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The Meaning and the Method of Life MIT Press

Feed your fascination with sharks! This complete resource enlightens readers on the biology, ecology, and behavior of sharks with approachable explanations and more than 250 stunning color illustrations. Studies of shark biology have flourished over the last several decades. An explosion of new research methods is leading to a fascinating era of oceanic discovery. *Shark Biology and Conservation* is an up-to-date, comprehensive overview of the diversity, evolution, ecology, behavior, physiology, anatomy, and conservation of sharks. Written in a style that is detailed but not intimidating by world-renowned shark specialists Dan Abel

and Dean Grubbs, it relays numerous stories and insights from their exciting experiences in the field. While explaining scientific concepts in terms that non-specialists and students can understand, Abel and Grubbs reveal secrets that will illuminate even the experts. The text provides readers with a robust and wide range of essential knowledge as it • introduces emerging as well as traditional techniques for classifying sharks, understanding their behavior, and unraveling the mysteries of their evolution; • draws on both established shark science and the latest breakthroughs in the field, from molecular approaches to tracking technologies; • highlights the often-neglected yet fascinating subject of shark physiology, including heart function, sensory biology, digestion, metabolic performance, and reproduction; • addresses big picture

ecological questions like "Which habitats do sharks prefer?" and "Where do sharks migrate and for what purpose?"; • describes the astonishing diversity of sharks' adaptations to their environment; • discusses which shark conservation techniques do and don't work; and • comments on the use and misuse of science in the study of sharks. Enhanced by hundreds of original color photographs and beautifully detailed line drawings, *Shark Biology and Conservation* will appeal to anyone who is spellbound by this wondrous, ecologically important, and threatened group, including marine biologists, wildlife educators, students, and shark enthusiasts. [Issues in Anatomy, Physiology, Metabolism, Morphology, and Human Biology: 2011 Edition](#) Scientific Publishers Many advances have been made in the last decade in the understanding of the

computational principles underlying olfactory system functioning. Neuromorphic Olfaction is a collaboration among European researchers who, through NEUROCHEM (Fp7-Grant Agreement Number 216916)—a challenging and innovative European-funded project—introduce novel computing paradigms and biomimetic artifacts for chemical sensing. The implications of these findings are relevant to a wide audience, including researchers in artificial olfaction, neuroscientists, physiologists, and scientists working with chemical sensors. Developing neuromorphic olfaction from conceptual points of view to practical applications, this cross-disciplinary book examines: The biological components of vertebrate and invertebrate chemical sensing systems The early coding pathways in the biological olfactory system, showing how nonspecific receptor populations may have significant advantages in encoding odor intensity as well as odor identity The redundancy and the massive convergence of the olfactory receptor neurons to the olfactory bulb A neuromorphic approach to artificial olfaction in robots Reactive and cognitive search strategies for olfactory robots The implementation of a computational model of the mammalian olfactory system The book's primary focus is on translating aspects of olfaction into computationally practical algorithms. These algorithms can help us understand the underlying behavior of the chemical senses in biological systems. They can also be translated into practical applications, such as robotic navigation and systems for uniquely detecting chemical species in a complex background.

Health and Behavior Oxford University Press, USA

Pain—it is the most common complaint presented to physicians. Yet pain is subjective—it cannot be measured directly and is difficult to validate. Evaluating claims based on pain poses major problems for the Social Security Administration (SSA) and other disability insurers. This volume covers the epidemiology and physiology of pain; psychosocial contributions to pain and illness behavior; promising ways of assessing and measuring chronic pain and dysfunction; clinical aspects of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation; and how the SSA's benefit structure and administrative procedures may affect pain complaints.

Animal Behavior Desk Reference Elsevier
Catching Ourselves in the Act uses situated robotics, ethology, and

developmental psychology to erect a new framework for explaining human behavior. Rejecting the cognitive science orthodoxy that formal task-descriptions and their implementation are fundamental to an explanation of mind, Horst Hendriks-Jansen argues for an alternative model based on the notion of interactive emergence. Situated activity and interactive emergence are concepts that derive from the new discipline of autonomous agent research. Hendriks-Jansen puts these notions on a firm philosophical basis and uses them to anchor a "genetic" or "historical" explanation of mental phenomena in species-typical activity patterns that have been selected by a cultural environment of artifacts, language, and intentional scaffolding by adults. Situated robotics, allied with techniques and principles from ethology, allows the testing of hypotheses framed in terms of natural kinds that can be grounded through the theory of natural selection. This approach negotiates the "nature versus nurture" dispute in a radically new way. *Catching Ourselves in the Act* provides a thorough overview of autonomous agent research in America and Europe, focusing in particular on work by such eminent researchers as Rodney Brooks, Pattie Maes, Maja Mataric, and Rolf Pfeifer. It reassesses the basic principles of artificial life and explores the repercussions of autonomous agent research for human psychology and the philosophy of mind, as well as its affinities with the "contextual revolution" in sociology and anthropology. A Bradford Book. *Complex Adaptive Systems*
Pain and Disability National Academies Press

Scientific Study from the year 2012 in the subject Biology - Human Biology, grade: 95, State University of New York at Stony Brook, course: Biology, language: English, abstract: The human heart is a major muscular organ located in the thoracic cavity between the lungs. Its major function is to pump blood throughout the body. A double-layered sac, Pericardium, which is the tough connective tissue protects and anchors the heart. There is fluid between the layer of the sac allow for lubrication of the heart's continual motions. The inner layer of the sac is the heart wall, which is mainly cardiac muscle. The human heart is made up of two chambers. The atriums receive blood from veins, and the ventricles pump blood into the arteries. For the blood to pass through the an atrium to a ventricle for example, the blood has to pass through a heart valve. Valves control the blood from moving backwards. The "lub-dub" sound

made by a beating heart derives from the closing of the atrioventricular (AV) valves, then the concurrent closing of the aortic and pulmonary valves (Starr, 2007). The human heart is also myogenic meaning the heart is independent of an outside stimulus from the nervous system. The sinoatrial (SA) node, pace maker, is responsible for sending electrical impulses through the heart making it contract and pump blood. The human heart is very much affected by the consumption of caffeine. Caffeine can be found in certain coffees, teas, sodas, and chocolates. By consuming caffeine one's heart rate to dramatically increase and also cause abnormal heart rhythms (Medline Plus: Caffeine, 2012).

BIOS Instant Notes in Psychology National Academies Press

Health and Behavior National Academies Press

Anatomy & Physiology CRC Press

Concepts of Biology is designed for the single-semester introduction to biology course for non-science majors, which for many students is their only college-level science course. As such, this course represents an important opportunity for students to develop the necessary knowledge, tools, and skills to make informed decisions as they continue with their lives. Rather than being mired down with facts and vocabulary, the typical non-science major student needs information presented in a way that is easy to read and understand. Even more importantly, the content should be meaningful. Students do much better when they understand why biology is relevant to their everyday lives. For these reasons, *Concepts of Biology* is grounded on an evolutionary basis and includes exciting features that highlight careers in the biological sciences and everyday applications of the concepts at hand. We also strive to show the interconnectedness of topics within this extremely broad discipline. In order to meet the needs of today's instructors and students, we maintain the overall organization and coverage found in most syllabi for this course. A strength of *Concepts of Biology* is that instructors can customize the book, adapting it to the approach that works best in their classroom. *Concepts of Biology* also includes an innovative art program that incorporates critical thinking and clicker questions to help students understand--and apply--key concepts. *The Nature of Living Things* CRC Press
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Problems of Life Research National Academies Press
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Concepts of Biology Elsevier

Intended for use by advanced undergraduate, graduate and medical students, this book presents a study of the unique biochemical and physiological properties of neurons, emphasizing the molecular mechanisms that generate and regulate their activity.

Neuromorphic Olfaction CRC Press

Health and Behavior reviews our improved understanding of the complex interplay among biological, psychological, and social influences and explores findings suggested by recent research-including interventions at multiple levels that we can employ to improve human health. The book covers three main areas: What do biological, behavioral, and social sciences contribute to our understanding of health—including cardiovascular, immune system and brain functioning, behaviors that influence health, the role of social networks and socioeconomic status, and more. What can we learn from applied research on interventions to improve the health of individuals, families, communities, organizations, and larger populations? How can we expeditiously translate research findings into application?

The Neuron GRIN Verlag

Pituitary Adenylate Cyclase-Activating Polypeptide is the first volume to be written on the neuropeptide PACAP. It

covers all domains of PACAP from molecular and cellular aspects to physiological activities and promises for new therapeutic strategies. Pituitary Adenylate Cyclase-Activating Polypeptide is the twentieth volume published in the Endocrine Updates book series under the Series Editorship of Shlomo Melmed, MD.

Neurobiology of Sensation and Reward Elsevier

Synthesizing coverage of sensation and reward into a comprehensive systems overview, *Neurobiology of Sensation and Reward* presents a cutting-edge and multidisciplinary approach to the interplay of sensory and reward processing in the brain. While over the past 70 years these areas have drifted apart, this book makes a case for reuniting sensation and reward by highlighting the important links and interface between the two. Emphasizing the role of reward in reinforcing behaviors, the book begins with an exploration of the history, ecology, and evolution of sensation and reward. Progressing through the five senses, contributors explore how the brain extracts information from sensory cues. The chapter authors examine how different animal species predict rewards, thereby integrating sensation and reward in learning, focusing on effects in anatomy, physiology, and behavior. Drawing on empirical research, contributors build on the themes of the book to present insights into the human sensory rewards of perfume, art, and music, setting the scene for further cross-disciplinary collaborations that bridge the neurobiological interface between sensation and reward.

Cell Physiology Source Book Butterworth-Heinemann

In this book, Esposito presents a historiography of organicist and holistic thought through an examination of the work of leading biologists from Britain and America. He shows how this work relates to earlier Romantic tradition and sets it within the wider context of the history and philosophy of the life sciences.

Molecular Biology of the Cell JHU Press

Ambiguity in Mind and Nature is the result of cognitive multistability, the phenomenon in which an unchanging stimulus, usually visual, gives rise in the subject to an oscillating perceptual interpretation. The vase/face picture is one of the most famous examples. In this book scientists from many disciplines including physics, biology, psychology, maths and computer science, present recent progress in this fascinating area of cognitive science. Using the phenomenon of multistability as a paradigm they seek to understand how meaning originates in the

brain as a consequence of cognitive processes. New advances are achieved by applying concepts such as self-organization, chaos theory and complex systems to the latest results of psychological and neurophysical experiments.

Origins of Mind CRC Press

Instant Notes in Psychology contains the fundamental topics that are essential to the student. Each topic begins with a Key Notes panel containing concise summaries of the key points covered, which are expanded in the main text of the topic. Although each topic stands alone, it is the nature of the psychology that topics are interrelated. To help the student see these interrelationships the text provides numerous cross-references between topics.

Psychology from the Standpoint of a Behaviorist Taylor & Francis

A Harvard psychologist explains how our once-helpful instincts get hijacked in our garish modern world. Our instincts—for food, sex, or territorial protection—evolved for life on the savannahs 10,000 years ago, not in today's world of densely populated cities, technological innovations, and pollution. We now have access to a glut of larger-than-life objects, from candy to pornography to atomic weapons—that gratify these gut instincts with often-dangerous results. Animal biologists coined the term “supernormal stimuli” to describe imitations that appeal to primitive instincts and exert a stronger pull than real things, such as soccer balls that geese prefer over eggs. Evolutionary psychologist Deirdre Barrett applies this concept to the alarming disconnect between human instinct and our created environment, demonstrating how supernormal stimuli are a major cause of today's most pressing problems, including obesity and war. However, Barrett does more than show how unfettered instincts fuel dangerous excesses. She also reminds us that by exercising self-control we can rein them in, potentially saving ourselves and civilization.

Bio-philosophy: Or, The Meaning of Comparative Physiology, Comparative Psychology, and Organic Evolution

Monarch Books

This authoritative book gathers together a broad range of ideas and topics that define the field. It provides clear, concise, and comprehensive coverage of all aspects of cellular physiology from fundamental concepts to more advanced topics. The Third Edition contains substantial new material. Most chapters have been thoroughly reworked. The book includes chapters on important topics such

as sensory transduction, the physiology of protozoa and bacteria, the regulation of cell division, and programmed cell death. Completely revised and updated - includes 8 new chapters on such topics as membrane structure, intracellular chloride regulation, transport, sensory receptors, pressure, and olfactory/taste receptors. Includes broad coverage of both animal and plant cells. Appendixes review basics of the propagation of action potentials, electricity, and cable properties. Authored by leading experts in the field. Clear, concise, comprehensive coverage of all aspects of cellular physiology from fundamental concepts to more advanced topics.

Foundations of Perceptual Theory Smyth Press

Recent studies have shown that cells not only respond to chemical signals such as growth factors or chemoattractants, but they are also capable of detecting mechanical stimuli and responding to them. The process during which these mechanical stimuli are detected and transferred to chemical signals, that cells can process, is called mechanotransduction. The mechanical stimuli that can affect cells can be either an external stimulus applied to cells, such as shear flow or cyclic compression and tension, or they can be linked to the mechanical properties of their substrates. One of the mechanical properties of a substrate that can affect cellular behavior is known to be stiffness, mostly measured by elastic modulus. Stiffness influences a wide variety of cellular behaviour such as cell shape, adhesion to substrate, proliferation, and differentiation. Anchorage dependent cells are in direct contact with their environment, which then leads to complicated interactions. These interactions can be both biological

and mechanical. In the current research, the mechanical interactions are often called the "mechanical responses" of cells. For anchorage-dependent migrating cells, mechanical responses can be the substrate deformations induced by the forces generated by cells also called cell traction forces. These mechanical responses can be studied in three levels of complexity. The first level is when cells are cultured on a 2D matrix and responses are also studied in 2D. The second level of complexity is when cells are cultured on a 2D matrix and the biological behaviour of cells, such as growth or migration, is studied in 2D, however, the mechanical responses of cells are studied in 3D, meaning that not only in plane deformation and forces are studied, but out of plane ones are also assessed. The third level of complexity is when cells are cultured inside a 3D matrix and both biological responses and mechanical responses are studied in 3D. In the current research, the second level of complexity is chosen. After testing different types of materials, polyacrylamide (PAAm) was chosen as the model biomaterial. Following mechanical characterization of PAAm samples, substrates were prepared with three different elastic moduli. Both biological responses and mechanical responses of human corneal epithelial cells (HCECs) were studied. For biological responses, cell viability, activation, adhesion molecules, apoptosis and migration behaviour were studied. For mechanical responses, confocal microscopy in junction with image processing technique, digital volume correlation (DVC), was used to measure cell induced deformations. It was found that elastic modulus, as a mechanical stimulus, affects not only biological behaviour of cells, but also their

mechanical behaviour. Decreasing elastic modulus led to significantly lower migration speed of HCECs, slightly higher number of apoptotic cells as well as significantly higher number of necrotic cells. Furthermore, while no significant changes in adhesion molecules occurred, dramatic changes in cytoskeleton structure was seen on cells cultured on compliant matrices. Also, the DVC code was capable of detecting both in plane and out of plane deformations from confocal images. It was found that substrate elastic modulus can change the pattern of displacements on compliant substrate compared to stiff ones. Results of the present study suggest that the deformation pattern and magnitude does not change over the body of cells and that they are rather similar in the leading edge and trailing edge. Deformation under the nucleus was also assessed and for compliant and stiff substrates were present while no deformation was found under the cells cultured on medium stiffness substrates. It was also speculated that mechanical interaction of HCECs with their substrates can be more complicated than currently known and cells seem to be able to exert moments on their substrate as well as forces. Results presented in this thesis demonstrate that HCECs are sensitive to substrate stiffness and elastic modulus can affect their behaviour. Furthermore, considering the complexity of HCECs mechanical interaction with their substrates, it is critical to study both biology and mechanics for full comprehension of cellular interaction with the ocular environment.

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