

## Writing Assignment #1: Ling 301

In anticipation of the Variation Project, and our upcoming class discussions on variation, in this assignment, you will be doing some reading about language and variation.

Choose one of the following two papers:

1. *American English: Dialects and Variation*. Wolfram and Schilling-Estes, 1998.
2. *English with an Accent: language, ideology and discrimination in the United States*. Rosina Lippi-Green, 1997.

The papers will be available by midnight tonight at

<http://www.ling.ohio-state.edu/~papke/301.html>

Read the paper of your choice and write a critical response, no more than a page and a half long. This should not simply be a summary of the paper, and should be written in clear and legible English.