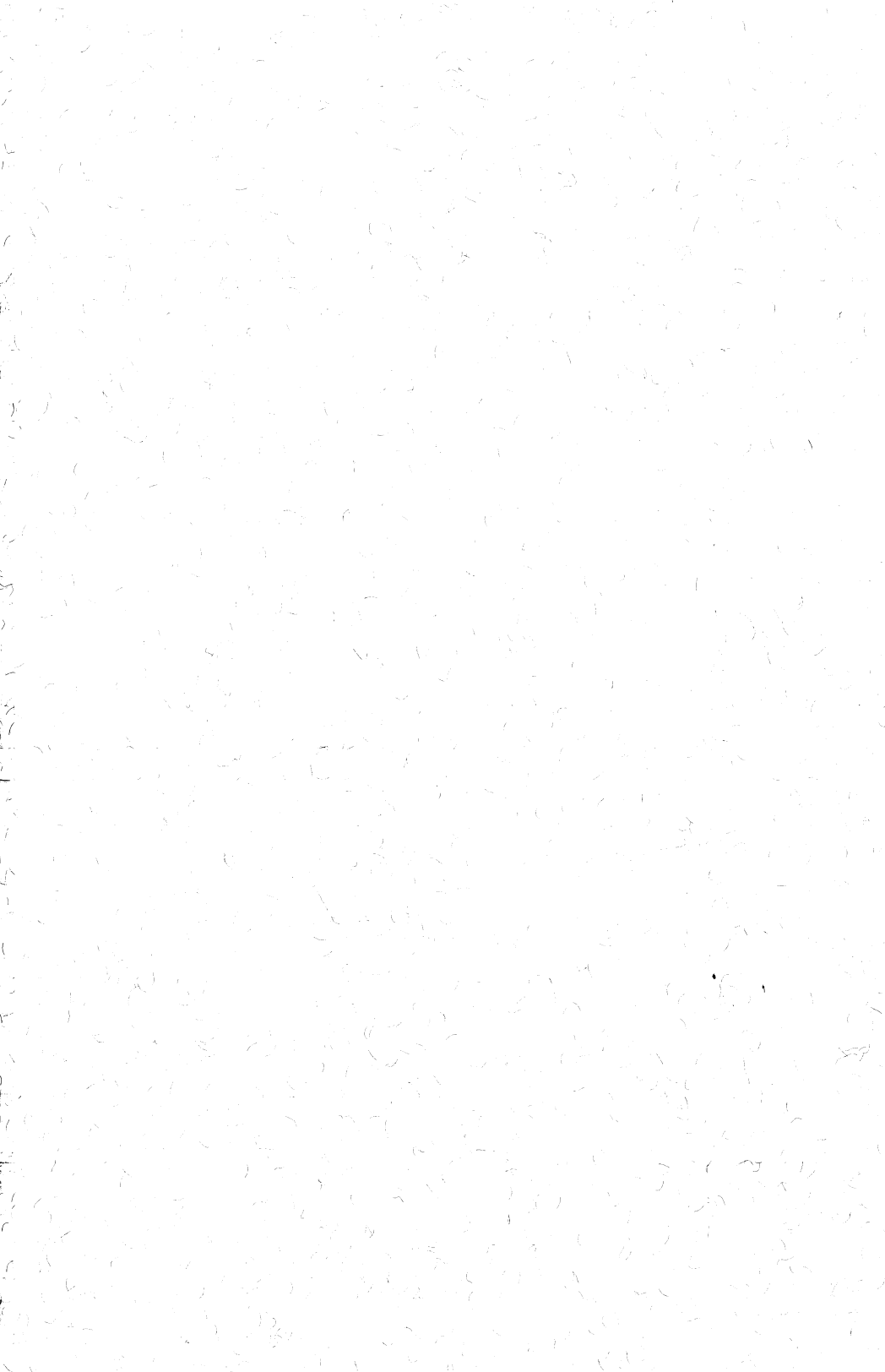


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PREFACE

The Proceedings of the First Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society represents the first of an anticipated series of volumes publishing the papers presented at the Annual Meeting. The BLS is a student-run organization designed to provide a national forum in the Berkeley area for presentation of current linguistics papers and a means for their wider dissemination. Our efforts could not have been better rewarded than by the set of papers collected in this volume.

The format for this publication owes an obvious and acknowledged debt to the Chicago Linguistic Society volumes. The photo-offset technique, coupled with the willingness of the authors to provide us with camera-ready copy almost immediately after the meeting, makes it possible to publish the proceedings within four months of the meeting, and at a reasonable cost.

A three-day conference and publication of the proceedings is never just the work of a handful of people; it represents a great deal of work and cooperation by many--from the members of the abstracts committees to the members of the Linguistics Department staff. In particular, we would like to single out the following people for their help: George Lakoff, who originally suggested that we form BLS, Claudia Corum, who gave invaluable advice, and Chuck Fillmore and Karl Zimmer for their patience and understanding. We thank the Chicago Linguistic Society. Not only have its staff members, past and present, been a source of advice and encouragement, but they also provided a loan to cover a substantial portion of the publication costs. The Berkeley Linguistics Department helped arrange the additional financing needed to print the proceedings and has been generous with its help and cooperation. We'd like to express our special appreciation to LaRue Seegmiller and Eileen C. Odegaard, not only for their continual help, but also for putting up with numerous inconveniences that we caused. In addition, we would like to thank the large number who are never directly given credit and who contributed a great deal of time and effort. Finally, of course, the linguists themselves who gave

and listened to the papers should be thanked since it is they who ultimately made the effort a success.

We look forward to organizing future conferences and publishing more volumes in the hope that they will prove to be valuable contributions to the linguistics community.

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