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Preface

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting was held - a minor miracle to us, as we were plagued with various misfortunes last Fall, which almost led to cancellation. Not only are we happy and relieved to report that the Meeting took place, but also that we enjoyed the best of luck: the conference with its parasession on Grammaticalization drew a large and enthusiastic crowd, and we were blessed with the best weather in recent BLS history.

The conference would not have come to pass had we not had the help and support of a number of wonderful people. We therefore wish to give our heartfelt thanks to: Natasha Beery, Claudia Brugman, Laura Michaelis, Mary Niepokuj, and Kiki Nikiforidou - all seasoned BLS officers - for their expert advice and guidance through the inevitable crises; Mirjam Fried - graduate student and caterer of the traditional BLS party - for transporting our taste buds to the land of unforgettable epicurean delights; "Los Antillanos" for entertaining us with their lovely and memorably danceable Caribbean music; the Institute of Cognitive Studies for continuing to give us shelter; and all of the friends and former friends for wading through the piles of abstracts, staffing the registration and book tables at the conference, serving as session chairs, and/or attending our marathon mailing parties.

We also wish to express our deepest gratitude to all those who presented papers or submitted abstracts - the numerous contributions to this year's parasession on Grammaticalization testify to a strong interest in the topic at Berkeley and beyond. We believe the papers from the general session and parasession to be of enduring quality, and trust that **BLS 14** will be as enjoyable to read as it was to produce.

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