

Preface

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The West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics held its 28th meeting at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California on February 12-14, 2010. In total, 50 papers were presented orally with an additional 26 papers presented in the poster session. We are particularly indebted to our five keynote speakers: Richard Kayne, Sun-Ah Jun, David Beaver, Duane Watson, and Adamantios Gafos. This volume contains the keynote addresses by Richard Kayne and Sun-Ah Jun and 32 of the papers that were presented orally. A selection of the poster presentations can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/wccfl28pro>. In keeping with the format of the conference, the papers are divided into those from the General Session and those from the Special Session on Prosody. This year's conference received over 400 submissions investigating a wide variety of formal linguistics topics, and those chosen for the general session truly demonstrated the excellence and breadth of the field. The special session papers represent an exciting sample of the work being done on prosody, a field that has been rapidly growing as a fuller measure of the effects of tone and intonation on current formal theory has begun to be recognized.

The editors would like to thank all of the presenters who made this conference so interesting and enjoyable. A special thanks should also be extended to the session chairs and to the over 200 reviewers who gave of their time to evaluate the record number of submissions. To all of the faculty, staff, and students of the University of Southern California Linguistics department, especially to the committee chairs, the department chair James Higginbotham, and our faculty advisers, Maria Luisa Zubizarreta and Andrew Simpson, we owe a great debt as this conference would not have been possible without their constant efforts. Finally, we would like to especially thank the USC College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, the USC Linguistics Department, and the USC Graduate and Professional Student Senate for their very generous financial support. To UCLA: thank you for all of the advice and the extra coffee maker. We hope that all of you reading enjoy these selections as much as we enjoyed the conference.

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