THE EDITOR'S REPORT

[The following is a slightly modified and updated version of the report made verbally to the LSA membership at the annual meeting in New Orleans, on January 3, 2020, by Editor Andries Coetzee.]

The year 2019 was a good year for *Language*, during which we saw a rise in the number of submissions, maintained a good time-to-decision, and welcomed several new members to the editorial team. We are deeply appreciative of the continued support and trust that we receive from the linguistics community. *Language* is in a real sense the intellectual property of the whole community of linguists and language researchers, and as an editorial team we are cognizant of the responsibility that comes with overseeing such a valuable community property.

Changes in the editorial team

After seven years as part of the editorial team, Megan Crowhurst (the University of Texas at Austin) stepped down at the end of 2019. During her time at *Language*, Megan has served as associate editor, senior associate editor, and co-editor. Few people have made such a substantive and lasting contribution to *Language* as Megan. She shepherded hundreds of submissions through the editorial process, wrote as many decision letters, and provided steadfast leadership as a senior member of the editorial team. We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to Megan for all that she has done for the linguistics community through her service at *Language*. Megan handed over the role of co-editor to her colleague at Texas, John Beavers. John had already served as associate editor for four years before being elected by the LSA membership in 2019 to serve for three years as co-editor (2020–2022), followed by three more years as editor (2023–2025).

Several associate editors also cycled off from the editorial team at the end of their terms, and we extend appreciation and thanks to them for their service to the LSA: Kathryn Campbell-Kibler (the Ohio State University), Donna Christian (Center for Applied Linguistics), Roger Levy (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Diane Lillo-Martin (University of Connecticut), and Linda Wheeldon (University of Agder).

We are happy to be joined by several new associate editors, each of whom will serve an initial term of three years: Marlyse Baptista (University of Michigan), Diane Brentari (University of Chicago), Colleen Fitzgerald (Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi), Lauren Hall-Lew (University of Edinburgh), Vaidehi Ramanathan (University of California, Davis), Arthur Spears (City University of New York), Anne-Michelle Tessier (University of British Columbia), Shravan Vasishth (University of Potsdam), and Susi Wurmbrand (University of Vienna).

We also bid farewell to Alicia Stevers, who served as *Language*'s editorial assistant for the past three years. Alicia completed her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan at the end of 2019, and we wish her well in her post-graduate-school endeavors. We welcome Kelly Wright, a Ph.D. student from the University of Michigan, as our new editorial assistant.

Language by the numbers

Volume 95 of *Language* consisted of four issues comprising 826 pages in the printed section, containing twenty-one research articles, two review articles, and eighteen book reviews. The online section of the volume had 473 pages, consisting of one paper in

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Language and Public Policy, one in Phonological Analysis, three in Teaching Linguistics, five in Research Reports, three in Commentaries, one Reply to an earlier *Language* article, and one target article in the Perspectives section, with six responses.

During 2019, we received a total of 202 submissions (compared to 166 in 2018). Table 1 shows the breakdown of submissions by journal section for 2019. The numbers from 2018 are included for comparison.

	2018 SUBMISSIONS	2019 SUBMISSIONS
Research Articles	117	158
Language and Public Policy	5	2
Perspectives	12	10
Phonological Analysis	1	—
Teaching Linguistics	7	2
Research Reports	18	25
Commentary/Replies	5	3
Review Articles	1	2
TOTAL	166	202

TABLE 1. Submissions by journal section for 2018 and 2019.

For manuscripts submitted during 2019, the average time between submission and the various kinds of editorial decisions is given in Table 2 (with 2018 times included for comparison).

	Average # days between most recent author submission and editorial action	
	2018	**2019**
Decline	28	26
Major revisions required	126	107
Minor revisions required	63	85
Accept	84	27

TABLE 2. Average number of days for various editorial decisions during 2018 and 2019.

Starting in January 2019, authors indicate the primary field of their manuscript during the submission process, using the same categories as those used for abstract submissions to the annual meeting. Table 3 shows the number of submissions by author-reported primary field for 2019. We are pleased with the diversity of subdisciplines represented in the submissions, and hope to increase this diversity even more in coming years.

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We owe much gratitude to the community of linguists who continue to support the journal through choosing to submit to *Language* and through their willingness to serve as referees. We also acknowledge the continued support of the LSA staff (Alyson Reed, Rita Lewis, and David Robinson), Patrick Farrell (in his capacity as the LSA Publications Advisor), and the LSA Executive Committee. *Language* continues to maintain very high standards in copyediting in no small part due to the dedication of our copyeditor, Dr. Hope Dawson, assisted by proofreaders Emily Moline and Robert Maslen.

The *Language* editorial team is composed of a group of dedicated individuals whose contributions ensure the continued success of the journal. Special thanks go to every member of the editorial team for 2018, including co-editor Megan Crowhurst, review editor Lauren Squires, and associate editors John Baugh, John Beavers, Eugene Buck-

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Syntax	38
Phonology	17
Historical linguistics	16
Sociolinguistics	15
Semantics	13
Applied linguistics	11
Anthropological linguistics	10
Discourse analysis	10
Phonetics	10
Psycholinguistics	9
Pragmatics	8
Typology	8
Morphology	7
Language documentation	6
Computational linguistics	5
Language acquisition	5
History of linguistics	3
Neurolinguistics	3
Field reports	2
Teaching linguistics	2
Linguistics and literature	1
Philosophy of language	1
Text/corpus linguistics	1
Other	1

TABLE 3. Author-selected primary area of linguistics for submissions received in 2019.

ley, Kathryn Campbell-Kibler, Donna Christian, Patricia Cukor-Avila, Matthew K. Gordon, Kazuko Hiramatsu, Khalil Iskarous, Ezra Keshet, Roger Levy, Diane Lillo-Martin, Carmel O'Shannessy, Kristen Syrett, Michal Temkin Martínez, Christina Tortora, Lisa Travis, George Walkden, Linda Wheeldon, David Willis, and Susi Wurmbrand. A special thank you is also in order to James McCloskey (University of California, Santa Cruz), who returned after many years to help out as associate editor for a few months during 2019 when a member of our team was unable to fulfill their duties due to unforeseen personal circumstances.

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