Squib #2 guidelines

A. Content

(1) The papers are to be empirically based: cite and analyze your own data.

(2) The data you analyze should be from a language you have not treated in previous papers for this course or 410/510.

(3) “Your own data”. The data must be probabilistic in nature: from a corpus or dictionary. (If you can find electronic resources for a language, that is simplest, but you can also create your own resources by sampling and encoding print materials.)

(4) You need to provide an analysis of those data using stochastic OT, Maxent, and/or H(S)G

(5) There needs to be a theoretical point; you need to make clear how your analysis challenges current theoretical assumptions. Ideally, you should propose some explicit change in the theory to accommodate your analysis.

(6) The most important thing about the papers is that they be clear. Do not write them thinking of me as the audience; write them for your classmates.

B. Form

(7) They can be no more than six double-spaced pages. Please regard this as the actual page limit!

(8) Type them.

(9) Turn them in on time: May 8 at noon.