

Semantic frames may give rise to evidential-like pragmatics

Northern Pomo displays unusual Fluid-S person-sensitive case-marking for verbs in FrameNet's Biological_Urge frame. 1st-person Experiencer subjects are usually Accusative (ACC), while corresponding 3rd-person subjects' default is Nominative (NOM). Data from logophoric contexts and "expressive" speech acts reveal that 3rd-person ACC is licensed when the speaker has access to the subject's internal experience. To receive ACC, the Experiencer subject must be Point-of-View (POV) center. Speaker is default POV-center, so ACC is 1st-person default. Context shift licenses 3rd-person ACC. Not all Experiencer subjects license this fluid-S pattern. Rather, Biological_Urge events involve privileged access to internal experience, thus giving rise to evidential-like effects.