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Letter from the Chair

From the outgoing Chair, Lesley Jeffries:

Dear Palans,

I would like to wish Michael and the committee very good wishes for their work in the next few years. I know they will do a great job in taking PALA forward. I have loved being the Chair of this organisation which to me embodies the best of academic – and, more importantly, human – practice. Thanks to you all for the opportunity, and I will see you at many conferences to come!

Lesley Jeffries

From our new Chair, Michael Burke:

Dear Fellow PALAns,

I would like to begin my first address to you as PALA Chair by thanking Lesley for three years of excellent stewardship. She will be a very hard act to follow. It is my intention to continue the line set out by her, making measured improvements while maintaining the great PALA feeling of friendship and scholarship that is unique to our association.

As organiser of the annual conference in Middelburg last year, I brought in some structural guidelines with regard to submitting abstracts. Recently, I have written a procedure for those wishing to submit a proposal to the committee to host a conference. Further, I have expanded the category of 'PALA students' to include undergraduates. During my three-year tenure as PALA Chair, I am keen on developing regular workshops for the membership: both pre-conference and stand alone summer events. A related project that I will also be developing is an annual week-long stylistics summer school in Middelburg for PALA student members. You will be hearing more about these plans in the course of this year.

I am very much looking forward to serving you between now and the end of 2012 and I intend to do so to the very best of my ability. I hope that my experience setting up and running two PALA Sigs, organising a successful PALA annual conference last year, as well as serving on the PALA committee as membership secretary between 2004 and 2007 will stand me in good stead to achieve this. My experience as department head at Roosevelt Academy over the past five years should hopefully

also be an asset in helping me to lead PALA effectively and efficiently in the coming three years. It is my intention to hand on the post of Chair to the next person at the end of 2012 in just as healthy a state as I have received it from Lesley.

The 2011 PALA conference has now been confirmed and will be hosted in Windhoek, Namibia. Before that, however, we have a very exciting year of stylistics ahead of us in 2010 with a mini PALA conference in Budapest on the theme of pedagogical stylistics in April. This is followed by our annual conference in Genoa in July hosted by John Douthwaite and his team. It is the first time that a PALA conference has been hosted in Italy and I am sure it will be a hugely memorable experience. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all there.

... And finally, keep up all the excellent work you do in the field of literary linguistics and keep spreading the stylistics word to your colleagues and, perhaps more importantly, to your students.

Best wishes,
Michael.

Editorial

WELCOME to the latest edition of the PALA newsletter, and all best to you for 2010.

A New Year has begun and many of us have already left the port again for various types of teaching and researching odysseys.

Fond memories of PALA 29 in Middleburg have helped me to steer the academic wheel through a busy semester last year. I do not want to miss the opportunity to thank, again, the PALA 29 organisers, Michael Burke and Ernestine Lahey, and their team for a fantastically organised conference. Middleburg has taken the PALA ship to a wonderful seaside resort with the special Zeeland flair, which those of us who were able to attend the conference will not forget. Dankje well!

This year the PALA vessel has to navigate to another impressive coastal city, to the seaport of Genoa in Liguria, Italy, to celebrate PALA's 30th birthday and to discover and explore "The Language of Landscapes". Good luck to John Douthwaite and his team for all the preparations!

PALA and the PALA crew steering our ship will have to cope with a few changes. On behalf of all PALA members I would like to thank Andrea Macrae for her fantastic work as PALA crew member and as student membership secretary. At the PALA AGM in August, Melanie Evans from Sheffield University was appointed to be Andrea's successor. Thank you very much, Andrea, and congratulations and good luck to you, Mel!

On behalf of all PALA members I would also like to thank Paul Simpson for his sterling work as the Editor of *Language and Literature*. Paul, you have been an excellent editorial captain and thank you very much for turning *Language and Literature* into what it is today. At the same time, I would like to congratulate the new

editorial team of *Language and Literature* who will have to read and create the cartography of *Language and Literature* in the years to come: Geoff Hall has taken over from Paul Simpson as the Editor of *Language and Literature*. Jo Gavins has become Assistant Editor and Dan McIntyre has been appointed the new Reviews Editor. As Assistant Editor, Catherine Emmott continues to support the editorial team with her navigating experience. Congratulations to you all, all the best of luck and a sea full of exploratory editorial spirit!

Finally, on behalf of all PALA members, I would also like to thank Lesley Jeffries for her outstanding work as the captain, that is, the Chair of PALA during the last three years. With you, Lesley, we have travelled to and explored exciting new stylistic and other territories. You have been a highly inspiring and guiding “pilot”. Thank you very much, Lesley!

Michael Burke from the Roosevelt Academy, Middelburg, has succeeded Lesley. I would also like to congratulate Michael on his election for being next captain, that is, Chair of PALA. May there always be enough water beneath your keel, Michael, and full speed ahead!

As you can see, the PALA vessel has seen a continuously thriving crew exploring a variety of countries and sending out her ambassadors internationally.

Enjoy reading our latest travelogue!
Beatrix Busse

PALA 30 2010 Genoa

PALA 30 at The University of Genoa

21 July to 24 July 2010

<http://www.lingue.unige.it/pala2010/>

The deadline for the submission of abstracts has now passed.

Working for PALA as a Member of the Committee

A number of posts on the PALA committee are up for renewal this summer. These are:

- Treasurer
- Membership secretary
- Newsletter editor
- Publicity officer
- Student membership secretary (this is a co-opted, rather than elected, post)

You will be receiving an email message later this month via the Announce mailing list with all the details concerning the election procedure

Membership Renewal

Please remember to renew your membership. It is easy to do so at <http://www.pala.ac.uk/about/join.html>

Standard membership costs £50 and includes all the PALA benefits plus the year's issues of *Language and Literature*. This special discount rate is particularly good value since the normal annual price for *Language and Literature* is £54. Your 'standard' PALA membership effectively means you will receive the journal for £30.

Basic membership costs £20 annually and includes all the PALA benefits without the journal subscription.

Student membership is free and includes all the PALA benefits without the journal subscription.

Should you have any membership queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Membership Secretary, Nina Nørgaard, at noergaard@language.sdu.dk

Student members should contact the Student Membership Secretary, Mel Evans at melanie.evans@sheffield.ac.uk

Forthcoming PALA Events

PALA 2011

Polytechnic of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia
5-9 July 2011

The venue for the 2011 PALA conference has been confirmed as Windhoek, Namibia. It will be hosted by the Polytechnic of Namibia on July 5-9, 2011. The local organiser is Dr. Sarala Krishnamurthy. More details will follow at the PALA AGM, which will take place during the upcoming annual PALA conference in Genoa in July this year. A conference website for Windhoek will also be launched around that time.

Mini-PALA Budapest on the topic of "Pedagogical Stylistics" 19-20 April 2010

For more details contact Szilvia Csabi at pala2010budapest@gmail.com Please visit the conference website. <http://sites.google.com/site/pala2010budapest/>

PALA student summer school

In the summer of 2011 PALA is hoping to launch an annual one-week summer school for PALA students whereby every year experts from within the PALA organisation are invited to teach courses in their specialty to a group of international PALA students. It will be based in Middelburg and run by Michael Burke. It will

operate under the name of the Middelburg School of Rhetoric. More details will emerge later this year.

Organising a PALA Annual Conference

Have you ever thought of organising an annual PALA conference at your academic institution? It can be a hugely rewarding experience. To help you decide, a set of guidelines has been drawn up with regard to submitting a proposal to host a PALA conference. You will find the relevant information at the following link on the PALA website: <http://www.pala.ac.uk/confs/guidelines.html>. If you have any questions, please contact the PALA chair Michael Burke at m.burke@roac.nl

PALA Ambassadors

Are you interested in making contact with other PALA members in your country or region? Can you help to spread the word about the benefits of PALA membership to your colleagues and postgraduate students? Would you like to organize or attend local PALA events? If so, consider becoming a PALA Ambassador. The aim of the PALA Ambassadors scheme is to encourage communication and interaction between PALA members on a local and/or regional level. There are many ways in which Ambassadors can facilitate the development of local PALA networks, from simply serving as a first contact point for news and events of PALA interest within a particular region, to organizing small-scale events (symposia, conferences, or purely social get-togethers). PALA student members are especially welcome to get involved. Interested PALA members should contact the publicity officer, Ernestine Lahey at e.lahey@roac.nl

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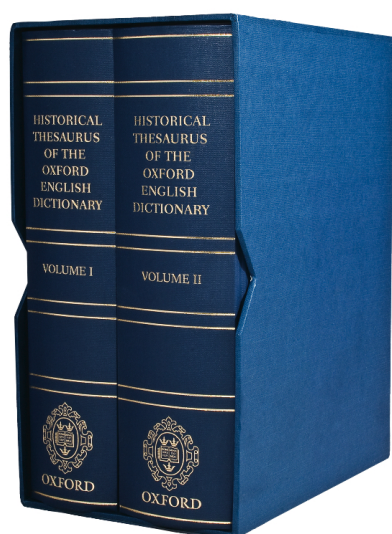
Newsworthy Items

Historical Thesaurus of the OED

Members may be interested to learn of the publication of the *Historical Thesaurus of the Oxford English Dictionary*, which is both the world's first historical thesaurus and its largest. Originating in an idea developed by Prof. Michael Samuels, HTOED is the product of over forty years work in the English Language Department at the University of Glasgow. Its pages contain most of the recorded vocabulary of English, from Anglo-Saxon times to the present, arranged in a detailed taxonomic structure within semantic fields such as Land or Knowledge or Sport. A second volume contains a comprehensive index. HTOED is intended to reveal both how the vocabulary of English has developed over its 1300-year written history, and how such developments reflect cultural and social change. The fact that each word is accompanied by its dates of use enables scholars to see what words were available to writers at particular periods, while the position of words at different places in the taxonomy may pinpoint change of meaning. The work was published by Oxford University Press on October 22, 2009. Further details, including sample pages and a special introductory price of 250 GBP available until the end of January 2010, are at <http://www.oup.com/online/ht/> Further details of the project as a whole can be found at <http://libra.englant.arts.gla.ac.uk/WebThesHTML/homepage.html>

Bibliographical details:

Kay, Christian, Jane Roberts, Michael Samuels & Irené Wotherspoon (2009). *Historical Thesaurus of the OED*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.



2010 International Stylistics Conference, China, will be held at Ningbo University, Zhejiang Province, China from October 27th to 30th, 2010 (registration on the 27th). The conference is sponsored by China Stylistics Association. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is April 30, 2010. Keynote speakers include Michael H. Short and Michael Toolan. Abstracts of about 300 words should be sent to Changbiao Li, nbuconference@163.com tel. +86-574-87600048; fax +86-574-87600321; postal address: Changbiao Li, for Organizing Committee, ISCC, Department of English, School of Foreign Languages, Ningbo University, Zhejiang Province 315211, P. R. China. Submission of abstracts by email is preferred.

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A female Sailor on Her First PALA Journey (that is, PALA newcomer report)

Rewriting Jane Austen...

"My dear Mr. Bennet," said his lady to him one day, "have you heard that this year's PALA conference has taken place in Middelburg?"

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

"But it has," returned she; "for Miss Pallares has just been there, and she told me all about it."

Mr. Bennet made no answer.

"Do you not want to know how she liked it?" cried his wife impatiently.

"*You* want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it."

This was invitation enough.

"Why, my dear, you must know, Miss Pallares says that the conference pleasantly exceeded her expectations. She arrived on Monday in a chaise and four, and was much delighted with Middelburg. – A beautiful town indeed. – She says the days passed so quickly, each bringing a new source of intellectual and personal enjoyment to her."

"What else did she tell you?"

"She pointed out that everything was remarkably well arranged, and the lectures turned out to be very interesting. She had the pleasure of being introduced to many distinguished ladies and gentlemen from different parts of the world. The conference dinner party, moreover, was a most entertaining event! Can you imagine? Upon the whole, she describes the conference as a very rewarding experience."

"What was the purpose of the conference?"

"Why, to discuss matters related to Stylistics."

"Is that the study of the newest fashions?"

"The newest fashions! Nonsense, how can you talk so! But it is very likely that the annual PALA conference will continue to be a great event, and therefore we should all go next year. What a fine thing for our girls!"

"Do you think so?—Well!—We will plan a visit to Genoa next year!"

Elena Pallarés García.

PhD student, University of Salamanca and University of Sheffield. Research topic: The representation of consciousness in the novels of Jane Austen.

Minutes, AGM PALA 29, Middleburg

AGM Middelburg 2009 – 23rd July 2008 Minutes

1. Minutes of last AGM (Sheffield, July 2008): The minutes of the last AGM were confirmed by Lisa Lena Opas-Hanninen and Michael Toolan.

2. Matters arising: There are no matters arising

3. Reports from Committee members

a) Chair's report

- Committee meetings: Lesley Jeffries reports that the committee has met on two occasions, once in January and again on the day of the AGM. The committee has been working on addressing the following issues: free membership for postgraduate students, the PALA ambassadors scheme, negotiations about the status of the journal, negotiations with publishers in relation to prizes, change of logo, development of website, announce list and discussion list, online payment, change of paper to e-newsletter and student membership representative.

b) Treasurer's report

- PALA account summary: The treasurer shows the latest figures of the PALA account and confirms that details of the account summary will be available in Parlance.
- The PALA account shows a healthy balance of **£15,157.83** (to 20th June 2009); certain payments will still go out from this amount: £5,000 to cover the costs of *Language and Literature* and this year's student bursaries. Due to the healthy state of the account, bursaries to postgraduate students are still ok to be paid.
- The Mary Ellen Ryder fund money is also to be added to the amount of money destined for future post-graduate bursaries.
- The cost of running PayPal is a new expense to be considered this year but because of the smooth running of the system the committee considers it well worth the cost
- Finally, the treasurer confirms that Sheffield PALA has had a surplus which they will be donating back to the PALA coffers.

c) Membership secretary

- The figures presented by the membership secretary do not include student members as they do not bring in any income.
- The membership secretary confirms that there are 156 members at the time of the AGM taking place
- The online payment system seems to have been a success and there have been no major problems reported. However, the secretary wants to point out that should members wish to pay in the old-fashioned way they are still allowed to do so. This year there were 144 payments made via PayPal with only 4 people experiencing problems; 4 people paid by cheque, 3 by credit card and 5 people paid during the conference at Middelburg.

d) Student membership

- The student membership secretary confirms that numbers appear to be high and stable. She shows a summary of the various countries and universities where PALA is represented as well

as the broad spectrum of disciplines Palans seem to be working on, as there has been a spike in Translation Studies, Critical Linguistics and Discourse Stylistics.

- As her term as student representative has come to an end, the Chair takes the opportunity to thank Andrea Macrae for all her work.

e) Publicity officer

- The publicity officer describes the ambassador scheme introduced last year and confirms that there are currently 16 ambassadors plus 3 new ones. She reminds members that the ambassadors' role is to represent PALA at a regional/local level and to report back to the publicity officer so that any event can be publicised as widely as possible.
- One of the possible ways in which ambassadors can also help is by distributing fliers (available at the web page) in conferences or academic gatherings of any sort (this includes post-graduate activities too).
- Finally, she reminds members that information about the ambassadors' programme is available at the webpage.

f) Newsletter editor

- The newsletter editor briefly confirms that there have been two issues this year but also informs members that the committee is considering possibly changing the format of the newsletter to bulletins; any changes made will be reported back to PALA members in due time.
- The newsletter editor urges members to send her any information they would like to see distributed to the PALA community, such as reports and letters, calls for papers, announcements, etc.
- The newsletter editor encourages newcomers to the conference to write the 'PALA newcomers' report.

g) Webmaster report

- The webmaster starts by encouraging members to check the website regularly as there are updates being added constantly. The news section, for instance, has now been revamped.
- The webmaster also reminds the AGM that the 'Discussion List' is there for members to comment on issues related to stylistics so every member is automatically added on to the list when they join PALA. Everybody is encouraged to actively participate in discussions.
- The webmaster also welcomes any feedback on the webpage itself, information on activities around the world, SIGs meetings, projects, etc.

h) *Language and Literature* outgoing/new editor reports

- The Chair announces that Paul Simpson is standing down as editor of *Language and Literature* from 1st August 2009 although the handing down process has taken place progressively.
- The *Language and Literature* editor shows PALA members a report on the current status of the journal:

- Indexing Status: Sage and the editorial team are pleased to announce that *Language and Literature* are now indexed in the Social Sciences Citation Index ® and also in the Arts & Humanities Citation Index ®.

- Almost 2,000 institutions worldwide have access to *Language and Literature* and over 4,000 people are currently signed up to receive journal alerts.

- Over 47,000 articles from *Language and Literature* were downloaded in 2008 while overall usage has risen by 147% since 2006.

- 'Backfile' update: access to the deep backfile (volumes published pre-1999) is sold or leased to libraries separately from other subscriptions and packages. This is available at an individual title level and at a platform level as a package of all SAGE-hosted backfile content. The shallow backfile (1999 to the present) is generally already included in traditional subscriptions and consortia packages.

- Through partner organisations such as the UN's Research4Life programme, free or low cost electronic access to *Language and Literature* continues to be promoted and expanded in the developing world.

- *Language and Literature* submissions summary by region from 2005 onwards:

Submissions from Europe:	53%
Submissions from N America:	25%
Submissions from Australia and New Zealand:	2%
Submissions from Asia:	10%
Submissions from Rest of the world:	10%

- ERIH update: The European Research Index for the Humanities have produced a rather negative rating for the journal ('C'). However, when prompted for an explanation as to the low rating they have failed to provide an adequate answer. The editor questions whether we should be bothered with the inclusion of *Language and Literature* in this index.

- New Editorial team: the outgoing editor introduces the new editor, Geoff Hall who thanks the former for his hard work over the past years. The new editor says he is honoured to do this job and is aware of the difficulties his predecessor has overcome. Geoff Hall then announces the PALA Prize, awarded to the best article published in a particular year by a newcomer to the field; this year the award goes to Patricia Canning for her article: 'The bodie and the letters both: 'blending' the rules of early modern religion'. The Prize is funded by SAGE who will be awarding £250 to the winner; she also gets free subscription to the journal for one year and free membership of PALA for one year.

4. The Longman Prize

- The Chair announces the Longman Prize winner. The Longman Prize is awarded to the written version of the best postgraduate paper presented at the annual conference and judged by members of the committee. It is worth £100 of Longman books and this year it goes to Sara Whiteley of Sheffield University for her paper "Real" readers, Text World Theory & emotional response'.

5. Constitutional issues and elections

- The Chair introduces the various constitutional issues to discuss and asks attendants at the AGM to abstain from voting if they are not members of PALA.
- As the Chair's term is due to expire at the beginning of 2010 a new election is to be held. The first issue put to the AGM is whether members consider it appropriate that the voting is done electronically instead at the annual AGM. The voting takes place with the following results:

For: 56 votes

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

- The second issue to consider concerns the changes of the constitution re: the election of PALA chair and the appointment of editor to the journal; the Chair reminds members that these changes have been sent to everyone via the announce list. The Chair reads the old version as well as the proposed version of the clauses to change:

Existing version:

f. Normally the Chairperson shall be elected for a three year term and is not eligible for re-election in the same capacity. The Conference Representatives shall cease to be members of the Committee when the conference they are responsible for has taken place. The term of office of any Supplementary Members shall be between one and three years as determined by the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary, the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, the Publicity Officer, and the Newsletter Editor shall be elected for a three year term and are eligible for election to one further three year term in the same capacity. Normally the Journal Editor shall also be elected for a three year term and is eligible for election to one further three year term in the same capacity.

g. Committee members will commence their term at the beginning of the calendar year following the confirmation of their election by the Annual General Meeting.

New version:

f. The Chairperson shall be elected for a single three year term and is not eligible for re-election in the same capacity either immediately or at any later date. The Conference Representatives shall cease to be members of the Committee when the conference they are responsible for has taken place. The term of office of any Supplementary Members shall be between one and three years as determined by the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary, the Publicity Officer, and the Newsletter Editor shall be elected for a three year term and are eligible for election to one further three year term in the same capacity. The Committee will appoint the Journal Editor for a three year term in consultation with the journal publisher and other members of the editorial team. This appointment will be reviewed at the end of this term and may be renewed for a further consecutive term (or terms) by agreement between the publisher, the Committee, the editorial team and the Editor him/herself.

g. Elected Committee members will commence their term at the beginning of the calendar year following the confirmation of their election by the Annual General Meeting.

- The changes are put to the vote with the following results:

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

- The Chair then announces the co-option of the student membership secretary. The committee considers that this post is not as stable as the rest so choosing a new member needs to be decided in a flexible manner. The committee has co-opted Mel Evans as Student Membership secretary for one year which means that the committee will be looking for a new member next year as Mel Evans ceases to be a post-graduate student.

6. Future conferences

- The Chair reports that PALA 2011 is still unsure as the representative of the institution previously accepted (Namibia) has not come forward with a solid proposal. The Chair, however, assures everybody that a decision as to where PALA 2011 will take place will be made before the end of the calendar year.
- The Chair encourages members to put forward their institutions and confirms that the website has some guidelines as to how to proceed should anybody wish to offer their universities as future host institutions.

7. AOB

- In any other business, Dan McIntyre proposes a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair which is firmly supported by all members of the AGM.
- Michael Toolan proposes a vote of thanks to all the members of the committee for their work.
- With no other matters arising, the meeting comes to a close.
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Books Available for Review in *Language and Literature*

If you would like to offer a review of any of the books or another text which is not listed, please contact Dan McIntyre at D.McIntyre@hud.ac.uk.

Anderwald, Lieselotte (2009) *The Morphology of English Dialects: Verb-formation in Non-standard English*. Cambridge: CUP.

Beale, Walter H. (2009) *Learning from Language: Symmetry, Asymmetry, and Literary Humanism*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press

Blommaert, Jan (2008) *Grassroots Literacy*. London: Routledge

- Bould, Mark, et al. (eds) (2009) *The Routledge Companion to Science Fiction*. London: Routledge
- Brewster, Scott (2009) *Lyric*. London: Routledge
- Christie, Frances and Derewianka, Beverly (2008) *School Discourse*. London: Continuum
- Crider, Scott F. (2009) *With What Persuasion: An Essay on Shakespeare and the Ethics of Rhetoric*. Berlin: Peter Lang
- Crystal, David (2009) *Just a Phrase I'm Going Through: My Life in Language*. London: Routledge
- Dannenberg, Hilary (2008) *Coincidence and Counterfactuality*. Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press
- Dorney, Kate (2009) *The Changing Language of Modern English Drama 1945-2005*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan
- Douthwaite, John and Pezzini, Domenico (eds) (2008) *Words in Action: Diachronic and Synchronic Approaches to English Discourse*. Genoa: ECIG
- Fludernik, Monika (2009) *An Introduction to Narratology*. London: Routledge
- Freitas, Elsa and Simoes, Lucas (2008) *Taboo in Advertising*. Amsterdam: Benjamins
- Gregoriou, Christiana (2009) *English Literary Stylistics*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan
- Harris, Roy (2009) *Rationality and the Literate Mind*. London: Routledge
- Herman, David (2009) *Basic Elements of Narrative*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell
- Hunter, Lynette and Lichtenfels, Peter (eds) (2009) *Negotiating Shakespeare's Language in Romeo and Juliet*. Farnham: Ashgate.
- Hyland, Ken (2009) *Academic Discourse*. London: Continuum
- Martinec, Radan and van Leeuwen, Theo (2009) *The Language of New Media Design: Theory and Practice*. London: Routledge
- Oakley, Todd and Hougaard, Anders (eds) (2008) *Mental Spaces in Discourse and Interaction*. Amsterdam: Benjamins
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- Simpson, Jane and Wigglesworth, Gillian (2008) *Children's Language and Multilingualism*. London: Continuum
- Soames, Scott (2009) *Philosophical Essays (Volume 2): The Philosophical Significance of Language*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press
- Spacks, Patricia Meyer (2009) *Reading Eighteenth Century Poetry*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell
- Teranishi, Masayuki (2008) *Polyphony in Fiction: A Stylistic Analysis of Middlemarch, Nostromo and Herzog*. Bern: Peter Lang
- Thormahlen, Marianne (ed.) (2008) *English Now: Selected Papers from IAUPE 2007*. Lund: Lund Studies in English
- Toolan, Michael (2009) *Language Teaching: Integrational Linguistic Approaches*. London: Routledge
- Underhill, James (2009) *Humboldt, Worldview and Language*. Edinburgh: EUP
- Unsworth, Len (ed.) (2008) *New Literacies and the English Curriculum*. London: Continuum
- Watson, Greg (ed.) (2008) *The State of Stylistics*. Amsterdam: Rodopi
- Webster, Jonathan (ed.) (2008) *Meaning in Context: Implementing Intelligent Applications of Language Studies*. London: Continuum
- Wulff, Stefanie (2008) *Rethinking Idiomaticity: A Usage-based Approach*. London: Continuum
- Zyngier, Sonia, et al (eds) (2008) *Directions in Empirical Literary Studies*. Amsterdam: Benjamins

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