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Preface

This book is a relatively unchanged version of my 2002 MIT Ph.D. thesis, which was distributed by MIT Working Papers in Linguistics (MITWPL) between 2002 and 2006. Parts of this work have also appeared in other form in the proceedings of the 19th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), the 24th Penn Linguistics Colloquium, and Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 10. The only substantial change to the MITWPL version is the addition of a discussion on resultatives (section 2.1.4). All other changes are essentially stylistic.

Since the thesis was written, much research has appeared on the topics discussed in this book, expanding, enriching, and challenging aspects of the theory laid out here. Most of this research has not been incorporated into the book; nevertheless, I wish to point the reader to at least some of it in this preface.

Martha McGinnis's work on applicatives and syntactic locality domains is a systematic investigation of the syntactic side of the theory of applicatives given in chapter 2 (McGinnis 2001a,b, 2002; McGinnis and Gerdts 2004). Although McGinnis's work is mentioned here at times, this book includes no comprehensive discussion of it, unfortunately. Cristina Cuervo's work on Spanish datives adds interestingly to the analysis in chapter 2, showing that there are in fact three different types of low applicatives, instead of just the two argued for here (Cuervo 2003). Julie Legate's work on Warlpiri is important for the theory presented here as it involves a semantically explicit investigation of Warlpiri applicatives in the context of this theory (Legate 2002). Finally, Ju-Eun Lee provides a detailed study of indirect passives that compares the predictions of complex predicate analyses and the applicative analysis argued for here, giving new evidence in favor of the (traditional) complex predicate analysis (Lee 2004).