

Foreword

Psycholinguistics Shorts is an annual mini-conference of the Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa.

In January 2005 I realized that the 7th annual meeting — and indeed, the entire tradition of the conference — was in jeopardy. Helen Goodluck, who had organized previous meetings, was no longer a member of the Department and it looked as though “PsychoShorts” would die on the vine. I made a last-minute decision to organize the 2005 meeting. With the able assistance of Sheila Scott (Ph.D. 2005), the conference was held on March 24, 2005. For the first time, a poster session was included in the program.

All the papers in this issue of *Cahiers Linguistiques d'Ottawa / Ottawa Papers in Linguistics* are versions of papers that were presented at the 2005 meeting. It is with great pleasure that we offer this selection of papers to our readers.

Even a modest conference such as our 2005 meeting involves the efforts of many individuals. I would like to thank all of the presenters, including those whose papers are not included herein for a wide variety of reasons, none involving quality. Sheila Scott's role has been mentioned, but deserves reiteration. Michele Foley, Abdessatar Mahfoudhi and Christina Manouilidou acted as session chairs. Éric Mathieu, Juana Liceras, Abdessatar Mahfoudhi, Christina Manouilidou, Catherine Anderson, Helmut Zobl, and Eta Schneiderman provided invaluable editorial assistance.

Thank you to all for making the 2005 meeting a success.

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