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*Narrating individual “I”s and Collective “we’s”:* Practice Approaches to linking  
*narratives of individual and group experience.*

Despite the turn to treating narrative as social practices (De Fina and Georgakapoulou 2012, 2015; Ochs and Capps 2000), narrative scholarship has often privileged single speaker’s narratives of individual experiences. Furthermore, scholars have also tended to focus on how social actors use storytelling to accomplish more micro-interactionally, and interpersonally scaled social practices. My talk will address how social actors may use narrative practices to mobilize particular forms of collective identification, such as that of diasporic ethnonationalism. I will thus connect two scholarly conversations: the interactionally oriented study of narratives as social practices and the linguistic anthropological study of the communicative underpinnings of imagined communities (Anderson 1991; Gal and Woolard 2001; Silverstein 2000). Specifically, I will examine how participants link the individual to the collective, by examining narrative practices among members of the Portuguese diaspora in France.