

# Preface

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The 40th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) was held virtually at Stanford University on May 13-15, 2022. This volume contains 34 of the 45 talks presented at the conference.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the conference possible and a success.

First, we are grateful to all the presenters at the conference who shared their research with us and made the conference as exciting and intellectually stimulating as it was. We are particularly thankful to our plenary speakers: Line Mikkelsen, Juliet Stanton, and Guillaume Thomas. We would also like to thank all the reviewers, whose expertise allowed us to select the talks for the program out of 243 submitted abstracts, as well as all attendees.

To mark the 40th anniversary of WCCFL 1, which was hosted at Stanford in 1982, WCCFL 40 featured a special conversation between two participants of WCCFL 1, Sandra Chung and Paul Kiparsky, who shared memories and perspectives about the field and how it has developed. We are very grateful to them for their participation in this event, and to Deniz Rudin for moderating their conversation.

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