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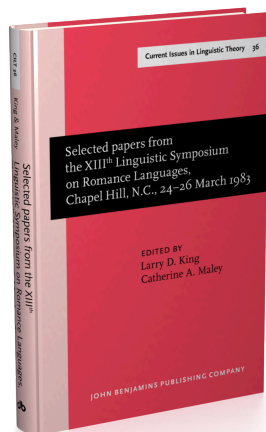
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Since its initial gathering at the University of Florida in 1971, the Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL) has been held annually and hosted by a North American university: the University of Illinois in 1972, Indiana University in 1973, the University of Texas-Austin in 1974, the University of Michigan in 1975, the University of Montreal in 1976, Cornell University in 1977, the University of Louisville in 1978, Georgetown University in 1979, the University of Washington in 1980, the University of Texas-San Antonio in 1981, the Pennsylvania State University in 1982, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1983, and the University of Southern California in 1984. The 1985 meeting will be held at Boston University, and the 1986 symposium is tentatively scheduled to return to the University of Texas-Austin. LSRL has grown through the years in its number of participants and in its impact on current research in linguistics, and it is now generally recognized as the premiere forum devoted to the linguistic analysis of the Romance Languages.

This volume reports the proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, held at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, March 24-26, 1983. Twenty-one of the thirty-one papers

presented at the symposium are included: eleven deal with the analysis of Spanish, seven treat issues pertaining to French, one deals with Portuguese, one with Gascon, and two are analyses of General Romance. The diversity of the linguistic topics encompassed by the papers conforms to the principal goal of the conference that through the years has remained constant--to contribute to the synchronic and diachronic description and analysis of the Romance Languages within the context of current developments in linguistic theory.

The planning and execution of LSRL XIII, as well as the publication of the proceedings, would not have been possible without the help of several individuals. We wish to acknowledge the financial support provided by Samuel R. Williamson, Jr. (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences) and Edward D. Montgomery, Jr. (Chairman, Department of Romance Languages). The quality of the papers presented at the symposium was assured by the excellent work done by the abstract selection committee: Jean Casagrande, Randy Hendrick, Jim Lantolf, Carlos Piera, Carol Rosen, and Carmen Silva-Corvalán. Our work through the months was rendered considerably less hectic by the efficiency of the symposium secretary, Katrina Braxton. We also wish to thank Joe Emonds, who kindly consented to present the Keynote Address for the conference, and Margarita Suñer for delivering an invited paper. The publication of the proceedings would not have been possible without the generous support provided by a University Research Council Publications Grant and an Arts and Sciences Assistance for Scholarly Publications Grant. The advice and encouragement provided by Konrad Koerner, general editor of the series to which this

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Most importantly we would like to thank all those who presented papers, chaired sessions, or otherwise participated in the symposium. Although the Thursday morning opening of LSRL XIII coincided with the first significant snowfall of the season, we hope that the cooperative weather on Friday and Saturday, which provided a taste of Springtime in central North Carolina, made the visit a pleasant memory.

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