

Preface

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We respectfully acknowledge that UC Berkeley and the surrounding communities are built on the unceded ancestral land of the Ohlone people.

The 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 42) was hosted by the Department of Linguistics at the University of California, Berkeley, from April 12 to 14, 2024. The conference included presentations of 34 papers and 29 posters, selected from a total of 287 abstracts. There were also four plenary talks, given by Maria Kouneli, Will Oxford, Sharon Rose, and Yimei Xiang.

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At the end of this volume are five papers presented at WCCFL 39 and submitted on time for that proceedings, but inadvertently not forwarded for publication. We are glad to include them here so they can be published in a WCCFL proceedings, albeit later than intended.

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