

GLOSSARY

Aj: to hang, to pull up

Am ndox ba tuuroo, am mbàq a si des: when water has spilled, a wet spot is what remains [i.e.,

"there's no use crying over spilled milk"]

Avant: before (French)

Avant sëy bi la am: equivalent of balaa sëy bi di am (Urban; Lebu Wolof)

Baa juddoowul ci buumoog sëy warulaa donn: if you are not born with a marriage, you must not

inherit from your deceased parents; equivalent of boo juddoowul ci buumoog sëy

waruloo donn (Lebu Wolof)

Bal wax loolu: equivalent of bul wax loolu (Lebu Wolof)

Bale: to sweep (from French *balayer*)

Bëggante: to love each other

Bëtt: to pierce, to make a hole, to hurt [in this context]

Bokk: to share

Ci buumoog sëy: within the confines of marriage, in wedlock

Daha: equivalent of danga / dafa (Lebu Wolof)

Déglu: to listen

Des: to be left over, to remain

Diir b-: length of time

Donn: to inherit

only; variant: donn Don:

Dund: to live

Ëmb: to be pregnant

Ëppale: to have more than, to have more legitimacy than

Fas: to tie the knot, to contract a marriage

Fekk: to find, to see

Fexe: to seek a solution, to manage to

Gaañ: to hurt

Gise sa suuf: to meet in secret; variant for gise ca suuf

child Gune g-:

Jàll: to cross, to pass

Jël: to take

Jëm: to head to, to go

Jéppi: to dislike, to hate, to be disgusted by someone

Jóg: to get up, to stand up

Jote: to quarrel, to fight

Juddu: to be born

Jur: to conceive, engender, to give birth to

Ka: equivalent of *ko* (Lebu Wolof)

Kala sa baay: equivalent of *kan mooy sa baay* or *kuy sa baay* (Lebu Wolof)

Kanam g-: face

Kanam gi daha daawul ne xëccu nii de! equivalent of kanam gi danga ko daawul di xëccu nii de

(Lebu Wolof

Keemaane: to be marvelous, miracluous, surprising

Lépp: everything

Lijjanti: to sort out, to clarify, to work out

Lire journal: to read a newspaper (French)

Lislam j-: Islam

Maak: contraction of man ak

Ma wax la rekk laa bëgg: equivalent of ma wax la rekk nga bëgg (Lebu Wolof) [Notice that while in

standard Wolof, *laa bëgg* means "I want," in Lebu Wolof *laa* means "you." In

Lebu Wolof, "I want" would be said *la ma bëgg*]

Mag j-: elder

Magum jëmm: a mature person

Mat: to be worth doing; to be complete, mature; to be appropriate

May ma say nopp: give me your ears, listen to me carefully

Mbàq m-: wet spot, variant of *mbeq*

Miiraas: to distribute inheritance

Moo gën ci yow: it's better for you

Muñ: to be patient, to endure, forebear

Ndaw: to be small, little

Ndox m-: water

Noppi: to be quiet, stop crying

Ñàkk: to lack, (with another verb) to not (do something)

Ñàkk a xam lu mu waral a bare: Not knowing brings about many things

Problème: problem (French)

Puus: to move, to push (from French *pousser*)

Puusal: move! get out of the way!

Rëy: to be big

Root: to fetch water

Rootijiwaat: to go and fetch water again [from root "to fetch water" + suffix -i(ji) "to go

and..." + suffix –(w)aat "to do again"]

Sa maam bi jur sa pàppa: your paternal grandmother

Sàng: a short while ago

Seet: to check, to look for

Sey: to get married

Si/sa: a variant equivalent of ci / ca

Tass: to untie, to break, to break a marriage

Tënk: to summarize

Tere: to prevent, to forbid

Toog: to sit

Tooñ: to offend, to insult, to be wrong

Tuuru: to be spilled [from tuur "spill" + suffix -u passive form]

Tuuti: little, small

Waajur w-: parent

War: should, must, have to

Waral: to cause to be, to bring about

Wasin: to give birth to

Waxaat: to talk again [from wax + suffix -aat "to do something again"]

Xaar: to wait

Xëccu: to be stretched [from *xëcc*]

Yemale: to make someone behave, to put someone in their rightful place

Yow la maa déglu: equivalent of yow laay déglu (Lebu Wolof)