## Preface

This monograph grew out of my dissertation (Herburger 1997b). Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5 stem from that work, but have been substantially revised. Chapter 4 was written following a reviewer's suggestion and is entirely new. The phenomenon discussed in chapter 5 (focus-affected readings of determiners) is also discussed in Herburger 1997a. The description of the data remains the same, but the analysis that I give here differs in several ways.

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