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Propositions

- 1) Akan focused *wh*-questions undergo syntactic derivation. (Chapters 2 & 3)
- 2) The presence of the resumptive pronoun worsens comprehension of *wh*-questions but not of focused declaratives in agrammatic speakers of Akan. (Chapter 2)
- 3) Agrammatic speakers of Akan have problems producing sentences with derived word-order whilst production of resumptive pronoun and clause determiner is spared. (Chapter 3)
- 4) Agrammatic speakers of Akan are sensitive to lexical tone differences. (Chapters 2 & 3)
- 5) Native speakers of Akan are sensitive to the tonal difference between the resumptive pronoun and the clause determiner. (Chapter 4)
- 6) The LAN and the P600 inform us of how tone-triggered animacy and word-order violations in Akan pronominal resumption are processed. (Chapter 4)
- 7) Wisdom is like a baobab tree, no one individual can embrace it. (Ewe proverb)
- 8) Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance. (Will Durant)
- 9) Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose. (Zora Neale Hurston)