

## **Editors' Introduction**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics was held at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ on April 9-11, 1999. The papers collected in this volume represent 48 of the 58 main session papers presented at the conference. The editors would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the individuals and organizations which made the conference a success and which made these proceedings possible.

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