

Editors' overview

A second year of editing *Applied Psycholinguistics* is behind us, and it seems again appropriate to express our thanks to all those who have helped us: the members of the Editorial Board, whose reviews have often displayed a remarkable commitment to improving the quality of research and its communication; to our guest reviewers, whose names are listed below in token of our appreciation; to Sandra Sumner and Patton Tabors, who have in the Boston and the Cambridge offices, respectively, often protected us from our own disorganization and inefficiency; and to Thomas Bacher and others at Cambridge University Press, who have worked hard to move the journal back to being printed and mailed on schedule.

We feel quite satisfied with certain aspects of what we have accomplished this year. The journal is now appearing on a schedule more coordinated with the date on the cover of each issue. We have now stabilized a backlog of publishable manuscripts large enough to ensure that the journal can appear without disruptions to the planned schedule, but still small enough to offer potential authors a relatively short publication lag. We have maintained a high standard in accepting manuscripts for publication (50% of manuscripts submitted to us have been rejected, and 23% accepted; the rest are under review or in revision), but have also worked hard, with the help of reviewers and the cooperation of authors, to improve manuscripts and increase their publishability, either in AP or elsewhere. We have published our first special issue on writing and are eagerly looking forward to the second, on language loss. Furthermore, we already notice a welcome increase in the number of submissions relevant to each of these two areas—areas that we felt had not received enough attention within the pages of the journal. We note furthermore an increase in submissions from European colleagues, a trend we hope will continue. The cross-fertilization of European and American research traditions certainly requires, as a first step, reviewing, publishing, and reading each others' work.

We reiterate our general call for papers relevant to all aspects of psycholinguistics. *Applied Psycholinguistics* is unique in considering papers from an extremely wide range of research domains: normal and disordered populations; acquisition as well as loss of language skills; the psycholinguistic processes underlying reading, writing, and second language skills, in addition to all aspects of first language production and comprehension; and signed as well as spoken languages. It is our belief that researchers in any of these fields benefit from access to findings in the others, and that *Applied Psycholinguistics*, by publishing across this range of topics, increases access for all of us to findings and to research paradigms that can inform and improve our own research undertakings.

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