

## Preface

We are pleased to present the proceedings of the 50th 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 that this year was a milestone year for BUCLD as we celebrated the 50th conference.

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