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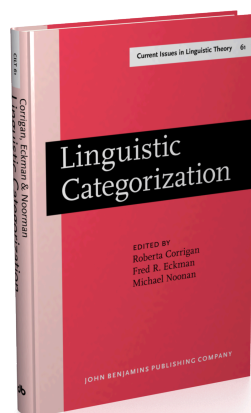
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On April 10-11 1987, the Sixteenth Annual University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Linguistics Symposium was held on the U.W.M. campus. This volume represents a selection of the papers presented at this symposium. The volume also contains contributions which were solicited from authors who did not attend the conference, but whom we believed had something to add to the volume.

The paper by Sandra Thompson, one of the invited speakers for the symposium, has appeared elsewhere, and is reprinted here with permission.

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The objectives of the symposium were to address two fundamental questions: (1) What is the nature of the categories that underlie the structures of human language; and (2) what is the nature of the extralinguistic categories that are reflected in language? The papers in this volume address these questions from the perspective of a variety of disciplines, using many different methodologies, and focusing on many different aspects of lan-

guage including morphology, syntax, semantics, phonology and discourse. Following the introductory chapter, the volume is divided into three sections: Prototype effects in language, categorization processes, and cross-linguistic categorization. We hope that our colleagues in Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, and Psychology will find the papers in the volume useful.

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