Individuals’ bodies and their abilities to act within their environments shape their perceptions of their surroundings, says psychological scientist Jessica Witt, Colorado State University. For example, hills appear steeper and distances appear farther to people who are overweight or tired. Witt discussed the psychophysics experiments she’s conducted to demonstrate this action-specific account of perception during one of four presentations in the Presidential Symposium titled Sense and Sensibility: How Our Bodies Do – and Don’t – Shape Our Minds. See the complete symposium, chaired by APS Immediate Past-President Susan Goldin-Meadow.

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