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## Foreword

SULA, The Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas, was a conference held from Friday 20 April 2001 to Sunday 22 April 2001 in Northampton, Massachusetts. SULA was sponsored by the UMass Amherst Linguistics Department and by Crossroads in the Study of the Americas (CISA). This volume, The Proceedings of SULA, contains some of the papers that resulted from presentations at SULA.

The goal of SULA was to bring together researchers who are working on languages or dialects which do not have an established tradition of work in formal semantics. We wanted to host an event which concentrated on this under-represented field of study partly to increase the exchange of ideas within the field, and partly to make it more accessible to the general Linguistics community. Work of the sort presented at SULA opens up new empirical realms for the formal semantic community, and brings forth fresh and interesting theoretical proposals and points of view. In addition, we felt that researchers in this area could benefit from sharing their knowledge and skills in the areas of fieldwork and analysis of under-studied languages.

The result was a very stimulating group of papers and an enjoyable three-day event. We would like to thank all the participants for their enthusiasm and for the quality of their work.

The papers at SULA were organized into thematic sessions, and every session had a commentator who synthesized the common themes and initiated questions and discussion. We would like to thank the commentators for their excellent feedback, and for the cooperative atmosphere that they helped create. Many thanks to Emmon Bach, Irene Heim, Barbara Partee and Tom Roeper.

A highlight of the conference, and one of its unique aspects, was the special session on the relationship between linguists and native speaker communities. Jessie Little Doe Fermino and Sandra Deer-Standup — focusing on Wampanoag and Mohawk, respectively — gave thought-provoking yet entertaining presentations about their experiences dealing with language retention, language reclamation, and the Linguistics community.

We would like to thank the students who helped organize the conference: Ana Arregui and Adam Werle, plus other volunteers from the UMass Linguistics Department. We would also like to thank our sponsors, namely Fred Byron (Vice Chancellor of Research, UMass), Charlena Seymour (Dean of the Graduate School, UMass), Lee Edwards (Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, UMass), as well as the UMass Linguistics Department and Crossroads in the Study of the Americas. Finally, thanks to the editors of this volume, Ji-yung Kim and Adam Werle, for their initiative in publishing it and their hard work in putting it together.

We would also like to acknowledge the following people who presented or were alternates at the conference, but who for various reasons did not publish papers in this volume: Ana Arregui, Sigrid Beck, Maria Bittner, Sandra Chung, Sandra Deer-Standup, Lisa Green, Ken Hale, William Ladusaw, Jessie Little Doe Fermino, Lynn Nichols, William Snyder, Veerle van Geenhoven, Ken Wexler, and Douglas Wharram.

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*Lisa Matthewson*

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**SCHEDULE**

**Friday 20 April 2001**

*CHAMORRO PANEL*

Commentator: Barbara Partee

**Restriction and Saturation in Chamorro Incorporation**

Sandra Chung & William A. Ladusaw, University of California Santa Cruz

*BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE PANEL*

Commentator: Angelika Kratzer

**The Scopal Properties of Distributive Quantifier Phrases in Brazilian Portuguese**

Esmeralda Vailati Negrão, University of São Paulo

**Genericity and the Denotation of Common Nouns in Brazilian Portuguese**

Ana Müller, University of São Paulo

*WEST GREENLANDIC AND INUKTITUT PANEL*

Commentator: Barbara Partee

**Dynamics of 'Free' Word Order in Greenlandic Eskimo**

Maria Bittner, Rutgers University

**Pluractional Markers, Properties and *for*-Adverbials**

Veerle van Geenhoven, Max Planck Institute

**How Wide is Wide? Wide-Scope Indefinites in Inuktitut**

Douglas Wharram, University of Connecticut

*NATIVE SPEAKER PANEL*

**Wampanoag**

Jessie Little Doe Fermino

**Mohawk**

Sandra Deer-Standup

**Saturday 21 April 2001**

*KEYNOTE ADDRESS*

**Particles in Hopi and O'odham**

Ken Hale, University of Nevada & MIT

*AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PANEL*

Commentator: Barbara Partee

**NEVER: Two Positions with Distinct Semantic Interpretations in ASL**

Christian Rathmann, University of Texas

*YUKATEK MAYA AND PASSAMAQUODDY PANEL*

Commentator: Emmon Bach

**Argument and Event Structure in Yukatek Verb Classes**

Jürgen Bohnemeyer, Max Planck Institute

**Discontinuous QPs and LF Interference Effects**

Benjamin Bruening & Vivian Lin, MIT

*QUECHUA PANEL*

Commentator: Emmon Bach

**The Interpretation of Cuzco Quechua Relative Clauses**

Rachel Hastings, Cornell University

**The Quechua Distributive Marker *-nka***

Martina Faller, Stanford University

*NAVAJO PANEL*

Commentator: Angelika Kratzer

**Navajo Classification and Coercion**

Theodore B. Fernald & MaryAnn Willie, Swarthmore College & The University of Arizona

*AFRICAN AMERICAN ENGLISH PANEL*

Commentator: Angelika Kratzer

**The Past Perfective and Present Perfect in African American English**

J. Michael Terry, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Negative Concord and Negative Inversion in African American English**

Lisa Green, University of Texas, Austin

**Sunday 22 April 2001**

*ACQUISITION PANEL*

Commentator: Tom Roeper

**Complex Predicates and Restitutive ‘Again’: Evidence for a Semantic Parameter**

William Snyder & Sigrid Beck, University of Connecticut

**Quantification without Qualification without Plausible Dissent**

Koji Sugisaki & Miwa Isobe, University of Connecticut & Keio University

**Negation, Object Raising and Feature Interpretability in Child Korean**

Ken Wexler, MIT

**A Salish Stage in the Acquisition of English Determiners**

Lisa Matthewson, Tim Bryant & Tom Roeper, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**On the Acquisition of the Aspects in Italian**

Angeliek van Hout & Bart Hollebrandse, Groningen University

*SALISH PANEL*

Commentator: Irene Heim

**Plurality in Skwxú7mesh (Squamish Salish): A Look at Reduplication**

Leora Bar-el, University of British Columbia

**Manner Adverbials in St’át’imcets and English**

Ana Arregui & Lisa Matthewson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*YIDDISH PANEL*

Commentator: Irene Heim

**Multiple Questions In and About Yiddish**

Molly Diesing, Cornell University

*ALTERNATE*

**Complex Event Structure in Zuni**

Lynn Nichols, Harvard University

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