“Reclaiming Daily Conversations” is the theme for the 2012 Summer Institute. Our thought behind this theme is to teach participants strategies on how to reclaim daily conversations from English. For example, instead of greeting someone in English with “Hi,” one could say, “He’ba’lo’,” which is a Wiyot greeting. You could then ask after a person’s family by saying “ʔasxid ñ(a) adsyayay?” in Lushootseed or tell someone that it’s cold, “dret k’ul alta” in Chinuk Wawa. This may seem a small thing, but when we begin to use our ancestral languages in daily life, it becomes easier to make room in other areas of our lives for our languages.

This year we are excited to bring a third week of the NILI Summer Institute to everyone! During the third week we’ll offer intense applied teaching practices, peer reviews, teaching demonstrations, strategies for teaching conversation, and ways to motivate adult language learners. We hope you’ll take advantage of the third week!

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