

Short Pieces on Language in Current Issues – August 2017

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COLUMNISTS TO FOLLOW

Adam Hodges

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Deborah Cameron

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Gretchen McCulloch

<https://gretchenmcculloch.com/>

Ben Zimmer

<https://www.wsj.com/news/author/8050>

SOUNDS

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WORDS

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Jonathan Rosa on drop the i-word

<http://linguisticanthropology.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Jonathan-Rosa-Contesting-Representations-of-Immigration.pdf>

Piece on the history of terms to refer to undocumented immigrants

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Comey hearings: what does “hope” mean?

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<https://jenabl.wordpress.com/2017/06/12/on-hope-and-indirection/>

POWER

Pieces by the Language and Social Justice Committee (i-word, mascots, census, word gap)

<http://linguisticanthropology.org/socialjustice/initiatives/>

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Shulist et al. The Power of the Dictionary

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STYLE/VARIETY

Rickford on Rachel Jeantel

<http://languagelog ldc.upenn.edu/nll/?p=5161>

“Standard American English”

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Mallinson & Hudley on variation in educational settings and social justice

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INDEXICALITY

<https://theconversation.com/ted-cruzs-linguistic-chutzpah-54621>

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/09/02/why-elites-lose-at-trumps-language-game/>

GENRE/PRACTICE

Trump’s sexist banter

<https://debuk.wordpress.com/2016/10/09/on-banter-bonding-and-donald-trump/>

Adam Hodges on Trump's twitter insult formula

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/AN.308/epdf>

Politeness

<https://qz.com/1012364/how-to-be-polite-is-not-as-simple-as-it-seems-according-to-linguistics/>

LANGUAGE IDEOLOGIES

Adam Hodges on language ideologies and myth of apolitical judge

<http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2017/05/01/the-myth-of-the-apolitical-judge/>

DISCOURSES

<http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2017/05/08/producing-a-crisis-at-the-border/>

GENDER/SEXUALITY

<https://schwafire.atavist.com/secret-linguistic-life-girls>

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<https://www.sapiens.org/column/wanderers/outer-space-and-gendered-language/>

RACE/ETHNICITY

Adam Hodges on meaning of racism and white privilege

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on different terms for white vs. black shooters:

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CONTACT AND BORROWING

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ACQUISITION/SOCIALIZATION

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“language gap” materials

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COGNITION

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LITERACY/NEW MEDIA

<https://qz.com/936917/donald-trumps-wiretap-allegations-are-false-according-to-fbi-chief-james-comey-and-so-are-his-use-of-quotation-marks/>

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MULTILINGUALISM

Jane Hill on Spanish-English bilingualism in the Southwest

<http://ediblebajaarizona.com/linguist-walks-mexican-restaurant>