9/25: Facial expressions

1. What are some reasons for inconsistencies in judgments of posed facial expressions?
2. What is the evidence for universality of facial expressions?
3. Is there one area of the face that best reveals emotions?
4. What does research reveal about gestures as they relate to emotion?
5. What were the contributions of Feleky & Landis?
6. Ekman & Friesen (1971)
   a. They are often cited as saying that facial expressions are universal. What do they mean by this?
      i. To which emotions does this apply?
   b. Do they expect any variability in emotions across cultures?
   c. How have they studied universality?
      i. What was their criteria for subject selection in this study and why?
      ii. What was the task?
      iii. What were the major findings?
   d. Could their results just be due to learning? What do they say about this possibility?
   a. What do they think universality means? What 3 things must be demonstrated?
   b. What do the authors conclude about the evidence for each of the 3 things they think relevant to the universality issue?
   c. What specific criticism do they raise with the idea that observers in all societies attribute the same emotions to the same facial expressions?
   d. What is their view of minimal universality?
   a. Why is he doing these studies? What aspect of facial expression and emotion is he addressing?
   b. What did he do in experiment 1?
   c. What were the main findings of experiment 1 for cheek activity, brow activity, and self-reported happiness? (Note that there are a lot of analyses – don’t get too lost in detail, just know the gist.)
   d. Why did he do experiment 2?
      i. What did he find in experiment 2?
   e. What is his interactional account for facial expressions?