Linguistics 611   Spring 2013

Squib+ assignment

  Due Wednesday May 8
  [[Max. 2 page 'proposal' due Thursday, April 25. This should lay out
     the key data, and briefly, but clearly, state what the issue is.
     Also include a bibliography of half a dozen or so entries.]]

In no more than 15 pages [1-1/2 or 2 spacing, 1 inch margins; page
numbering on] discuss some data or phenomenon (from English or any
other language) in terms of minimalist theoretical considerations
discussed or alluded to in class. I want to see something 'new',
rather than just a summary (no matter how brilliant) of something we
have discussed in class, or that you have read.

You might show how your phenomenon is easily accommodated by some rule
or principle you have seen. Or, on the other hand, you might show
exactly how your phenomenon creates problems for some proposal. In
the latter case, you may, if you like, propose some new rule, princi-
ple, etc. that solves the problem but this is not required. A
plausible direction for a solution, with some pros and cons, will
suffice.

Don't confuse this task with writing a thesis, or even a term paper.
But the problem must be clearly articulated, and difficulties with
potential solutions presented. Whatever you do, be explicit about the
paradigms of data, rules, constraints, derivations, etc. that are
involved. I strongly advise you to keep the topic small. Expanding on
your 610 squib is entirely appropriate.

Deadlines:

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