. L. Harris, & D. R. Olson (Eds.) Developing theories of mind. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

April 26 - No class due to SRCD

May 3       False belief

Wimmer, H., & Perner, J. (1983). Beliefs about beliefs: Representation and constraining function of wrong beliefs in young children's understanding of deception. Cognition, 13, 103-128.

Chandler, M., Fritz, A. S., Hala, S. (in press). Small scale deceit: Deception as a marker of 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds' early theories of mind. Child Development.

Harris, P. L., & Gross, D. (1988). Children's understanding of real and apparent emotion. In J. Astington, P. L. Harris, & D. R. Olson (Eds.) Developing theories of mind. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

May 10    Affective perspective taking

Borke, H. (1971). Interpersonal perception of young children. Developmental Psychology, 5, 263-269.

Chandler, M. J., & Greenspan, S. (1972). Ersatz egocentrism: A reply to Borke. Developmental Psychology, 7, 104-106.

Borke, H. (1972). Chandler and Greenspan's "Ersatz egocentrism": A rejoinder. Developmental Psychology, 7, 107-109.

Hoffman, M. L. (1977). Empathy, its development and prosocial implications. In C. B. Keasey (Ed.) Nebraska symposium on motivation (Vol. 25), University of Nebraska Press.

May 17    Egocentrism in adolescents

Elkind, D. (1967). Egocentrism in adolescence. Child Development, 38, 1025-1034.

Elkind, D., & Bowen, R. (1979). Imaginary audience behavior in children and adolescents. Developmental Psychology, 15, 38-44.

Chandler, M. J. (1973). Egocentrism and antisocial behavior: The assessment and training of social perspective taking skills. Developmental Psychology, 9, 326-332.

May 24    Egocentrism in adults

Ross, M. & Sicoly, F. (1982). Egocentric biases in availability and attribution. In D. Kahneman, P. Slovic, & A. Tversky (Eds.) Judgment under uncertainty: Heuristics and biases. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Fischhoff, B. (1975). Hindsight  $\neq$  foresight: The effect of outcome knowledge on judgment under uncertainty. Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance, 1, 288-299.

Rothbart, M. & Hallmark, W. (1989). Ingroup-outgroup differences in the perceived efficacy of coercion and conciliation in resolving social conflict. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

May 31