

Editorial Note

The theme of the Texas Linguistics Society (TLS) 2003 conference was “The Dynamics of Coarticulation in Speech Production and Perception.” The conference provided a wonderful opportunity for the students and affiliates of the University of Texas at Austin to interact with renowned scholars in the field of speech research over a three-day period.

TLS, a student run and non-profit organization, holds an annual conference on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. The success of each conference is dependent on the generosity and support of several different groups and individuals. In recognition of this, the co-chairs of TLS 2003 express their appreciation to all our financial sponsors without whose support this year’s conference would not have been possible.

Financial support for this year’s conference came from: Events CoSponsorship Committee (ECC), The Student Senate, The Student Government, The Department of Linguistics, and The Department of French and Italian, all departments or organizations of the University of Texas at Austin.

The theme of each year’s TLS conference reflects the current research interests of the student body who are inspired and motivated by the department’s faculty members. As organizers, we are also indebted to the department’s staff members, who guide us through the navigation of university protocols and procedures. We therefore acknowledge the contributions of the faculty and staff of the Department of Linguistics for their academic guidance and logistical support in organizing a successful conference.

In organizing the conference, the co-chairs rely on the support of other students from the time a call for papers is made through the abstract selection process and various committees to the actual running of the three day meeting. Our utmost gratitude goes to the many student volunteers for their willingness to serve on the various conference committees, for the sacrifices they have had to make, and above all for their selflessness in helping to make this conference a success.

TLS 2003 was a success organizationally and substantially. The papers presented at the conference, as demonstrated by these proceedings, were of a high academic standard and are sure to excite further discussion in phonetics research. Throughout the course of the conference, the lively debate and engaged interaction were as instructional as they were stimulating. We thank all the participants for their contributions and for the wonderful atmosphere they helped create.

Finally, we express our gratitude to Michael Bernstein of Cascadilla Proceedings Project who remained steadfast in his support throughout the extensive editorial processes.

TLS 2003 was co-chaired by: Augustine Agwuele, Willis Warren, and Sang-Hoon Park. Our special thanks to Emily Force who designed the program.

It is our desire that the twelve papers presented in these proceedings will be just as instructional for the readers as they were for the participants at the conference.

Augustine Agwuele

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