The Linguistic Anthropology Lab invites you to present at its

Formerly known as "data sessions," the **Ling Anth Lab's Kitchen Sessions** provide a friendly, low-stakes setting where grad students and faculty can share raw ethnographic materials and collectively brainstorm directions for analysis. Presenters from any department are welcome. No background in linguistic anthropology is required, just an interest in exploring what this kind of approach to your materials can yield.

Materials presented in past sessions include: chunks taken from interview transcripts (this is the most popular option), video clips of interactions, online chatroom discussions, and photographs accompanied by short written narratives by the photographers. The possibilities are as varied as your fieldwork.

Some tips for preparing a productive session:

- Choose just a small amount. It takes a lot of time to discuss just a little! For a 45-minute session, about 3-4 pages of material, with lots of spaces between quotes or turns of conversation, is plenty.

- Circulate your material beforehand. If you don't, make sure your material is limited to an amount we can absorb on the spot. Handouts are a great idea.

- You'll have some time at the start of the session to orient us, but it's a good idea to include some of that with your pre-circulated materials: just a word on the context, your project, who is speaking/participating, any specialized vocabulary that comes up, and whatever else might help us dig in.

- Be sure to make your materials accessible. If they're not in English, **provide the original language** along with a line-by-line translation. This is crucial even if there's no one in the session who's fluent in your field language.

Usually, sessions are split between two presenters, who each get 45 minutes, but sessions with just one presenter are possible too.

If you're interested or have questions, please contact Rihan Yeh (ryeh@ucsd.edu). For more on the Lab, see linganthlab.ucsd.edu. Finally, please do pass this invite on to your friends!