Seminar in Phonology (615:525) Fall 2001

This course will examine current issues in Optimality Theory, especially as they relate to the syllable and prosodic morphology. The first part of the course will examine issues of syllable structure whereas the latter part will focus on the mora and the rest of the metrical hierarchy. Topics include sonority constraints on moraic structure, the status of glides, s-clusters, syllable contact, and the representation of geminate consonants. The examination of syllable issues leads naturally into prosodic morphology. The focus in Prosodic Morphology is on morphological processes that are delimited by phonological units such as the syllable, foot, or minimal word.

The languages to be examined include: English, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, Cantonese, Toba Batak, Barra Gaelic, Berber, Arrernte, Arabic, Georgian, Bella Coola, Polish, French, German, and the Bantu languages.
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Thursday 8:15-11:15
Linguistics 108
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Evaluation:
Article Presentations: 20%
Descriptive Paper (10 pages): 30%
Term Paper (15-20 pages with a one page abstract): 50%

Term papers due on Dec. 19 (Wed.)

Readings

Week 2:

Week 3:

Week 4:

Week 5:

Week 6:
Steriade, Donca. “Alternatives to syllable-based accounts of consonantal phonotactics.” Ms.

Week 7:

Week 9:

Week 10:
Ito, J. and A. Mester (forthcoming) “On the sources of opacity: coda processes in German.” The $\sigma$ in OT.

Week 11 & Week 13:
Davis, Stuart (forthcoming). “The controversy over geminates and syllable weight.” In *The syllable in Optimality Theory*.