Crosslinguistic variation in morphosyntax
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Note: The order of events has changed -- now it will be verbal phenomena first, nominal (phi-feature) phenomena second -- and four readings below are new (in Lecture 5: Nevins on dual, Frampton on Impoverishment, and in Lectures 1 and 2: Harley on causatives and Travis on event structure) since the readings page was first put up. The Travis reading is still not downloadable, though the others are; I'll get the Travis one up there if I can!

Languages & language families we'll consider data from in this course:

Assorted (Harley & Ritter, Harley 2006), Zuni (Cowper), Ojibwe (McGinnis), Latin (Williams), Russian (Bobaljik), Germanic (Frampton), Geogian (Bejar), Japanese (Harley 2005), Malagasy (Travis), St'at'imcets (Davis & Demirdache), Persian (Folli, Harley, Karimi), Inuktitut (Johns), Cupeno (Barragan), Navajo (Hale), Athapaskan (Rice)

Course Requirement for Credit: One short paper (5 pages), either addressing an issue in morphosyntax raised by this course with data not considered here, or a summary and evaluation of a paper on morphosyntax not included in the reading list here.

Due date: Submission to me by email by midnight, Sept. 7th.

Schedule of Topics:

Part 1: The bipartite structure of verbs

Lecture 1: Tuesday, Aug. 15
Syntacticocentric morphology: DM overview

Bipartite verb structure: Little v cross-linguistically

Lecture 2: Thursday, Aug. 17

Lecture 3: Saturday, Aug. 19

More bipartite verb structure cross-linguistically


Lecture 4: Tuesday, Aug. 22

Bipartite verb structure with strange orderings

Luis M. Barragan. 2003 Movement and Allomorphy in the Cupeno Verb Construction. MITELF 5.


Part II: Numeration Variation: Phi-features

Lecture 5: Thursday, Aug. 24

Feature geometries: Organization of phi-features in pronominal bundles


What's more marked than what?


Lecture 6: Saturday, Aug. 26

What's more marked than what?


Lecture 5: Tuesday, Aug. 29

The significance of syncretism and the importance of impoverishment

Williams, Edwin. 1994. Remarks on lexical knowledge, Lingua 92, pp. 7-34.


Nevins, A. 2006. "Dual is still more marked than plural."

**Lecture 7: Thursday, Aug. 31**

More on the significance of syncretism…


… and the syntax of markedness