

From the Editor

In these pages, alongside three provocative articles and three careful reviews, you will also find somewhat more than the usual number of In Memoriam pieces. These offer reminiscences about our teachers and students, friends, and colleagues who have recently passed away. While such losses are always painful, untimely death weighs especially heavily on our hearts, reminding us of the value of life, the transience of all things, and the smallness of our daily worries.

It is nonetheless my hope that such columns serve the larger community of Slavic linguists. As always, we welcome newsworthy items of general interest in addition to reviews and scholarly manuscripts. I particularly invite members of the Slavic Linguistics Society to submit a Reflections piece. It has been some time since one has appeared in these pages. So if you have thoughts on the state of the field that you wish to share, please contact me or one of the Associate Editors. And if there is a book you want to review for *JSL* or propose that we have reviewed, contact Associate Editor Wayles Browne. Finally, we continue to solicit proposals for guest-edited topical issues.

The next annual meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society meeting will take place from 1–3 September 2011 at the Université de Provence, in Aix-en-Provence, France. Not only does the conference program look very exciting, but I cannot imagine a more delightful place to spend the end of the summer. In keeping with our pattern of meeting on alternate sides of the Atlantic, the executive committee has already resolved that the SLS 2012 will take place at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence. In passing, I note that we seem to be fixated on the American Midwest; I urge members living closer to one of the coasts, as well as our Canadian cousins, to consider hosting SLS 2014. Also in passing, let me use this column to mention that FASL 21 will take place at Indiana University, in Bloomington, from 11–13 May 2012.

Matters of business for the Aix meeting include electing three new members of the Executive Board. Rotating off the current board (unless reelected, of course) are: Daniel Collins (OSU), Frank Gladney (Illinois, emeritus), and Lenore Grenoble (Chicago). In addition, Gilbert

Rappaport, who has long managed the society's web pages, has tendered his resignation. Please join me in thanking Gil for his excellent service as webmaster and in welcoming to this role board member Andrea Sims, who kindly volunteered just as this issue of *JSL* was going to press.

At *JSL* offices in Bloomington, I am sad to announce that Managing Editor, Technical Editor, and all-around *JSL* magician, Rosemarie Connolly, will be departing in the fall. Rosie has been working on *JSL* since Vol. 14, and in the course of those five years I have come to rely on her as my memory, conscience, and sounding board. She has never let me down, and she will be sorely missed. Succeeding her will be new Slavic and Linguistics graduate student Muamera Begović.

There have also been some additions to the ranks of our Associate Editors (as well as some changes in affiliation—we can now boast two Associate Editors at European universities). Please join me then in welcoming Barbara Citko, who teaches in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Washington in Seattle, and Stephen Dickey, who teaches in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Kansas in Lawrence (and who will be one of the organizers of SLS 2012). The Associate Editor system serves to streamline the review process enormously and, since *JSL* is receiving new submissions both with increasing frequency and in increasingly diverse areas, the addition of two new Associate Editors should be of great help as the Slavic Linguistic Society continues to grow.

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