

# Introduction

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The articles contained in this volume were presented at the 12th biennial conference on Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA XII) which was held at the University of Florida on April 26-28, 2013. In addition to three invited plenary speakers (Theodoros Marinis, Bonnie Schwartz, and Ianthi Maria Tsimpli), the conference included a total of 21 oral and 39 poster presentations. The topics of these presentations were broad and wide-ranging. Following the conference, a workshop entitled “*Applying Generative SLA to the Language Classroom*” which was organized by Kook-Hee Gil, Heather Marsden, and Melinda Whong, provided a forum for presentation and discussion of ideas connecting formal linguistic studies in second language acquisition to language teaching.

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