

not separate and not equal: linguistic justice in academic libraries

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every time I see "strong communication skills" listed as a requirement in a job posting, I read it as requiring a nondisabled, nonracialized, monolingual person who speaks the dominant local dialect

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European colonists conceptualized languages as bounded & homogenous. With the emergence of sociolinguistics, making a case for the full humanity of racialized communities entailed proving the systematicity of their bounded and homogenous vernaculars. This was a colonial logic.

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topics:

- **social and power dynamics of languages**
- **linguistic justice in libraries**

languages aren't neutral.

**languages are an aspect of
identity giving rise to
difference and affinity.**

English is often an unmarked default.

**English is part of upholding
colonialism, imperialism,
capitalism, and white
supremacy.**

so...linguistic justice?

**give more power to languages
besides English.**

**don't view language in
isolation, as a resource, or as
a commodity.**

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Data from a Boston hospital showed that Latino patients who did not speak English well had a 35% greater risk of death from COVID-19.

The hospital has added interpretation capacity. n.pr/32E2fQt

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thank you!

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