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Editors' Preface

We are pleased to present the papers presented at the 25th reunion celebration of the Linguistics Department at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, held in September of 1998. Inside this volume, you will find papers written by both past and present professors and students on many different subjects: Jennifer Smith and Pius Tamanji on phonology, Toni Borowsky and Paul de Lacy on the phonology-morphology interface, Steven Lapointe on morphology, Noriko Kawasaki, Yoshi Kitagawa, and Peggy Speas on syntax, Barbara H. Partee and Vladimir Borschev on semantics, William Philip on language acquisition, and Katy Carlson, Eva Juarros-Daussà, Anita Nowak, and Elisabeth Villalta on sentence processing. The wide array of topics presented in this collection provide clear evidence of the diversity of thought and expertise engendered at UMass.

Two other prefaces immediately follow this one. The first is by Elisabeth Selkirk, our current Head of Department. The second is a comprehensive history of the linguistics department at UMass, written by one of our longest-serving professors, Barbara H. Partee. We are certain that these prefaces will give a sense of why the UMass Linguistics Department enjoys the prestige it has today.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the poster session happen, most notably Peggy Speas and Kyle Johnson. We are also grateful to Pius Tamanji, the present GLSA manager, for his editorial advice. Finally, we would like to thank the participants, without whom this volume would not exist.

Paul de Lacy
Anita Nowak

This volume is dedicated to the memory of *Steven Lapointe*.