

Introduction

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The 6th Bi-Annual Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition – North America (GALANA 6) was held at the University of Maryland, College Park on February 19-21, 2015. The program committee included Rachel Dudley, Elaine Grolla, Valentine Hacquard, Jeffrey Lidz, Jeff McSwan, Laurel Perkins, and Philip Resnik, and the organizing committee included Sigríður Björnsdóttir, Rachel Dudley, Michael Fetters, Juliana Gerard, Kaitlyn Harrigan, Sunhee Kim, Nur Basak Karatas, Jeffrey Lidz, Laurel Perkins, Ekaterina Solovyeva, and Aaron Steven White. The conference included plenary addresses by Liliana Sanchez and Antonella Sorace, as well as 22 presentations and 23 posters on research in first and second language acquisition. The conference also included a special session on Learning in Generative Grammar: 50 years since the Evaluation Metric, with invited speakers Janet Fodor, Lisa Pearl, Bruce Tesar, and Charles Yang, discussion by William Idsardi and Jeffrey Lidz, and introductory remarks by Howard Lasnik.

All presenters whose abstracts were selected during peer-review to be presented as talks during the conference, as well as those selected as alternate speakers, were invited to contribute papers to the GALANA 6 Proceedings. A total of 13 papers were submitted and are included in the proceedings that follow. These papers are organized alphabetically by the first author's last name.

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