

Preface

We are pleased to present the proceedings from the 45th Boston University Conference on Language Development. We are honored to be affiliated with the conference and the proceedings this year.

We would like to acknowledge the fact that this was a special year. Due to the unforeseen circumstances regarding the COVID pandemic, the organizers of BUCLD had to make the decision to have our first virtual conference. We would like to thank the entire BUCLD community for not only making this adventure possible, but also helping maintain the accessibility that BUCLD has always strived for.

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