Biographical Information

Dr. Adolphs obtained his Ph.D. at Caltech in 1993. He subsequently conducted postdoctoral work with Antonio Damasio in patients with brain lesions, and has been on the faculty at Caltech since 2004. His work elucidates the neural underpinnings of social behavior and studies several clinical populations, including neurosurgical patients, individuals with rare brain lesions, and people with autism. In 2012, the National Institute of Mental Health awarded Adolphs and his team a $10 million, five year grant to establish the Caltech Conte Center for the Neurobiology of Social Decision Making, of which Adolphs now serves as director. His awards and honors include the Distinguished Investigator Award from the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (2013), the top-cited article prize from Current Opinion in Neurobiology (2010), the ASCIT Award for Excellence in Mentoring Research from Caltech (2007), a NARSAD Distinguished Investigator award (2005), a James S. McDonnell Foundation “21st Century Science” Award in Bridging Mind, Brain, and Behavior (2002), a Klingenstein Award in the Neurosciences (2000), and an EJLB Foundation Scholar Research Award (1996).

Presentation Abstract (4:30 presentation)
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