

Examining language knowledge through the multilingual repertoire

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Abstract

How does knowledge of multiple languages interact in users of two or more languages? In this talk, I will report on recent and ongoing work in my lab examining phonological and morpho-syntactic aspects of spoken language production through the lens of multilingualism. Drawing upon data from Asante Twi, English, German, and Spanish, the talk will address the dynamics of cross-linguistic influence among one's first or heritage language and one's second and/or third languages, as well as implications for theories of language acquisition and language typology.

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