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Foreword

The editor would like to first and foremost tender respectful apologies to not only the authors of the articles in this issue, but also to the readership that has probably been thrown off by the delay in publication. The editor assumes full responsibility for any and all typographical errors found in the typesetting of this issue.

This issue of the Proceedings of the Special Session of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society finds its roots and inspiration in the pioneering and prolific contributions made by Professor James A. Matisoff, who is now at the time of publication Emeritus faculty. The articles found in this issue present a wide range of topics on the broad languages and linguistics of Mainland Southeast Asia, many of which are of the Tibeto-Burman family.



James A. Matisoff is Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at UC Berkeley. His chief research interests include Southeast Asian languages (especially Tibeto-Burman and Tai), Chinese, Japanese, field linguistics, Yiddish studies, historical semantics, psycho-semantics, language typology, and areal linguistics. He is considered one of the world's foremost authorities on Southeast Asian Linguistics.

After having first taught at Columbia University (1966-69), he joined the Berkeley faculty in 1970. He has conducted fieldwork on Lahu and other Tibeto-Burman languages in Thailand (1965-66, 1970, 1976-77, 1985, 1991) and China (1983, 1984, 1991). He is a former editor of the journal, *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*, and is principal investigator of the Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus (STEDT) project, which has been supported by NSF and NEH since 1987. He is author of *The Grammar of Lahu*; *Variational Semantics in Tibeto-Burman*; *Blessings, Curses, Hopes, and Fears: Psycho-ostensive Expressions in Yiddish*; *The Dictionary of Lahu*, and *Handbook of Proto-Tibeto-Burman: System and Philosophy of Sino-Tibetan Reconstruction*.

It is with great honor and pleasure that the editor presents this volume of articles honoring Prof. Matisoff. The editor would also like to include his own personal gratitude for the innumerable advice, guidance, and support Prof. Matisoff has shown over the years as mentor and advisor.

Patrick Chew, vol. editor