

Title: Raising Disability Awareness through the Teaching of Sensation & Perception
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Abstract

This session will provide ideas for teaching sensation & perception, as either a unit in an introductory psychology course or as a stand-alone course. We will emphasize connecting sensation & perception to diversity, equity and inclusion via sensory disabilities, e.g., deafness and blindness. The session will also feature sensation & perception demos, and assignments for cultivating broadly transferable liberal arts skills such as effective writing and effective speaking.

Bio

Nestor Matthews is Professor of Psychology at Denison University, director of the Denison University Neuroscience Program, and a councilor in the Psychology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). He has been teaching at Denison since 2001. Nestor's Sensation & Perception course emphasizes Power and Justice issues affecting people with sensory disabilities. His research addresses issues in human vision and audition, with a focus on how these sensory systems improve with training.