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INTRODUCTION

We are happy to introduce UMOP 10, University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics, covering a range of topics in morphology, phonology, and syntax, reflecting the work of linguists associated with the University of Massachusetts in 1984-1986. A companion volume on psycholinguistics, done in collaboration with the psychology department and edited by T. Daniel Seely, has been published as UMOP 9.

A number of papers investigate aspects of binding and referential dependence (those by Seely, Sells, and Ueda), we also have papers on the German passive (by Webelhuth), and a grid-based account of the Hebrew stress system (by Kadmon).

Kadmon investigates the interaction between nonprimary stress assignment and e-deletion in Modern Hebrew and its implications for a grid-based theory of stress.

Seely investigates the nature of referential dependence, through a close examination of the linking framework of Higginbotham and a comparison with the alternative symmetric theory of coindexing.

Sells examines the phenomenon of resumptive pronouns within a GPSG framework, in particular arguing that such pronouns should not be linked to their antecedents in the syntactic representation (either by SLASH, or some other foot feature).

Ueda argues that zibun, the Japanese reflexive, should not be considered an anaphoric element at all, but rather an inherently bound pronominal. This constitutes an alternative to the usual parametric approach.

Webelhuth presents a study of the German passive, arguing that a GB-based account in terms of the interaction of theta roles and abstract case is superior to an LFG-style account in terms of primitive grammatical relations.

We believe that this volume gives some idea of the scope and quality of the work currently being done at the University of Massachusetts, and are pleased to publish it as UMOP 10. We are grateful to our reviewers, and to Steve Berman, Junko Itô, and Joyce McDonough for their editorial assistance. We especially wish to thank the authors both for their contributions, and their forbearance with delays in getting this volume to press.

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