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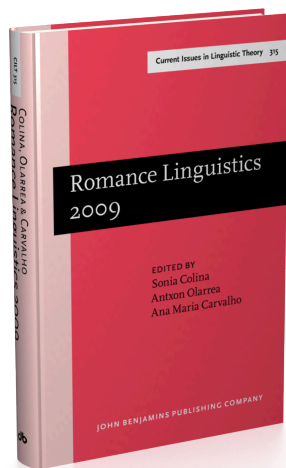
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The thirty-ninth annual Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL) was held for the first time at the University of Arizona 27–29 March 2009. The by-now traditional parasession was devoted to Variation and Change in Romance. Romance linguistics has significantly evolved since the first LSRL took place in Florida in 1971, and it is undeniable that the LSRL has played a role in forging an identity for the field in North America, if not internationally. We trust that this LSRL has served to continue that tradition by bringing together researchers, and facilitating the sharing of ideas. It is our hope that the present volume will serve the purpose of disseminating the best work presented at the conference among those who were unable to attend and, of course, among current and future generations of Romance linguists in general.

Of a total of 124 submissions, 58 were selected for presentation, along with three plenary talks. It was an honor that Ricardo Bermúdez-Otero, Gillian Sankoff, and Karen Zagona accepted our invitation to be the plenary speakers. This volume contains a selection of 24 peer-reviewed articles presented at the conference. We express our most sincere appreciation to the many anonymous reviewers who lent their time and expertise to assist us with the selection of conference presentations and of the papers included here.

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