

Preface

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The 32nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics took place at the University of Southern California between the 7th and the 9th of March 2014. The conference featured 39 talks and 18 posters that presented cutting-edge linguistic research. We were very proud that so many scientists found their way to our University, and that we could be host to the presentation of many new ideas and witness to many interesting discussions. We would like to thank all participants who chose to share their discoveries with us and make this conference the exciting event it was. While we are thankful to each and everyone of them, we are especially grateful to the invited speakers, Sabine Iatridou, Jaye Padgett, Yael Sharvit, and Jon Sprouse.

This proceedings volume contains 35 papers, which are divided up into four sections, namely experimental work, phonology, semantics and syntax. The papers are based on either talks or poster presentations given at the conference. Within the sections, the contributions are ordered alphabetically by last name.

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We hope these contributions will continue to spark discussion. We also hope they continue to stay relevant, and this edition will preserve them for the future.

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¹ Clearly this should be read in the modest, antisymmetric reading.

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