Linguistics 421/521, Morphology, F13
Lorch 403, TuTh 10-11:30

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office hour Tu 1-2, We 11:30-12:30, or catch me after class

textbook: Booij, Construction Morphology (other readings on CTools or online)

9/3 Tu organization

9/5 Th who needs morphology anyway?
   Gil, "How much grammar does it take to sail a boat?" (15 pp.)
   McWhorter, "The world’s simplest grammars are creole grammars" (40 pp.)
   Trudgill, "Sociolinguistic typology and complexification" (12 pp.)
   language focus: creoles, East Asian languages

9/10 Tu beyond one form, one meaning
   Booij, 1-24
   internal versus external motivation of word-internal phonological processes
types of morphemes

9/12 Th construction morphology versus rule-based morphology
   morphology and word networks
   Booij, 25-50

first homework due Monday

9/17 Tu head versus dependent marking
   Nichols, "Head-marking and dependent-marking grammar"
   affix layering
   head- versus dependent-marking languages

9/19 Th schemas and subschemas
   constructional hierarchies
   Booij, 51-93

9/24 Tu ablaut
   Shimron (ed), Language processing and acquisition.. (selections)
   root and pattern or word-to-word mapping
   templates or ablaut elements
   language focus: Semitic

9/26 Th tone overlays
   word- and phrase-level overlays versus tone-spreading
   language focus: Dogon, Bangime

10/1 Tu morphology of case-marking
   interactions with other categories (e.g. definiteness, animacy, aspect)
   bidirectional case-marking
   language focus: Dyirbal; Mara; Kayardild; Choctaw; Songhay
10/3 Th dependencies
  NEG and mood/aspect
  realis/irrealis in the scope of negation
  realis negative versus irrealis negative
  adpositions and NPs
  word-internal dependencies

10/8 Tu agreement
  concord within multi-word NP
  decorative or functional?
  subject agreement on verb (or clitic cluster)
  language focus: Dogon

10/10 Th rich agreement
  direct-inverse systems
  pragmatic skewing of 1<-->2 combos
  language focus: Ngandi, Nunggubuyu, Basque

[10/15 Tu study break]

10/17 Th Tagalog nominal and verbal morphology
  Schachter, Tagalog (excerpts)
  argument indexation and definiteness
  main versus subordinated clauses

10/22 Tu Algonquian nominal and verbal morphology
  Bloomfield, "Algonquian" (excerpts)
  proximate/obviative and direct/inverse
  multiple computations over the same conceptual material

10/24 Th Tamashkek (Berber) nominal and verbal morphology
  vowel-height melodies and other ablaut features
  addition and subtraction of ablaut elements

10/29 Tu compounds, phrasal verbs
  Booij 94-145
  language focus: English, Dogon

10/31 Th Halloween special: possession
  possession as compounding
  types of possession
  language focus: Arabic, Luiseño

11/5 Tu serial verbs
  clause sequences versus verb-verb compounding
  switch-reference systems
  language focus: African and North American languages

11/7 Th numeral phrases
  Booij 193-210
  complex numerals
  numeral + noun
  language focus: Arabic, Russian
11/12 Tu cliticization
   Anderson, *Aspects of the theory of clitics* (excerpts)
   phonological clitics
   special (floating, Wackernagel's) clitics
   language focus: Kwa'kwala, Slavic, Tamashek

11/14 Th vestigial morphemes
   floating tones
   umlaut
   initial consonant alternations
   language focus: African tone languages; Germanic; Celtic; Fulfulde
   reading: Lass, "How to do things with junk"

11/19 Tu morphological evolution
   Heath, "Hermit crabs"
   grammaticalization theory versus formal renewal

11/21 Th diminutive/augmentative
   Hinton, Nichols, & Ohala (eds.), *Sound symbolism* (selections)
   vocalic and consonantal sound symbolism
   language focus: western N America; Moroccan Arabic

11/26 Tu reduplication and iteration
   Inkeles & Zoll, *Reduplication* (excerpts)
   base versus reduplicant
   syllabification issues
   intervening elements
   language focus: multiple

11/28 Th Thanksgiving

12/3 Tu sociolinguistic registers
   morphology of speech levels
   allocutives and ethical datives
   language focus: Japanese, Basque

12/5 Th other formal morphological theories
   distributed morphology
   amorphous morphology (Anderson)
   scope-controlled ordering (Rice)

12/10 Tu student presentations

12/16 term paper due

grades term paper 40%
   homeworks/short papers 40%
   participation 20%