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## PREFACE

This seventeenth volume of the Work Papers contains a number of papers of special interest. The first section, Squibs, contains thoughts and comments on quite a wide range of linguistic theory, from both tagmemic and transformational points of view and various positions in between.

The second section, Staff Seminars, contains papers and summaries from the staff and graduate seminars held here this summer.

The third section, Varia, starts with a surface structure parable with a serious deep structure point. Then a comment on the pedagogical value of transformational batteries. Then a listing of the known Papuan languages, with Dewey decimal numbers for them. The section ends with a tongue-in-cheek "history" of linguistics which we have included here in memory of our former irrepressible colleague Elliott Canonge, an accomplished student of Comanche with a ready wit.

The fourth section includes research papers from this summer. The Mamanwa (Philippines) causative affix shows an interesting shifting of role focus. Mamanwa paragraphs show clear structuring. Sara (Chad) sentence structure shows very delicate modal shadings. Canamarí (Brazil) verb role frames have interesting implications for universal semantic theory. And the final paper summarizes a lot of recent research and discussion on literacy and the reading process.

The papers in this volume are all in pre-publication form, so anyone desiring to copy or quote from them should first obtain permission from the individual authors.

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