This talk has three closely interlinked goals:

(1) to provide an overview of the work of the Santa Cruz Ellipsis Project <http://ohlone.ucsc.edu/SCEC/> and the research resources that it is making available.

(2) in that context to consider the role and the potential of corpus and annotation work as a research methodology and its articulation with the work of theory construction

(3) to review some of the principal empirical findings to have emerged from the project to date and to consider what the theoretical implications of those findings might be.