Ling 254: Acquisition of Semantics
UCLA, Spring 2012
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Time: Mondays 10am-1pm
Location: Haines A78
Website: https://ccle.ucla.edu/course/view/12S-LING254A-1
Office hours: by appointment

Expectations:
Students enrolled for 2 credits are expected to attend class and present a paper.
Those enrolled for 4 credits are expected to attend class, present a paper and write a term paper.
Papers are due via email to both Nina & Jessica Friday June 15. You are to meet with either
Nina or Jessica to discuss paper topics at least once before June 1.

Schedule:

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as a source of individuating mass and count nouns.” *Cognition*, 106, 805-832.


