Squib #2 guidelines

A. Content

(1) Unless we’ve agreed otherwise, the papers are to be empirically based: cite and analyze your own data. Your paper topic must be cleared with me in advance.

(2) “Your own data”. This should come from a text corpus that you find. The corpus should have at least 10,000 words, ideally more.

(3) The paper needs to establish an empirical generalization that challenges one of the quantitative phonological theories we have looked at: input optimization, stochastic OT, maxent.

(4) You need to propose an explicit analysis of your data in at least one of these frameworks.

(5) 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

(6) They can be no more than six double-spaced pages. (This includes everything, text, references, examples.)

(7) Type them.

(8) Turn them in on time.

(9) Don’t be afraid to come talk to me about what you’re doing.