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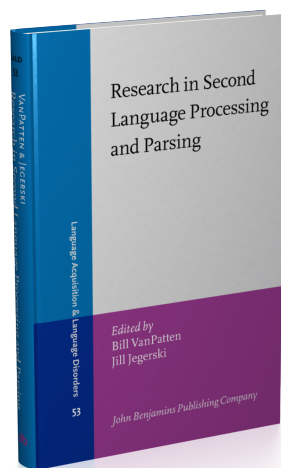
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On May 21–24, 2009, we held the first conference on L2 processing and parsing at Texas Tech University (Lubbock, Texas, USA). Over a hundred scholars gathered to present and/or hear some of the latest research on this cutting edge field in SLA. Keynote speakers included David Birdsong, Harald Clahsen, Alan Juffs, Michael Sharwood Smith, and Bill VanPatten, and special colloquia were organized by Paola E. Dussias, Gretchen Sundermann, and Andrew P. Farley. This volume is an outgrowth of that conference and represents a selected and edited set of papers exemplifying some of the outstanding research presented on that weekend.

The conference organizers (Bill VanPatten, Andrew P. Farley, Jill Jegerski, and Eileen Lock) are indebted to the many participants, keynoters, and colloquia organizers – and are especially thankful for the generous support of Texas Tech University, especially the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Vice-president’s Office for Research. We also thank the many volunteers (students and staff) who helped to ensure a smooth running conference.

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