

EDITOR'S NOTE

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This is the last issue of *Language in Society* for which I have exclusive editorial responsibility. In this issue I've exploited my editorial privilege to publish a book review out of order received. Normally I publish book reviews in the order that they come in (with minor deviations when a short review will fit into an issue and a longer one won't). In the last few months I have accumulated a backlog of book reviews, which will be forwarded to Barbara Johnstone for editing. Only a few days ago, however, Barry Alpher submitted an exemplary scholarly review of a very important publication by R. M. W. Dixon. Alpher and Dixon have fundamental theoretical differences that go to the heart of our understanding of the modes of language change. This is a controversy that I find especially exciting, and I have taken the liberty of jumping Alpher's review to the front of the queue, reflecting my own interest in issues and languages that some might find to lie at the margins of sociolinguistics, and bringing these issues and languages forward for an appearance on center stage under my editorship.

I also take this opportunity to thank Cambridge University Press for the opportunity and privilege of editing this journal. I am very much indebted to copy-editor Jane McGary and to production editor Morrell Gillette. I thank the members of the Editorial Board for all their help during the past five years, and I thank especially the 293 scholars who have submitted referee evaluations during my editorship – a number of them more than once. The list below is a *Who's Who* of contemporary sociolinguistics, and I am humbled and grateful that these colleagues were willing to give their time to the exacting task of manuscript evaluation for *Language in Society*. I thank all the authors and reviewers for their fine contributions. And finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to Barbara Johnstone and wish her well in her editorship.

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