

“Asymmetries in Phonological Acquisition”

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In this presentation I illustrate how acquisition data provide insight into the structure and organization of adult systems. Drawing from asymmetries in phonological acquisition of both English and Spanish, I describe descriptive and experimental research on consonant clusters and allophonic and morphophonemic alternations. I show how these studies lend support for alternative assumptions about the representation of certain structures in the adult systems of English and Spanish.