Saying Goodbye in the Field

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1. Introduction

Getting started in the field is a frequently addressed topic in the literature. However, no matter when or how someone has begun their departure, it is a momentous and significant event. Getting started is a path to a life-long relationship with the language’s endangerment. What’s at stake for the community you work with when you say goodbye in the field?

2. Giving back to the community is good, but we must also know how to receive

In line with the understanding that community members are the ultimate custodians of their culture and language, linguists have long advised getting resettled gifts and a language’s language. They have argued that, by doing so, they ensure that the language and the culture will continue to be passed on to future generations. However, this has been criticized as a form of cultural appropriation, as it undermines the autonomy of the community.

3. Good exchange relations make public relations

People gathered in the village meeting house for farewell speeches. In the keynotes speech given by Bernard Naroiko, a founding father of the nation, former speaker of parliament, and respected village leader, the central theme was the work’s reflection on the worthiness of the community.

4. Our focus may be on the language, but theirs is on their community

The donation of a book, a dictionary, or a similar item may be seen as a way to help the community and its language. However, this may also be seen as a way to gain access to the community and its language. This is a complex issue, and it is important to consider the implications of giving and receiving.

5. Harnessing the power of traditional motivations to help reinvent the vernacular

Saying goodbye in the field is a complex and multi-faceted process. It is not just about saying goodbye to the community, but also about saying goodbye to the language and the culture. This is a time of transition, and it is important to respect the cultural protocols and norms.

6. What this means for linguistic fieldwork

In closing, it is important to recognize the power of language and the role it plays in our everyday lives. It is also important to recognize the power of the community and its culture. By understanding the complexities of language and culture, we can better support the growth and development of the community and its language.

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