

## **GLOSSARY:**

Ab: a, an [singular indefinite article for noun class b-]

Àggali: to finish, conclude

variant of yow (Lebu Wolof) Aw:

to act like or consider oneself as a father to someone Baayoo:

Ba pare: already

Bàyyi: to leave; allow; quit, leave off

leave him there! Bàyyi ko foofu!

Bàyyil tooñ: stop teasing

Bëggal: to want for someone

Bon: to be bad

Bu yàgg: for a long time

Ci diggu nelaw: in the middle of sleeping

Coliin g-: style of dress [from sol, "to wear" + suffix -iin meaning "way of"]

Da: contraction of dafa

Daal: particle emphasizing a preceding noun

Dafa am fu may dem: there is somewhere I'm going

Daraja j-: rank, status, honor (from Arabic)

Dee: to die

to give advice Digle:

Digal: to advise, recommend

Doomoo: to act like or consider oneself like a child of someone

Doyu ma ci! I won't be happy about it! (Lebu Wolof)

Duggal! enter!

Dund: to live

Instant vi: right now, these moments (French; Urban)

Ëmbal: to make someone pregnant

Entre: between (French; Urban)

Fëll: to appear from, to come out of

Fi nga fëlle nooy na! you're looking fresh! (Urban)

**Fi nu tollu nii:** right now [literally, "where we're at now"]

Fii toj na! this place is jumpin'! (Urban)

**Fomm:** to delay, to postpone

**Foog:** to think, to believe

**Gëm:** to believe

**Génn:** to leave, to go out

**Indil:** to bring for someone

Ja b-: market

**Jaay:** to sell; to pretend

Jabar j-: wife

**Jam:** to stab [for a knife]; to shoot [for a firearm]

**Jamano j-:** era, age, period; variant: *jamono j-*

Jamano ju naqaree mucc la: this is a time difficult to survive.

Jamano ju tëradi: a confusing/restless time

Jànq b-: young (unmarried) woman

**Jàpp ni:** to hold that, consider that, consider as

**Jéppi** to hate, to dislike, to be disgusted

Jigéén da daan toog ci peggi ndeyam: a girl used to stay close to her mother

**Jommi:** to be astonished, shocked

**Jot na:** the time has come, it's time to

**Jullit j-:** Muslim [from *julli*, "to perform Islamic ritual prayer"]

**Juuf la ma sant:** equivalent of *Juuf laa sant* (Lebu Wolof)

**Ka:** equivalent of *ko* and *ku* (Lebu Wolof)

**Kaa ka wax?** equivalent of *koo ko wax* (Lebu Wolof)

**Këpp:** to knock over, to turn upside down

**Këpploo:** to make somone turn something upside down

**Kii, fii la mujje!** this guy, he ended up here!

Ku dee si marse ba, yaa tàgge sa bopp: "Whoever dies in the market has publically announced his or

her own death" (Proverb)

Ku la mag ëpp lay sagar: "Your elder knows more than you do" [literally "whoever is older than you

has more worn out clothes than you"] (Proverb)

Laata: before

Li nga sol nii...: what you are wearing there...

**Lijjanti:** to work or figure (something) out; to clarify an issue

**Loolu nga foog:** equivalent of *loolu nga foog* (Lebu Wolof)

Lu fi xew rek lañu wax!: we're only talking about what's happened here!

**Ma bëggoon nak ngeen doxale noonu:** I wanted you to behave like that.

*Mais*: but (French; Urban)

**Ma njaboot:** equivalent of sama njaboot (Lebu Wolof)

Man, ba ma laa waxtaan, tàng gi ma tàng moo tax nit ñi daan wax "mag siiw":

When I speak, my hot-temperedness is the reason why people call me "famous old man"; equivalent of *Man, ba ma daan waxtaan, tàng gi ma tàng moo tax nit ñi* 

daan wax "mag siiw" (Lebu Wolof)

**May doom:** equivalent of samay doom (Lebu Wolof)

Maye: to give away something, to offer; [colloquial] to wear (Urban)

**Mbalit m-:** trash

**Miseerloo:** to make someone miserable [from French *misère* "misery," + suffix -loo,

meaning "to make someone"]

**Moos:** for sure

**Moroom m-:** peer, fellow

**Mucc:** to survive

**Mujje:** to end up at, finish at

**Naan:** to say

Na nga dee fi nga tëdd foofu! may you die there where you lie!

Nàmm naa la: I miss you

Nañ / Nan: let's; contraction forms of na ñu / na nu [used interchangeably]

**Nun / ñun:** we (pronoun) [both *nun* and *ñun* are used interchangeably by many speakers to

mean "we"; use of  $\tilde{n}un$  is generally followed by use of  $\tilde{n}u$  to mean "we" in verb

conjugations as well]

Nagar g-: suffering, emotional pain, difficulty

Ndekete yóó! variant of *ndekete* 

**Ndekete:** expression of surprise at discovering the contrary of something: "as it turns out,"

"as a matter of fact"

**Ne:** to say; like; variant: *ni* 

**Ne wen:** to be in the open, be completely visible

**Nga xamante ne:** idiomatic expression similar to *nga xam ne* 

**Ngeen baal ma:** please, excuse me, forgive me

**Njuuma l-:** ghost, little devil, or anything believed to have some supernatural power able to

frighten a human being

Njuuma noo sant, mu ne wele!: idiom referring to people denying their faults [literally, "ask a devil its

last name, it will say 'Wele'"]

**Nooy:** to be soft, to be tender

**Noppi:** to be quiet

**Olof Njaay nee na:** Wolof Njaay said [way of introducing a proverb]

**Paa Almaa:** cantankerous old man [from French *Allemand*, "German"]

Paa b-: old man (Urban)

Paaka b-: knife

**Pegg b-:** side

**Poon b-:** tobacco

Poon sax yaa ko gëna siiw!: you are even more well-known than tobacco!

**Pollu mbalit:** garbage can

**Posone:** to poison

Ray: to kill

**Rëy dara:** to have a high social rank, to be important [contraction of *rëy daraja*; *jaay rëy* 

dara to pretend to be important]

Saa s-: hour, time

**Sangu:** to take a bath

**Sañse:** to be well-dressed (Urban)

Sax: even

**Seetsi:** to come visit (seeti 'to go visit')

Si / sa: variants of ci / ca

**Siwo:** bucket (from French *seau*)

Soxla: to need

**Soxna si:** Miss [deferential form of addressing a woman]

**Tëradi:** to toss and turn, to be restless in bed

**Tollu:** to reach, to be at a certain point

**Tooñ:** to offend; to tease

Waay j-: man, guy, person; buddy

Waxu mbedd: street talk

Xaar: to wait

**Xawma:** variant of *xamuma* 

**Xamoo:** variant of *xamoo* 

Xëm: to lose consciousness, black out; to be charred, burned

Xew: to happen

**Xéy:** to get up and leave (for work)

Xibaar b-: news

**Xool:** to look at

Yàkkamti: to be in a hurry

Yeddaate: to sermonize, to advise

Yee: to wake someone up

**Yég:** to be informed of

**Yor:** to hold, to possess