PRIMARY SOURCES/THEORIES THAT SUPPORT NARRATIVE COMPLEXITY

Here's a quick list of some (but not all) of *Narrative Complexity*'s brain-brethren (other key researchers & their work are noted within the essays):

- In terms of neuroscience, Nobel Prize-winner Gerald Edelman's (& Giulio Tononi's) theories —in particular their book, *A Universe of Consciousness; How Matter Becomes Imagination* (Basic Books, 2000)—provide the bulk of the evidence for the looping, interconnected brain systems required by *Narrative Complexity*.

- In addition, Berkeley anthropologist & neurobiologist Terrence Deacon's *The Symbolic Species* (Norton, 1999) & *Incomplete Nature: How Mind Emerged from Matter* (Norton, 2011) and Darthmouth neuroscientist Peter Ulric Tse's *The Neural Basis Of Free Will: Criterial Causation* (MIT Press, 2013) also present critical proof of the neural principles underpinning my theory.

- Cognitively speaking, the theories of philosopher & Tufts professor Daniel Dennett and Princeton psychologist Daniel Kahneman—in particular, his Nobel Prize-winning *Prospect Theory*—strongly support aspects of *Narrative Complexity*. (More specifically, *Prospect Theory* supports my theory's cognitive, narratively-based emotional mechanics.)

- Linguistically-cognitively, M.A.K. Halliday's & Christian M.I.M Matthiessen's work *Construing Experience Through Meaning: A Language-Based Approach to Cognition* (Continuum, 1999) supports my theory's view of syntax & language-based cognition.

- The model of consciousness that *Narrative Complexity* draws most-heavily upon is Edelman's & Tononi's *Dynamic Core Hypothesis*. Other models that share similar approaches include: *Information Integration Theory* (Tononi), *Multiple Drafts* (Dennett) & *Global Workplace* (Bernard Baars).

- In terms of the unconscious, our theory basically adopts the view presented by John Bargh & Ezequiel Morsella at Yale in their 2008 paper "The Unconscious Mind."

- And for those pure philosophy geeks: the theory label that best describes *Narrative Complexity*'s approach is *Dispositionalist Higher-Order Thought Theory*.

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