Preface

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The 25th annual meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics was held at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, on April 28-30, 2006. Conference participants presented a total of 57 papers over the course of two beautiful days and an extremely rainy one, with keynote presentations by Maria Polinsky, Douglas Pulleyblank and James McCloskey. Additionally, participants were treated to an unforgettable party, hosted by Fritz Newmeyer and Marilyn Goebel, as well as a banquet at the UW Waterfront Activities Center. The current volume contains 46 of the 57 papers presented at the conference, as well as the papers of 4 alternates.

A great many people contributed to making WCCFL 25 a successful conference. Firstly, we would like to thank the WCCFL 25 Organizing Committee, which included Fritz Newmeyer, Richard Wright, Barbara Citko, Ann Trail Gaponoff, and a cadre of student, staff and faculty volunteers. Secondly, we would like to thank all of the University of Washington sponsors and co-sponsors of the event, including the following departments: Linguistics, Asian Languages and Literatures, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Speech and Hearing Sciences. Additionally, we gratefully acknowledge financial support from the University of Washington College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, and the Simpson Center for the Humanities. We also wish to thank all of the reviewers who sorted through a total of 276 submitted abstracts, thus helping us to narrow the program down to 54 slots. Many thanks also to the session chairs, who did an amazing job of keeping the conference on track. Finally, thanks to both Starbucks and Tully's, whose donations of free coffee kept us all well caffeinated during the conference.

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