Macmillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant

RESEARCH SCHEDULE — PROPOSED

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EXPLORING AUSTRALIAN KRIOL

JUN/10-15: Transit to Ngukurr

NYC > Sydney (flight)

Sydney > Darwin (3h flight)

Darwin > Katherine (4h bus service)

Katherine > Ngukurr (5½h coach/boat service runs Mon/Thu)

JUN/15-16: Community, language centre orientation, meeting speakers

JUN/17-JUL/2: Conversational and semi-structured stimulus based work (i.e. picture book-

type elicitation with consultants.)

This work will be conducted with consultants across different demographics –

particularly interested in variation conditioned by age.

Annotation and analysis.

JUL/3-19: Involved questionnaires

(acceptability/preference judgments and intuitions) relating to particular components of Kriol grammar (particularly around current research questions: transitivity, modality etc.)

The 'simulated time' effect is particularly crucial here: multiple consultants of varying ages allow for inference of intergenerational language variation and change.

Annotation and analysis.

JUL/19-21: Further data collection in Minyerri (neighbouring community): semi-structured

stimulus and questionnaire based work.

JUL/22-24: Final days of elicitation: questions and judgments arising from phenomena

emerging from analytic work.

Presentation to community members

JUL/25-30: Return