

Homework 20

Due Wednesday, December 7 at 11am (in class)

I want you to observe a single person and describe their style. Obviously, it would be best if this is a person you see regularly: roommate, significant other, close friend, family member, etc. Use some of the descriptions in EMG as a guide. There are three main components to such a description:

Persona/personality: How do you describe this person's personality or persona? How is he or she unique, and what kinds of people is she or he similar to. What kind of man or woman is he or she? Try to be descriptive, not evaluative!

Non-linguistic style aspects: What habits, dress, walk, comportment, mannerisms, etc. does this person have?

Linguistic style aspects: Using the tools we have explored this semester, what kinds of linguistic choices does this make?

Finally, how do all of these work together to create a gendered person? What kinds of processes are at work in this style to make this person who they are?