

# Mixe/Zoque Theory Doubtful

- Pro

- Mixe-Zoque live in Tuxtla Mountain area
- Few alleged Mixe-Zoque loans
- Olmec a form of Pre-Proto Mixe-Zoque language

- Con

- Thomas Lee: Popoluca, Mixe, Zoque disrupt old lang pattern--are powerful invaders
- Very few cognates
- No such thing as a Pre-Proto language
- Non-Mixe term Write

Mixe -Zoquean

Mayan

\*koya

tomato

s-ko:ya

\*pomV

copal (insense)

pom

\*cimah

dipper gourd

cima

poh

moon

\*poya ?

may

‘twenty’

may 'to count'

Figure 9: Malinke-Bambara loans in Mixe

Cahp	heaven	sa
ci	squach	si
su	night	su
co:n	to leave	ta, tyo
it	place	ta
Kahp	small town	ka, suffix joined to the name of a locality
kam	planting field	ga, gba, ka
ko/ku	head	ku(n)
koh	to plant, build	ko 'to create'
ko:ng	king, lord	ko 'person deserving respect'
koya	tomato	koya
kok	maize flower	ka
kats	black maize	ka
kushi	calendar priest	jose 'priest of a cult'
may 'to divine'		ma 'happy issue; to understand'

k o y a	t o m a t o	k o y a
k o k	m a i z e f l o w e r	k a
k a t s	b l a c k m a i z e	k a
k u s h i	c a l e n d a r p r i e s t	j o s e 'p r i e s t o f a c u l t'
m a y	't o d i v i n e'	m a 'h a p p y i s s u e ; t o u n d e r s t a n d'
n i : p	t o p l a n t	m g b a
p o : b	w h i t e	b o , p o (s u p e r l a t i v e o f w h i t e)
p o h , p o'	w i n d	f o 'a r i d a i r'
p u r a p	c u l t i v a t i n g t o o l	f a a l o , f a a r o 'h o e'
s h i	d a y , s u n	s i - s o r o
s h o : s h	s n a k e	s a
t u k	h o u s e	t u , d u
t u n	h i l l	t u 'h e a p , r a i s i n g g r o u n d'
u k	d o g	w u l u