

# Introduction

**Gisela Granena, Joel Koeth, Sunyoung Lee-Ellis, Anna Lukyanchenko, Goretti Prieto Botana, and Elizabeth Rhoades**  
University of Maryland

The University of Maryland at College Park hosted the annual Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) from October 14-17, 2010. Since 1977, SLRF has provided a venue for scholars and graduate students to meet, present their research, discuss their findings, and exchange and develop new ideas. SLRF 2010 brought together theory and research methodology from various disciplines to deepen our understanding of second language acquisition (SLA) and its applications to real-world needs. Approximately, 450 researchers in SLA from all over the world attended the conference. Four plenary talks by leading SLA researchers added to our collective understanding of SLA in theory, research, and practice: Michael H. Long (University of Maryland), Kenneth Hyltenstam (Stockholm University), William O'Grady (University of Hawai'i at Manoa), and Judith Kroll (Penn State University). In addition, SLRF 2010 featured six thematic colloquia on a variety of topics illustrating the multiple dimensions and directions that characterize SLA today: *Heritage Language Acquisition* (Silvina Montrul and Maria Polinsky), *Aptitude and Individual Differences in SLA* (Catherine Doughty and Robert DeKeyser), *Language Testing and Assessment* (John Norris and Steven Ross), *L2 Processing* (Harald Clahsen and Nan Jiang), *Toward Embodied Language Learning* (Luca Onnis), and *Eye-tracking for SLA Research* (Paula Winke and Susan Gass). A total of 109 paper presentations and 40 posters chosen from 407 proposal abstracts made SLRF 2010 a collective success.

The topics covered by the 15 peer-reviewed papers included in the *Selected Proceedings of the 2010 Second Language Research Forum* are wide-ranging, from issues concerning second language (L2) instruction and learning (Faretta-Stutenberg & Morgan-Short; Gil, Marsden, & Whong; Hirakawa & Suzuki; Presson & MacWhinney; Ryu & Shirai), through L2 testing (Plough, MacMillan, & O'Connell), study abroad (Diao), working memory (Weissheimer & Mota), heritage language acquisition (Mikhaylova), learner corpora (Ragheb & Dickinson), and L2 processing and acquisition of a variety of linguistic structures (Lukyanchenko, Idsardi, & Jiang; Miller; Rehak & Juffs; Renaud; Yin & Kaiser). The methodologies employed are equally diverse, ranging from a variety of experimental to case study designs.

SLRF 2010 and, of course, this project would not have been possible without the help of a great many people and organizations. We would like to thank Michael Bernstein and the Cascadilla Proceedings Project for the opportunity to publish this proceedings volume. We are also deeply grateful to our international panel of expert reviewers and our generous sponsors: The Ph.D. in SLA Program, the Center for Advanced Study of Language, the IGERT program, the National Foreign Language Center, the College of Arts and Humanities, the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and the Division of Research at the University of Maryland. Finally, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to Skip Warnick and to our faculty advisors, Michael H. Long, Robert DeKeyser, and Catherine Doughty, for encouraging us to embark on such an endeavor, for their expert advice, and for always being there to provide guidance and support.

It is our hope that this volume adds to our understanding of SLA, encourages discussion and inspires SLA research from a variety of perspectives.

# Selected Proceedings of the 2010 Second Language Research Forum: Reconsidering SLA Research, Dimensions, and Directions

edited by Gisela Granena, Joel Koeth,  
Sunyoung Lee-Ellis, Anna Lukyanchenko,  
Goretti Prieto Botana, and Elizabeth Rhoades

Cascadilla Proceedings Project Somerville, MA 2011

## Copyright information

Selected Proceedings of the 2010 Second Language Research Forum:  
Reconsidering SLA Research, Dimensions, and Directions  
© 2011 Cascadilla Proceedings Project, Somerville, MA. All rights reserved

ISBN 978-1-57473-448-5 library binding

A copyright notice for each paper is located at the bottom of the first page of the paper.  
Reprints for course packs can be authorized by Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

## Ordering information

Orders for the library binding edition are handled by Cascadilla Press.  
To place an order, go to [www.lingref.com](http://www.lingref.com) or contact:

Cascadilla Press, P.O. Box 440355, Somerville, MA 02144, USA  
phone: 1-617-776-2370, fax: 1-617-776-2271, [sales@cascadilla.com](mailto:sales@cascadilla.com)

## Web access and citation information

This entire proceedings can also be viewed on the web at [www.lingref.com](http://www.lingref.com). Each paper has a unique document # which can be added to citations to facilitate access. The document # should not replace the full citation.

This paper can be cited as:

Granena, Gisela, Joel Koeth, Sunyoung Lee-Ellis, Anna Lukyanchenko, Goretti Prieto Botana, and Elizabeth Rhoades. 2011. Introduction. In *Selected Proceedings of the 2010 Second Language Research Forum*, ed. Gisela Granena et al., v. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [www.lingref.com](http://www.lingref.com), document #2610.