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Preface

I am pleased to present here the proceedings of the Fifth Annual Texas Linguistics Society Conference, held at the University of Texas at Austin from March 2nd to March 4th, 2001. The Texas Linguistics Society Conference is a unique, topic-based conference bringing together researchers from around the world, working within different formal approaches, to present their research and views on topics of current theoretical interest. In previous years, the conference has focused on issues in the syntax and semantics of predication, the boundary between phonetics and phonology, perspectives on argument structure, and the effects of modality on language and linguistic theory. This year's conference continues this tradition, presenting original research and perspectives of the role of agreement in natural language. I hope that this volume will serve as a valuable resource for those interested in agreement and related issues.

This year's conference was made possible by many people's efforts who I would like to thank here including the abstract reviewers, all of our student volunteers, our session chairs, the faculty of the Department of Linguistics and the Linguistics Department Staff at the University of Texas at Austin. I would also like to thank Margaret Speas, Hilda Koopman, and Sandra Chung for their keynote addresses. I would especially like to thank Kristina Collins and Brian Reese who helped organize this year's conference. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to The R. D. King Centennial Professorship, The University Co-operative Society, and The Humanities Support Fund and the Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. This year's conference would not have been possible without their generous support.

Twenty-four papers and three keynote addresses were presented at the 2001 conference but not all of them have been submitted for publication in this volume. The papers appearing here appear in no particular order other than the order in which they were received. A complete listing of all talks is available on the TLS website at: <http://uts.cc.utexas.edu/~tls/>.

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