

AGSA Talks!

Language Revitalization

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“Unsettled Stories: Language Revitalization in Places that Insist on Speaking”

This paper draws on my experience conducting an ethnographic research project at the University of Utah’s Shoshone/Goshute Youth Language Apprentice Program and considers the historical and symbolic significance of landscapes and locations where this revitalization effort is carried out. As material reminders of troubled past continue to resurface in the everyday, I examine how different actors articulate stories, memories and understandings of history of the traditional Shoshone territory. Two localities are central to this paper: the Bear River Massacre site in southeastern Idaho, and the historic Fort Douglas military complex on the University of Utah campus.

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“The Authority of Orthography: Or How to Choose a Script”

I will reflect on aspects of a longstanding collaborative research partnership with members of the Thangmi-speaking community in Nepal and India. Thangmi lexicographers and community linguists are working hard to both protect and revitalize their language, and in the process are confronting complex questions about orthographic choice, alphabetical order and the textual standardization of previously oral traditions.

**Room 134
ANSO Building**

**Wednesday
November 5, 2014**

**12:00pm –
1:30pm**

Coffee, tea, and lunch will be provided or you can bring your own.

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