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Language Acquisition: Studies in honour of Susanne E.
Carroll**

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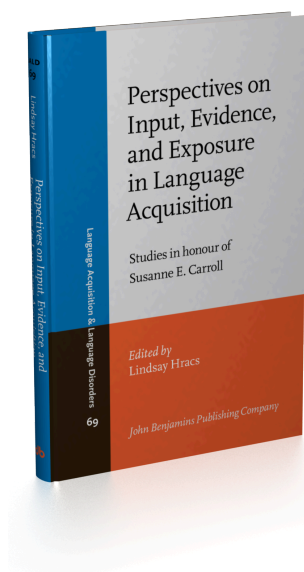
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With profound admiration and gratitude, this volume has been assembled to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Dr. Susanne E. Carroll. Throughout a career marked by unwavering dedication to scientific inquiry, Susanne has not only significantly advanced our understanding of input in language acquisition, but has also inspired countless colleagues and students along the way. When Susanne's retirement was officially announced, messages began pouring in detailing her impact on the field and on those who were fortunate enough to get to know her. In lieu of a *tabula gratulatoria*, some of the volume contributors have chosen to include their messages here:

Your research inspired us and gave rise to a new approach to gender in the Romance languages. We want to thank you for that and we hope that more will come. Tu n'as jamais oublié la terre, qu'il faut la soigner pour faire évoluer. Tu as cultivé ton jardin. Merci!

Laura D'Aurizio, Johanna Stahnke, and Natascha Müller

Looking back, I think we first met when I was working on my Master of Arts in German. You taught a LANG designated course on Grammatical Gender that laid the groundwork for my research with Dr. Tanja Kupisch featured in this Festschrift. I appreciated your insights into German and French, two languages we both share. I was enthusiastic about having you on my committee when I pursued my PhD in Education as my interest in bilinguals in schools included investigating their linguistic competence in both languages. You supported me with reference letters for my SSHRC application and job search, for which I am very grateful as they contributed to my success in both. Interestingly, when I discovered that teachers struggled to find appropriately leveled reading materials for their Bilingual Program classrooms, you suggested that I consider that area for future research, a project which I have now been able to begin. I wish you all the best in your retirement – your legacy lives on.

Roswita Dressler

I contributed to this volume as a way to offer my acknowledgement and gratitude for a professor who has paved the way for scholars in language acquisition. Even though our research is in different subfields, I have learned a lot from Dr. Susanne Carroll. We combined our research in the article titled *What absolute beginners learn from input: From laboratory to classroom research*, published in 2018 in a special issue of the journal *Instructed Second Language Acquisition 2(2): Second Language Teaching and Generative Linguistics*. I have appreciated the time

Dr. Susanne Carroll has taken to meet with me and offer advice on how to succeed as a professor. In addition, she taught a course on assessment taken by a graduate student I supervised and to this day, I am still hearing about how much the student learned in this course. This is further evidence that Dr. Susanne Carroll's knowledge is extending to current and future scholars. I will be forever grateful for her wisdom and knowledge that will live on well after her retirement. It is in this spirit that I offer my chapter to this Festschrift. Angela George

It feels very difficult to associate such an energetic person with retirement.

Gisela Håkansson

I still remember us meeting in Hamburg when I was about to leave for Calgary and you introduced me to the details of winters in Calgary. Our paths have crossed many times since. I admire your work and I am grateful for the support and advice you have given me. Tanja Kupisch

Il me semble que ce n'est qu'hier que nous nous sommes côtoyés à UBC puis à UofT et que nous avons collaboré à OISE au projet de recherche sur l'effet de la correction des erreurs chez les apprenants L2. Tout au long de ta carrière tu as représenté pour moi un modèle à suivre pour la rigueur et à la profondeur de tes analyses ainsi que pour ta résolution à t'attaquer à des questions complexes. Je te souhaite tout le bonheur qui te revient à l'occasion de ta retraite. Profites-en bien!

Yves Roberge

It is a great pleasure to congratulate you on your retirement and to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support I received from you during my year in Calgary. The opportunity to do a post-doc under your supervision in the Language Research Center was a great chance that opened new doors for me in academia. I would also like to thank you for writing *Input and Evidence*, which, in my opinion, is the most theoretically sophisticated treatment of negative feedback to date and has been a big source of inspiration for my work. I wish you the best in your retirement. Yucel Yilmaz

I know I am capturing the opinion of so many others when I write that I have been extremely fortunate to have a mentor, colleague, and collaborator that supports me and pushes me to excel while insisting I pursue answers to my research questions with the utmost scientific rigor. I am beyond pleased to have had the opportunity to organize this volume in Susanne's honour.

Lindsay Hracs