ECOLOGY & LANGUAGE

A conference exploring the interface between ecological and linguistic lines of evidence
(The 9th Annual Martin Luther King Day Symposium (MLK 9)):

Friday 13 January – Saturday 14 January 2012, The Ohio State University

Sponsored by The Ohio State University’s Department of Linguistics and the School of Environment and Natural Resources

** = Invited Speaker

Friday January 13 (Room 60, Jennings Hall, 1735 Neil Avenue)

3:30 – 3:45: Welcome and Introduction to Symposium theme (Brian Joseph, OSU)

**3:45 – 5:00: “Ecology in Language Phylogeny, History, and Vitality”, by Salikoko Mufwene (University of Chicago)

Reception

Saturday January 14 (Room 333, Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Road)

9:00 – 9:30: “Chernobyl in Language and Minds of Ukrainians”, by Andriy Levytsky (University of Kyiv & Bowling Green State University)

**9:30 – 10:30: “Language Ecologies and the Environment in the Arctic”, by Lenore Grenoble (University of Chicago)

Break

11:00 – 12:00: OSU Eco-Culturally/Eco-Linguistically Inspired Projects

• “The Herodotos Project: Identifying and Mapping the Languages and Peoples of the Ancient World”, by Christopher Brown, Julia Papke, & Brian Joseph (OSU)

• “Survey Archaeology and Ecology: Case studies on the Greek Island of Kythera”, by Timothy Gregory & Lita Tzortzopoulou-Gregory (OSU)

• “The Ecology of the Greek Language in South Albania”, by Christopher Brown & Brian Joseph (OSU)
Lunch

**1:00 – 2:00:** “Mapping and the Ecology of Language—the LLMAP Project”, by Anthony Aristar (Institute for Language and Information Technology & Eastern Michigan University)

Break

2:15 – 2:45: “Reciprocal linkages between ecology and language: evidence from watershed ecosystems of Lithuania”, by Mazeika Sullivan (SENR, OSU) & Brian Joseph (OSU)

**2:45 – 3:45:** “Patterns of extinction from biological systems”, by John Wenzel (Carnegie Natural History Museum)

Break

4:00 – 5:00: The Ecology of Literacy in Africa – Case studies presented by former literacy workers

• “Benin”, by Deborah Morton (OSU)
• “Senegal”, by Jane Mitsch (OSU)
• “Namibia”, by Amanda Miller (OSU)

• Discussant: Leslie Moore (Teaching & Learning, OSU)

5:00 – 5:30: General Discussion and Symposium Wrap-Up