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Uncovering Roadblocks to Revitalization

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12:00pm - 1:00pm
Rose Room, NMNH

Language vitality surveys are generally undervalued in the endangered language communities and as linguistic anthropology methodology, yet vitality surveys can be important tools in revitalization. Through examples from Muscogee Creek, Chickasaw, and Pawnee language vitality surveys, among others, we will explore how language attitude questions can capture specific in-group attitudes and social practices that must be addressed in language revitalization. These questions give surprisingly tangible directions for language workers, and comparing these data from the growing number of vitality surveys, they are helping to shape a more integrated approach to language attitudes.

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