



Asset-Based Perspectives

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(they/them)

Administrative Stuff

- Interview Protocol assignment is due by Sunday
 - ◀ Questions?
- Reminder: you can revise up to 3 assignments
 - ◀ You have 5 days to resubmit after I give feedback

Two Kinds of Perspectives

Deficit-Based

Focus on the problems

Hierarchical: implies a superior kind of community

Tries to “fix” the deficits

Prescriptive: tells communities what to do

Prioritizes privileged epistemologies

Asset-Based

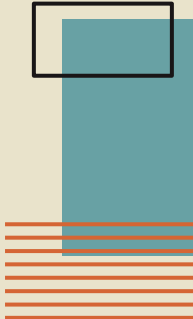
Focus on the strengths


Heterogeneous: different communities have different strengths

Tries to amplify strengths

Cooperative: combine strengths to improve community

Embraces marginalized epistemologies





**What are you wondering
about asset-based
perspectives?**


Article for Discussion

Your Students Have Assets, Not Deficiencies: Differentiating Instruction for English Learners based on Strengths and Interests
– Confianza





In Base Groups

- What does this article tell you about the author?
 - What do you think of the use of technology?
 - To what extent does the author take an asset based approach to teaching English learners?
 - How do you approach teaching English learners?
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Linguistic Assets

Applying asset-based perspectives
to a multilingual context

Socialization & Action

Socialization

English dominance enforces white supremacy

Deculturalization of children through schools

Families are shamed for speaking other languages at home



Action

Translanguaging theory and classroom action

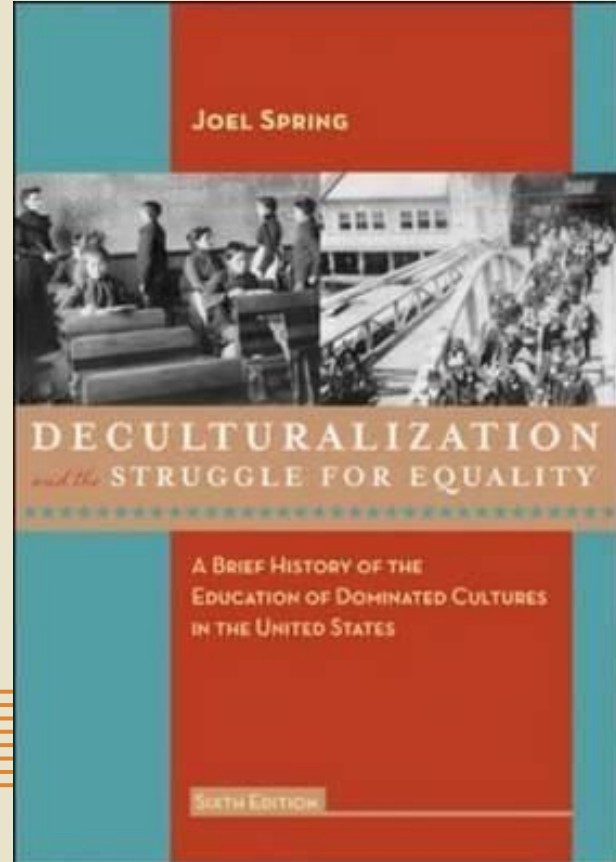
Supporting transnational identities

Asset-based community development (ABCD)

Deculturalization

Schools have been used to enforce white supremacy in America since the start of colonization

Book by Spring (1994)



Deculturalization

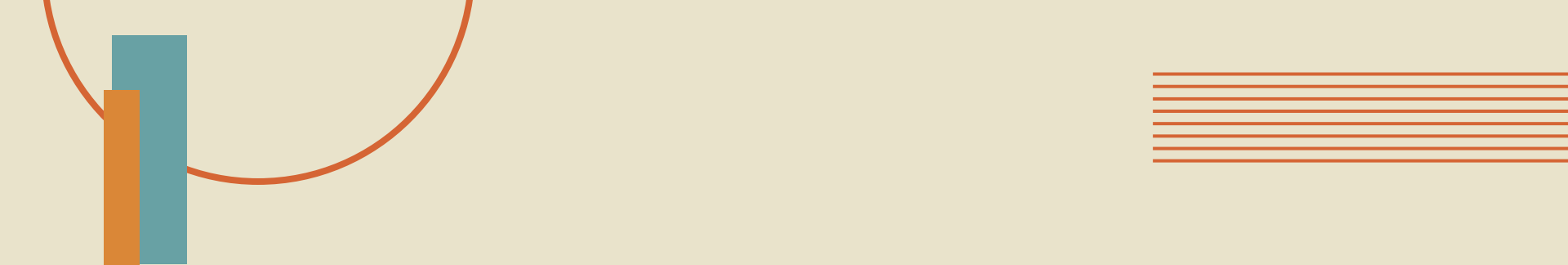
- Boarding schools
 - ◀ Native Americans: “Kill the Indian, save the man”
- Americanization of schools
 - ◀ Puerto Rico
- Segregated schools
 - ◀ Black Americans
 - ◀ Mexican Americans
 - ◀ Asian American (“Mongolians”)

Methods of Deculturalization

- Segregation and isolation
- Forced change of language
- Imposition of dominating culture (curriculum & textbooks)
- Denial of expression of dominated group's culture
- Use of teachers from dominating group

Linguistic Capital

- English dominance privileges English native speakers, especially western Europeans
- Global dominance of English is a product of colonialism (3:1 non-native to native speakers)
- Non-English languages are devalued and bilingual families are shamed
 - ◀ ...despite the global prevalence and cognitive benefits of bilingualism
- English dominance is reinforced through schooling



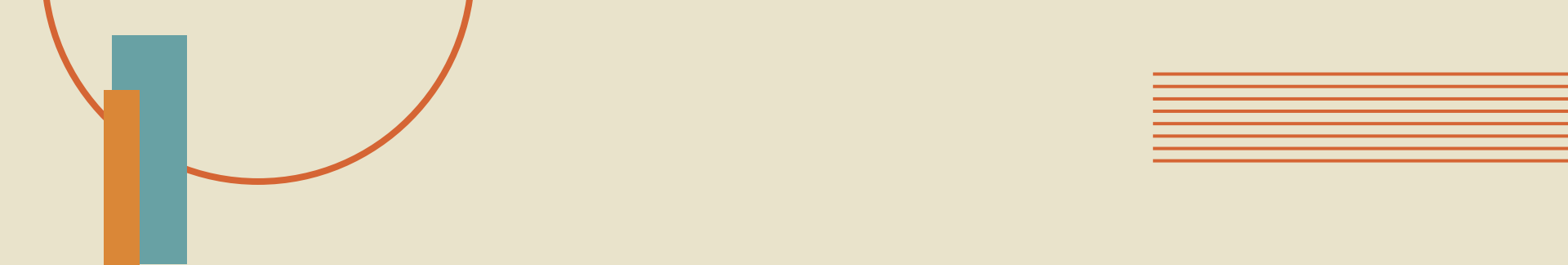
“Translanguaging is the act performed by bilinguals of accessing different linguistic features or various modes of what are described as autonomous languages, in order to maximize communicative potential.”



Ofelia García (2009: 140)

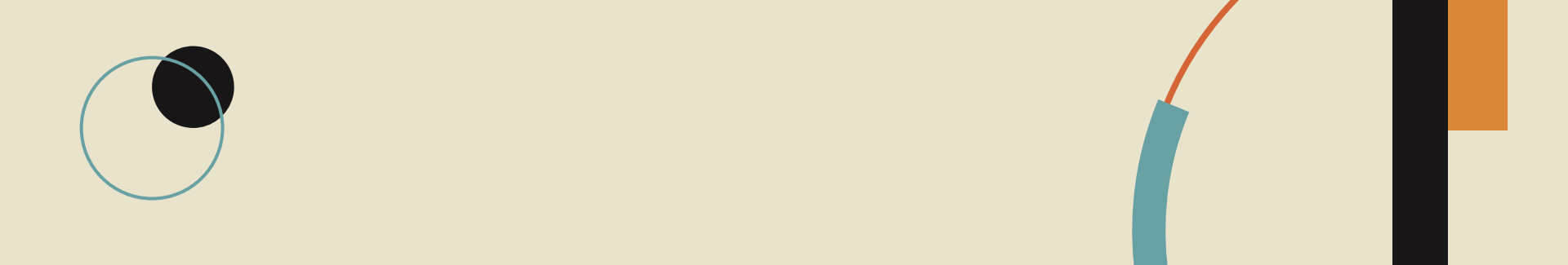
Translanguaging

- Uses *all* of the student and teacher's linguistic assets
- Translanguaging is about *communication*, we can use multiple “named languages” to communicate
 - ◀ We can mix words from Spanish, English, and other languages that we are connected to
 - ◀ Separate but related theory to “code switching”
- García uses the word “corriente” to describe the changing flow of language in dynamic conversation



“...testing the proficiency of children in a language must be kept separate from testing their proficiency in language.”

(Otheguy, García and Reid
2015: 299)



Example: Michelle Yeoh



Example: Taglish Online



Gaslighting? Tama ba yung ginamit kong term? I-baby na naman natin sila, tapos mabigyan lang sila ng ayuda dating gawi na ulit? 🙄 [i.imgur.com](#)

submitted 2 days ago by joooh 3

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 zach the
It's so weird how instead of viewing BBM-Sara voters who are suffering now due to the economic crisis as people who we can persuade to join the opposition, some just go all "deserve niyo yan"

11:33 AM · 17 Sep 22 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter post. The main text is in Taglish, asking if the term 'gaslighting' is appropriate for a situation where someone is being helped after being wronged. A reply from a user named 'zach the' is highlighted, discussing the political context of the 2022 Philippine elections, specifically mentioning BBM and Sara Duterte, and how voters are being treated during an economic crisis. The screenshot also shows the tweet's engagement metrics (520 comments) and the user's submission time (11:33 AM on Sep 17, 2022).

Example: Taglish Online cont.



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1. Hindi lahat ng BBM voters ay mahirap at walang resources. Most of them have access to information but they subscribed to fake news and propagandas
2. Kakampinks are still disappointed, walang makakapagsabi kung kailan mawawala ang bitterness. We move on in our own paces. Let people be petty.

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I totally agree with your first point. My mom literally said "alam ko namang mali pero sya (88M) gusto ko boto eh" may pinag aralan naman, wala lang values.. ako nahihya sa pananaw nya sa buhay

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Creating “Kakampink”



kakampí



[noun] ally; teammate; person on one's side

Kwon: Transnational Children

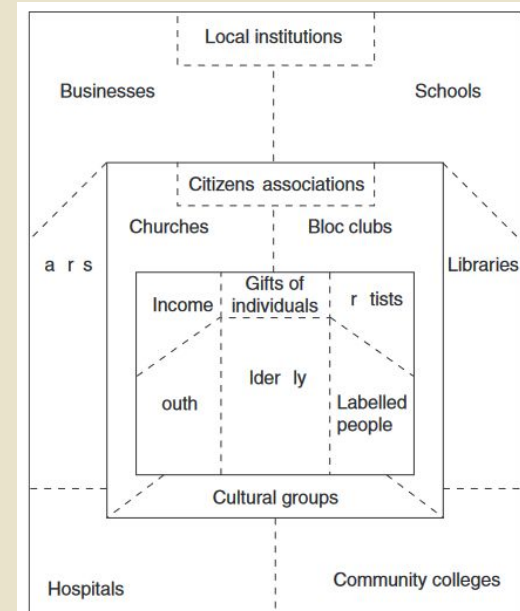
- Jungmin Kwon studied transnational families' heritage language use and learning
- "...immigrant mothers view their children's HL maintenance as a bridge that connects intergenerational families across countries"
- Immigrant mothers are consistently asked by teachers to *stop* using heritage language at home
 - ◀ Dr. Kwon, herself, was asked by her child's teacher to stop speaking Korean at home

Multilingual Schools



Asset Based Community Development


- Improving quality of life
- Uses the community's *physical, human, and social* capital
- Place-based
- Emphasis on sustainability
- Avoids trying to fix systemic problems largely out of our control

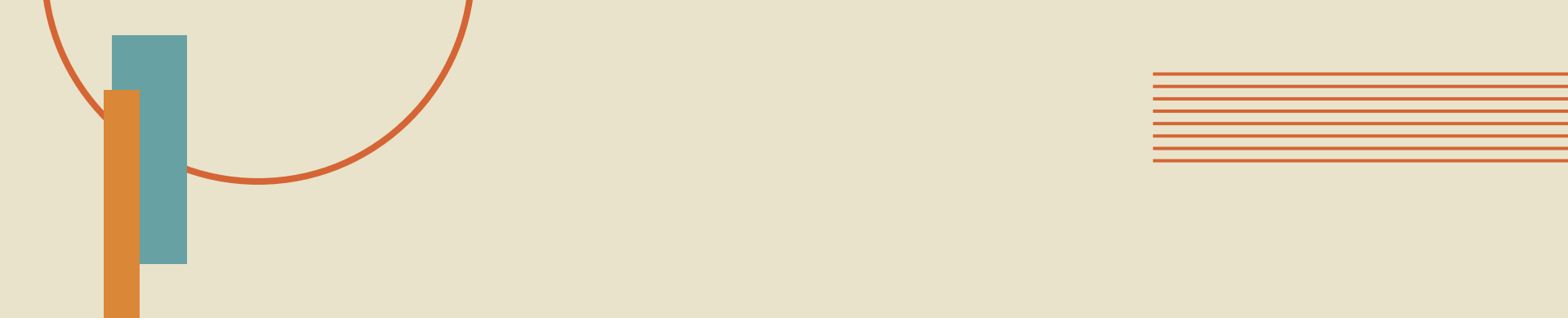


■ **Figure 3.2 Community assets map**



In Base Groups

- How can we support bilingual students without reinforcing English domination?
 - What constructive criticism would you offer to the article's author?
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**Write your Interview
Protocol by Sunday!**

