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**OVERMARKING IN INFLECTIONAL  
MORPHOLOGY: THE VIEW FROM LANGUAGE  
CONTACT AND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

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In this talk, I will discuss two instances of overmarking in inflectional morphology: double plural and double tense marking. Such instances occur in language contact and language acquisition and typically involve regular markings co-occurring with irregular ones, e.g., *feets* or *ated*. While in the literature such forms are treated as errors, I will point out that double marking can in fact be found in a variety of languages as well as several vernaculars, and thus is very telling about what we take the units of word formation to be and how stems and functional morphemes combine to build words.

Two issues will be addressed: i) are instances of overmarking in the two domains parallel? ii) why exactly do language contact and language acquisition favor overmarking?