

FOREWORD

During the fall semester of 1981, the Linguistics Department of the University of Kansas was privileged to have Mary R. Haas as Rose Morgan Visiting Professor. Coincidentally, this was also the first year that the two editors of the *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics* were both Amerindianists. The karma was right, so this acersecomic from Utah and sweetgrass addict from North Dakota collaborated to honor our guest with a volume of American Indian linguistics papers.

The response to our calls for papers was beyond our wildest expectations and we have, in this volume, collected a variety of papers on topics as diverse as syntactic theory in Lakhota, narrative analysis in Winnebago, and French loanwords in Cree. The languages covered are from all over North America, and represent nine different families and isolates (Algonkian, Caddoan, Kiowa-Tanoan, Muskogean, Natchez, Salishan, Siouan, Uto-Aztecan, and Yurok). Many of the languages have had little or no previous representation in linguistic literature (for example, Comanche, Kitsai, Natchez, Quapaw, and Wawenock), so much of the data is here for the first time.

We wish to thank the contributors, both those whose papers we included and those whose papers we didn't include. Without your help we could not have produced this, the largest volume of *KWPL* ever published. We also wish to thank the faculty of the Department of Linguistics for their generous support and encouragement for this project. But most of all, we would like to thank Professor Haas, whose time with us was all too brief. This volume is respectfully dedicated to her.

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