Washo Word Prosody

Linguistics Seminars

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Abstract

In this talk, I provide a detailed examination of the nature of stress assignment in Washo, a severely moribund language in an area around Lake Tahoe, California and Nevada in the United States. I will show that a proper understanding of stress assignment in Washo requires an understanding of the morphology, the prosodic organization, and the segmental composition of the word. I will argue that a deeper understanding of a language can often be achieved if the documentary linguist is also informed by the questions and tools of the theoreticians and experimentalists.

Speaker

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