

Preface: SCiL 2018 Editors' Note

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This volume contains research presented at the inaugural meeting of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL), held in Salt Lake City, January 4-7 2018, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America.

Research was submitted to be reviewed either in the form of a paper, or as an abstract. The oral presentations, or talks, at the conference included both papers and abstracts. The papers presented as talks are the first 5 papers listed in the proceedings, and the remaining 12 papers were presented as posters. Authors of accepted abstracts were given the option of publishing an extended version; these follow the papers, and are themselves followed in this volume by abstracts that are published in their original two-page length.

In total, we received 55 submissions to the conference, 34 abstracts and 21 papers. 18 of the submissions (44%) included a female author. We accepted 13 submissions as talks, and 27 as posters. Six of the talks (46%) included a female author, and 12 of the posters (44%) included a female author. We thank our reviewers for their indispensable help in selecting the research for presentation at the conference:

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The conference also included invited talks by Jacob Andreas, Emily M. Bender, Sam Bowman, Chris Dyer, Jason Eisner, Robert Frank, Matt Goldrick, Sharon Goldwater, Paul Smolensky, which formed a special session on "Perceptrons and Syntactic Structures at Sixty", funded by NSF conference grant BCS-1651142 to the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Further information can be found at our website: <https://blogs.umass.edu/scil/scil-2018/>. Thanks to Tom Maxfield for logistical help.