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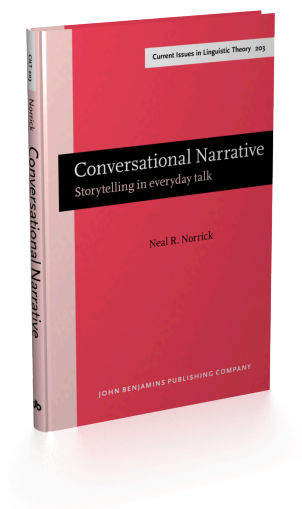
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Transcription Conventions

Each line of transcription contains a single intonation unit.

She's out.	Period shows falling tone in the preceding element.
Oh yeah?	Question mark shows rising tone in the preceding element.
well, okay	Comma indicates a continuing intonation, drawling out the preceding element.
<i>Damn</i>	Italics show heavy stress.
bu- but	A single dash indicates a cutoff with a glottal stop.
says "Oh"	Double quotes mark speech set off by a shift in the speaker's voice.
[and so-]	Square brackets on successive lines mark beginning and end of overlapping talk.
[Why] her?	
and=	Equals signs on successive lines shows latching between turns.
=then	
(2.0)	Numbers in parentheses indicate timed pauses.
{sigh}	Curly braces enclose editorial comments and untranscribable elements.

These conventions are presented in detail in chapter one.

