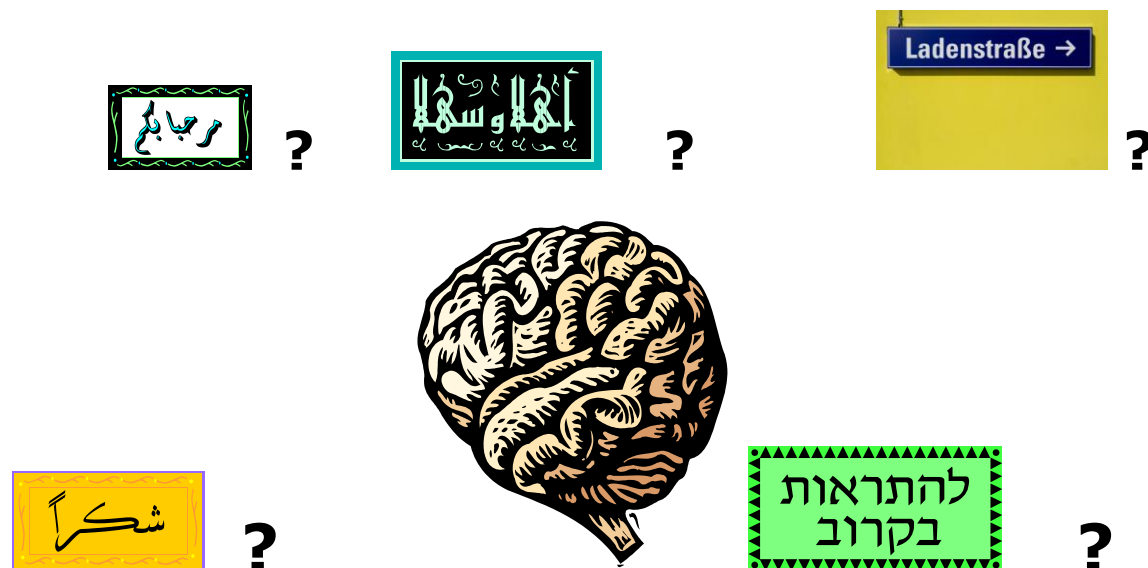


FL 6900 – ISSUES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACQUISITION – “Brain-based learning” [spring 2011]



Instructor: Dr. Shelley Thomas

Course Description:

Three (3) Graduate Credits: This course will concentrate on **how the brain puts information into long-term memory and what the implications are for second language acquisition.** Two techniques whose focus on movement and comprehensible input have been shown to positively impact long-term retention and fluency in second language acquisition will be featured: Total Physical Response and Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling. Students will learn about these two techniques through in-class films, discussions, assigned readings, and in-class training sessions. They will develop the skill to use them in the classroom and incorporate them in lesson planning.

Meetings: Monday evenings 4:30-7:30 in the Honors Bldg. Room 116

Grade Distribution

- 20% Summary of films
- 20% Summary of assigned readings
- 20% Participation in classroom discussions/training sessions
- 20% Project – lesson planning
- 20% Final exam