



Western Institute for Endangered Language Documentation *www.wieldoc.org*

THE 12/12/2020 TWELVE-TWEET TWITTER WORKSHOP ON FRAGMENTED LANGUAGES

WIELD is pleased to announce its **FIRST ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON FRAGMENTED LANGUAGES**, which will be held via Twitter on **Saturday, December 12, 2020** between 10:00am and 4:00pm (Pacific Standard Time). A total of 20 presentations will be accepted for this workshop. Each presenter will be given a 20-minute time slot during which attendees may ask questions. Tweets will remain up afterward, and presenters may answer additional questions after the conclusion of the workshop (if they so desire). Up to 12 presenters will be selected for inclusion in a possible publication based on the conference.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Proposals must include a title and should succinctly explain the purpose of the presentation and how it relates to the documentation of fragmented languages. Include a name and contact information in the body of the email, but keep the abstract anonymous. Email a 400-word abstract as a pdf attachment (and/or any questions) to neil.alexander.walker@gmail.com by **November 30, 2020**.

HOW TO FORMAT THE PRESENTATION

Final Twitter presentations must be no more or less than 12 tweets in length. The text in each tweet should be accompanied by an image (whether a slide with examples or other). All data should be given in Americanist transcription (this can be done in addition to an official orthography); however, close transcriptions may use the IPA. (For more information, see http://wieldoc.org/?page_id=344)

WHAT ARE “FRAGMENTED LANGUAGES”?

WIELD’s vision statement is “to support high-quality descriptions of fragmented languages.” Our organization was founded in 2013 by four linguists who had worked for years on Native California languages with few or no living speakers and often incomplete records of the languages as used in vibrant speech communities. Often, the data for such languages seemed fragmented in the sense of being not just incomplete but also scattered across various archives, different media, and the minds of elderly rememberers. WIELD’s founders felt that these languages were not properly covered under the terms “endangered” (many are past that point), “dormant” (some cannot be brought back in any form as almost no data exist), or “extinct” (many are being revitalized by heritage speakers). Thus the term “fragmented language” was coined. Read more about WIELD’s fragmented language scale at this link: http://wieldoc.org/?page_id=387.

The entire scale (with examples) can be accessed at this link:

http://wieldoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Fragmented_Languages_Scale_WIELD-1.pdf

Read more about the workshop here: http://wieldoc.org/?page_id=761