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Confronting Language as An Object

I live and work on the Tutelo & Monacan peoples' homeland. The 1862 Morrill Act establishing VT removed those peoples from their ancestral lands. Additionally, enslaved Black people generated revenue and resources used to establish VT but were prohibited from attending until 1953.



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Positionality & Outline

- Development as a Researcher
- Brief overview of Scholar-Activism
- Language as an Object
- Large group discussion on balancing Radical Acceptance & Empirical Validity





First Days at UK

- Analysis approached with attentive and curious interest
 - Disarming one's fear of the so-called core
 - Linguistic Typology
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A Sense of Community

- Peer-to-Peer Relationships
 - Living people living their languages
 - Purpose in Process; Ochs
Transcription as Theory
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Perception is 9/10 of My Life

- Signal Processing & Articulation feed larger phenomena
 - Our field is new.
 - Don't hold back your ideas!
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Finding a Calling & a Mentor

- A body of text can stand in for a body of people
 - Resources can be created
 - Being thorough means being accessible and representative
 - [LINCD](#)
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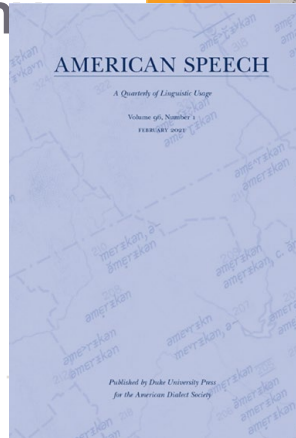
Brief overview of Scholar-Activism

- SWOLE → Machine Learning
- Expanding and Modernizing Purnell et al. (1999)
- Inclusion-focused Lexicography
 - [Among the New words](#)
 - [OED Varieties of English](#)
- Metalinguistic Method of

Sociolinguistic Interview

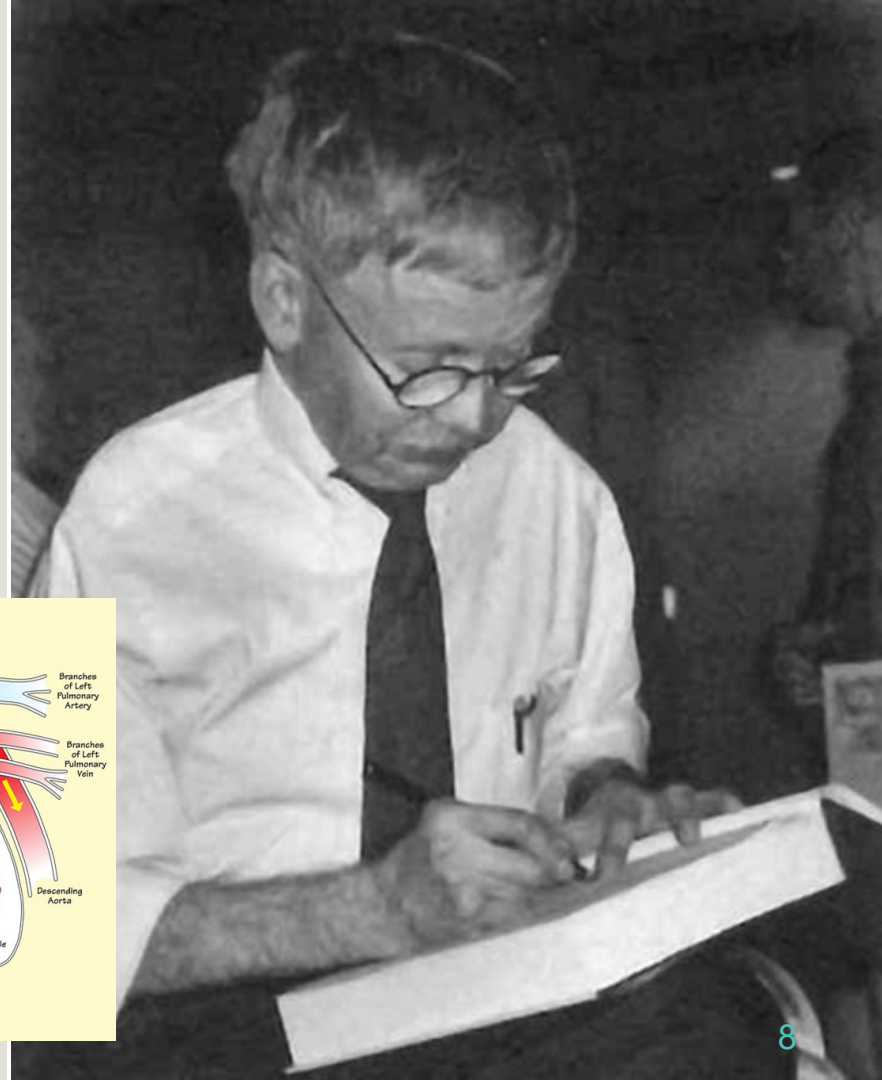
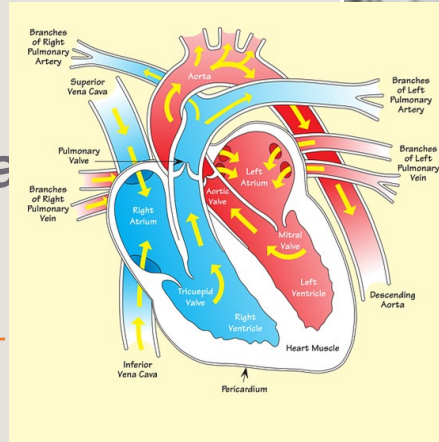


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Language as an Object

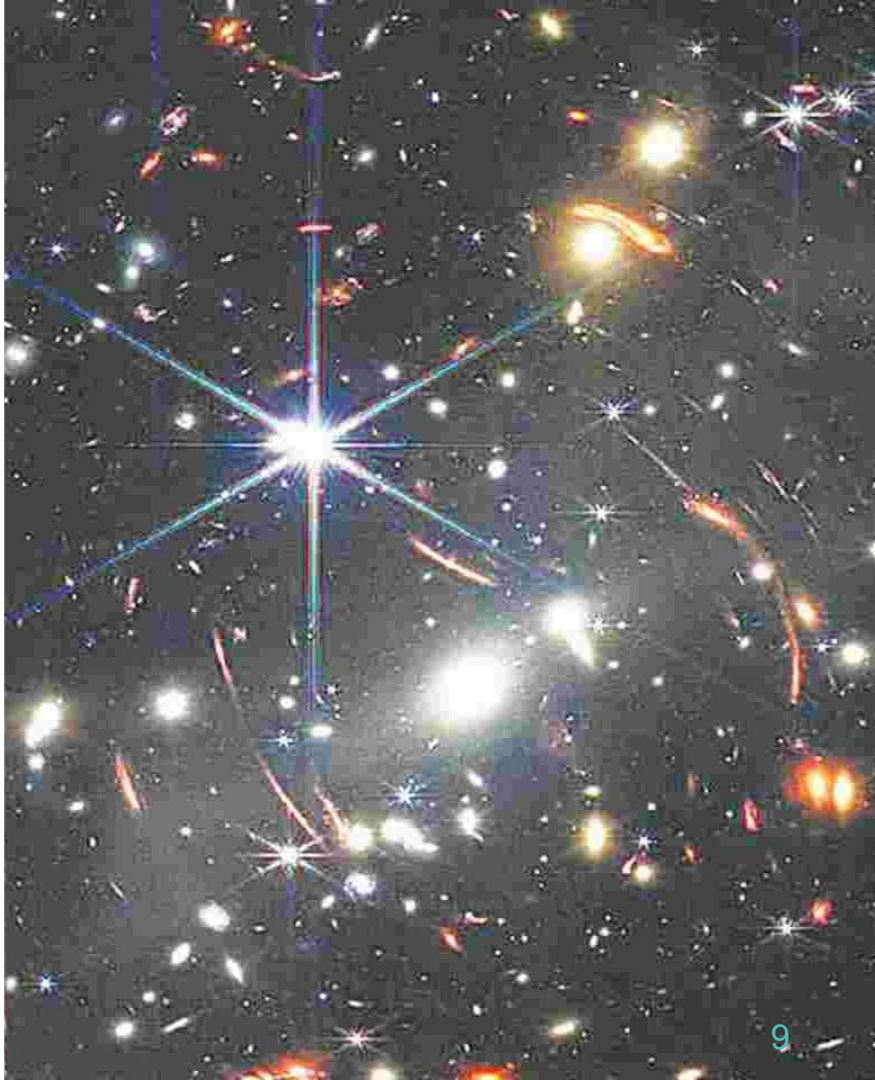
- Michael Montgomery
- Silverstein (1985) *Language and the Culture of Gender*
- Two dimensional representations of La





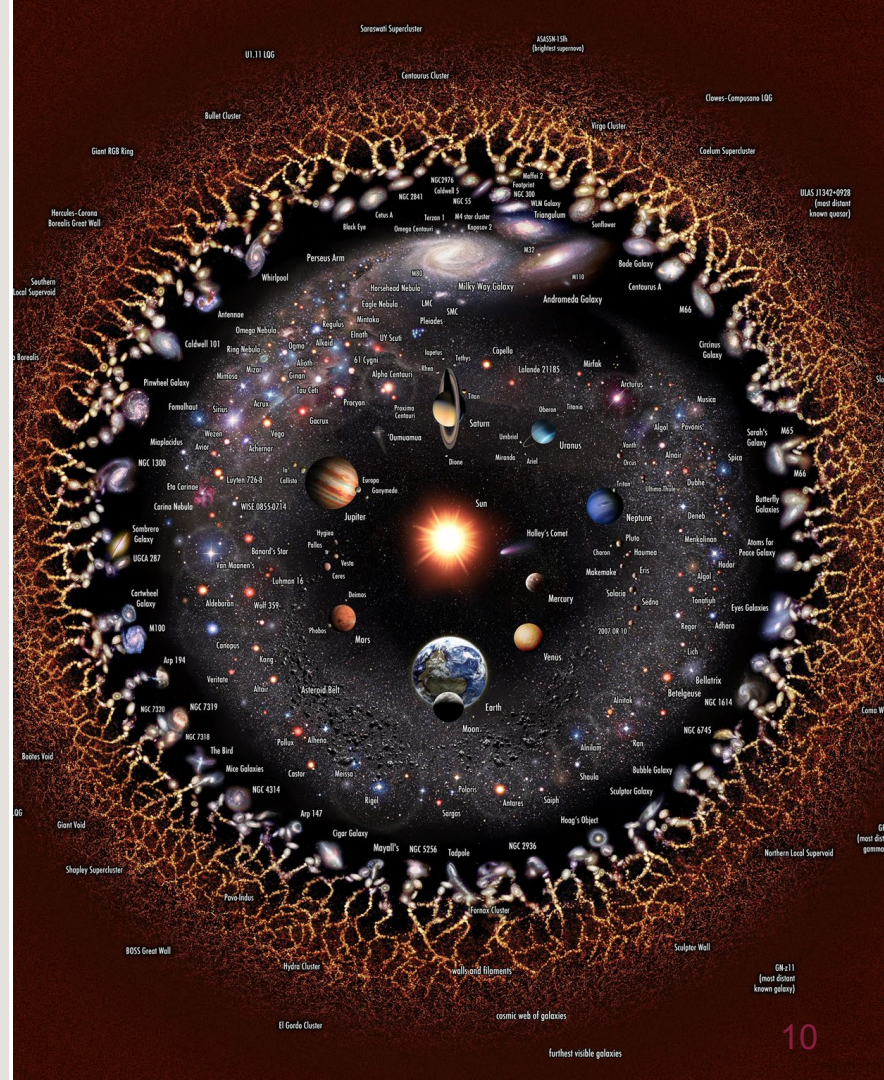
Language as an Object

- Versus three dimensional
- Language as *the materialization of thought*
- All forms of language obey physical laws and have extant & ongoing material histories
- independent of the user -----



Language *in medias res*

- One, good faith attempt
- Resetting the two dimensional scale
- Radical acceptance of user expertise
- Necessarily interdisciplinary





Large Group Discussion

- How does the material history/meaning of forms, bodies, contexts, & places influence linguistic inquiry?
- Is objectification merely a useful abstraction?
- Should Ling give up on seeking universals?





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