

# Preface

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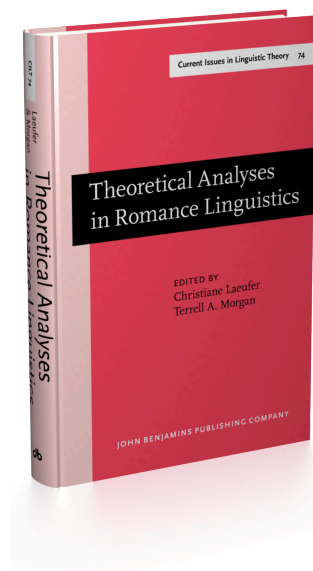
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Once again the Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages brought together a number of linguists from various European, Canadian, and American Universities to share their findings and discuss their ideas about a number of topics, theoretical frameworks, languages, and dialects. While the present volume thus reflects a certain diversity of research interests, the mission of the conference as defined by its founders in 1971 has remained essentially unchanged — namely (in the words of Jean Casagrande), that of “encouraging studies of and providing a forum for exchanges of ideas about the area of linguistic research defined loosely as the intersection of current theoretical thought and the Romance languages.” Testifying to the continued vitality of Romance linguistics and of the LSRL itself, the 1989 conference attracted a number of young scholars in addition to a strong core of established Romance linguists.

The Call for Papers for LSRL XIX brought in 82 abstracts, 31 of which were accepted either for presentation at the conference or as alternates. Selection was based on anonymous ratings from a panel of 12 evaluators, whose expertise and insight are directly responsible for the high quality of the papers read at the conference and appearing in the present volume: Brian D. Joseph, John E. Joseph, Ellen Kaisse, Jürgen Klausenburger, Shigeru Miyagawa, Jean-Pierre Y. Montreuil, Mineharu “J. J.” Nakayama, Donna Jo Napoli, Rafael Núñez Cedeño, David Odden, Abigail Vicente, and Dieter Wanner.

The symposium also featured three invited speakers whose contributions span different subfields of linguistic theory and of Romance languages: Gennaro Chierchia, Cornell University (semantics, Italian); Violeta Demonte, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (syntax, Spanish); and Shana Poplack, University of Ottawa (sociolinguistics, French).

Contributing to the success of the conference were a number of people who chaired sessions and stimulated discussion. In this regard we wish to

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