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This year BLS inaugurated a new format by devoting a portion of the Third Annual Meeting to a specific theme: American Indian linguistics, with a special emphasis on the native languages of California. This theme was chosen in order to honor Prof. Mary Haas and Prof. Madison Beeler, two of the original members of the Linguistics Department in Berkeley, who are retiring this year. Their contribution to the study and preservation of the native languages of North America and especially of California is immeasurable, as has been their impact on students in Berkeley over the years. Moreover, they symbolize the conception of linguistics as the study of languages.

There are those in the field today who feel that this is outmoded, that studying languages is not really linguistics. For them, linguistics is entirely the study of Language and the development of a theory thereof. Such a view is unfortunately short-sighted, for how can we know anything substantive about Language if we know nothing of languages? We heartily endorse Jerry Morgan's comment that "the era of the distinction between theoretician and grammarian is past." We feel that progress toward a deep understanding of Language can best be made through the study of languages, and this volume reflects that belief. Within the realm of syntax and semantics, there are papers addressing both theoretical and empirical issues. The same is true in the areas of phonetics and phonology, diachronic linguistic and sociolinguistics, which are all well represented herein. Finally, we are proud to present a collection of papers representing the most recent work of many of the finest scholars working in American Indian linguistics.

We would like to thank the Chicago Linguistic Society and the Department of Linguistics for continuing financial support. We would also like to thank Kathy Whistler for the calligraphy. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the many members of BLS and the Berkeley linguistics community whose time and energy figured so heavily in the success of the conference.

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