Week 18. Caribbean

1. Creoles and the ‘post-creole continuum’


2. Consonants
   TH stopping
   Cluster reduction
   H dropping (Jamaica)
   Undifferentiated /l/

   Rhoticity varies geographically:
   Barbados rhotic
   Jamaica semi-rhotic
   Leewards, Windwards and Trinidad non-rhotic

   /w/ has allophone [u] before front non–open vowels
   c(j)at, g(j)arden, b[w]oy

3. Vowels
   Length important; tendency towards strong vowels
   Quality of FACE [eː], GOAT [oː, uː]
   Mergers NEAR–SQUARE, CURE–FORCE (*poor*–*pour*)
   Possible mergers TRAP–LOT, START–NORTH, PRICE–CHOICE
   Non–merger FORCE vs NORTH
   Quality of MOUTH; possible homophones *down–dung*