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Brain Science Speaker Series

Isabel Gauthier**Isabel Gauthier, Vanderbilt University**

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November 11, 2019 - 03:00 pm**Abstract:**

Dr. Isabel Gauthier is the David K. Wilson Chair of Psychology at Vanderbilt University. She is a leading researcher in how people learn to categorize, recognize and represent faces and objects. Much of her research focuses on what happens in the brain when people become experts in certain categories such as faces, cars, birds, musical notations, etc. Her work also suggests that most humans become “face experts” at an early age and that expertise may lead to the development of special face-specific processing modules in the brain.

Dr. Gauthier's research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the James S. McDonnell Foundation. She has received numerous awards and honors for her work, including being named the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Professor of the Year in 2015.

Speaker's Bio: