

Preface

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This volume contains 28 selected papers from the 13th Hispanic Linguistics Symposium (HLS), which took place at the Universidad de Puerto Rico, from October 21-24, 2009. As has become the norm for HLS, the conference reflected the wide interests and perspectives of linguists currently working on Spanish and Portuguese.

Several papers explore Spanish from a sociolinguistic or variationist perspective: Lipski, Martín-Butragueño, Mack, Tippets, Alvarez, Lamboy, Hernández, Delicado and Sessarego, and Rivera-Mills. Other papers focus on the acquisition of Spanish as a first or second language from a formal perspective or a pedagogical point of view: Pérez-Leroux, Villa-García and Snyder, Licerias, Alba de la Fuente and Walsh, Correa, Sagarra, Herchensohn, Mrak, MacGregor-Mendoza, and Zambrano. Still others include a phonological and phonetic perspective: Prieto, Thorson, Estrella and del Mar-Vanrell, Díaz-Campos and Gradoville, Núñez-Cedeño and Acosta, Sessarego, and Amengual. Finally, a number of papers focus on a syntactic, semantic and pragmatic perspective: Bruno, Houle and Martínez-Gómez, Pastor, Gutiérrez-Rexach and Andueza, Ordoñez and Treviño, González, and Cristobalina. Finally, I would like to express our gratitude to our plenary speakers, John Lipski, Pedro Martín-Butragueño, Pilar Prieto, and Ana T. Pérez-Leroux, for agreeing to include their talks in the proceedings.

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