IN CONFERENCE, March 15, 2012

The unanimous Declaration of the delegates assembled for the 25th Annual CUNY Conference

At this juncture in the history of our Conference, it is necessary to celebrate the forces that have brought us together, and have in so doing promoted a sustained scientific discourse that has enlarged our Understanding of the Science of Language and greatly enlivened our Common Experience in the pursuit of that understanding. It is our pleasure to declare our appreciation of a Prime Mover whose good offices have brought us to this estate:

Distinguished Professor Janet Dean Fodor

A decent respect to the opinions of Scientists requires that we declare the Ground on which we stand.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all sentences are not created equal, that they are each endowed by their creators with certain unalienable Properties, chief among these being Semantics, Syntax, Morphology, Phonology, and Prosody in the hot pursuit of Meaning and Expression. It is the province of the Sciences of Language to explain the grand confluence of these Properties in Human Sentence Processing. It was to secure these ends that Conferences were instituted in Manhattan in 1988 among Linguists and Psychologists, and their friends and allies who number Computational Scientists, Mathematicians, Neuroscientists and Philosophers, and called together recurrently with an escalation of Forays to places exotic and distant.

When theories are found wanting, it is our duty and our right to alter or to abolish them, and to institute new forms, laying their Foundation on such Principles and organizing their tenets in such form as shall seem most likely to effect a predictive theory with descriptive power and explanatory beauty. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that theories long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that Scientists are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of Compelling Observations and Experimental Findings evinces designs that established theory cannot abide, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off old ways, and provide new modes of thought that support Scientific Advance. Such has been the experience of these Conferences.

The history of our Conference is inextricably entwined with the acts of our esteemed colleague, Janet Dean Fodor. It is a history of repeated efforts to promote the Sciences of Language, all acts having in direct object the establishment of a more comprehensive and empirically satisfying theory of Human Sentence Processing. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

One of the most illustrious women's leader is none other than Janet. Terry Langendoen The green peppers and sausage dream: A new two-stage sandwich machine Lyn Frazier What hypothesis did Janet develop? Who developed the prosody hypothesis? Janet developed the prosody hypothesis. Janet developed the prosody hypothesis. Anne Cutler Janet will doubtless not fail to remember PDNs. Merrill Garrett Janet and Steven and there was a man carrying golf clubs. Ken Forster 極端に親切な学生の先生は、ジャネットです。 yokutanni shinsetsuna gakusei-no sensei-wa Janet desu student-GEN teacher-TO Janet is extremely kind (a) The teacher of the extremely kind student is Janet. (b) The extremely kind teacher of a student is Janet. Atsu Inoue How many weird null PREP questions did Janet's infinite patience, wisdom and curiosity force me to listen? Elaine Klein 25年前、ジャネットは、第一回CUNY Conferenceでポスター発表することを勧めてくれました。 25nen-mae Janet-wa dai-ikkai CUNY Conference-de posutaa happyousuru koto-o susumete kuremasita. presentation fact-ACC recommend beneficially 25 year-ago Janet-TOP the-first CUNY Conference-at poster Twenty-five years ago, Janet recommended me to present a poster at the first CUNY Conference. それ以来、ジャネットは常に私を励まし、勇気づけてくれました。 tuneni watasi-o hagemasi, yuuki-zuketekure-masita. Sore irai, Janet-wa stimulate since Janet-TOP always I-ACC encourage do-Polite Tsutomu Sakamoto Since then, Janet always stimulated and encouraged me. Which conference is Janet's city really, really great to hold in? Chuck Clifton Tom Bever Any problem students Janet taught solve stays settled. Any supposedly intimidating problem students Janet taught solve stays settled from now until forever. Any problem students the charming Janet consistently enthusiastically taught solve hassle-free stays settled. Stefanie Nickels Old men and women prefer MAX FACTOR to any other constraint reports Janet in a recent review of the literature. Terry Langendoen The psycholinguist celebrated for many years started a conference. Suzanne Stevenson La conferenza che ha lanciato nel 1988 la professoressa che gli psicolinguisti stanno festeggiando è arrivata alla sua 25esima edizione. The conference that started in 1988 the professor-FEM that the psycholinguists are celebrating Lucia Pozzan has arrived at its 25th edition. Every psycholinguist idly thought about a quantifier, but Janet really scoped them out. Maryellen MacDonald Though the young student claimed that she will be the first woman president yesterday she announced that she'd rather be Janet. Lyn Frazier Janet Dean Fodor fights fights still fights for the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference after 25 celebrations. Three cheers for Janet!!! José García-Albea Janet, the CUNY Conference has defined and sustained the field of sentence processing. Thank you so much. Peter Gordon

Avec circonspection, Janet avait supprimé cette ligne de/du texte pour clarifier l'argument.

Saveria Colonna &

Barbara Hemforth

José Manuel Igoa

Advisedly, Janet had deleted this line (of, from) the text to clarify the argument.

Psycholinguists admire Janet more than anybody else.

Psycholinguists admire Janet more than anybody else does.

Have Janet and her colleagues loudly applauded at CUNY 2012, would you?

Atsu Inoue

Мы Скрэмблинг поставим давайтев сонет. We Scrambling-ACC will add let's to sonnet Так Фодор-лингвист нам Джанет. советует, Fodor-linguist us-DAT advises Janet

Let's add some Scrambling to a sonnet, as Janet Fodor, a linguist, advises us to do.

Irina Sekerina

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By the time the extremely kind student-gen supervisor finishes all the colors that a pen could make will have adorned her dissertation draft.

Yuki Hirose

Janet explicó la hipótesis que había presentado a unos investigadores interesados en comprobar el papel que juega la prosodia en el procesamiento de oraciones en español.

Janet explained the hypothesis that *pro* had presented to some investigators interested in checking the role that prosody plays in sentence processing in Spanish.

Eva Fernández

The offspring of the fish that had the enormous fins was jealous of the distinguished scholar from CUNY.

Matt Traxler

Janet recorded the vital information on the purple sticky note in her smart-phone.

Did Janet record the vital information on the purple sticky note in her smart-phone?

Dianne Bradley

Janet tried to find all the empty categories, and had led her colleagues in an inspired search for them. Janet seemed to find all the empty categories, and had led her colleagues in an inspired search for them.

Matt Walenski

Die deutschen Psycholinguisten fahren nicht zur 25. CUNY, weil sie New York so sehr mögen. The German psycholinguists will not go to the 25th CUNY because they love New York.

Lars Konieczny & Barbara Hemforth

I didn't choose psycholinguistics because of an inspiring meeting with Janet when I was a student, but it certainly made a difference.

Colin Phillips

Janet didn't see "Mary Poppins" because she's enthused about musical theater.

Then why did she take young Lucy to the Broadway show?

Lucy wanted to learn how to dance. Lucy wanted a spoonful of sugar.

Yukiko Koizumi & Dianne Bradley

喜欢 努力 学生。 学习的 like diligently study DE student Janet likes students who study diligently.

Shukhan Ng

כולם העריצו את המנחה של הסטודנטית שאהבה עטים צבעוניים.

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Everyone admired the adviser of the student who loved colorful pens. Amit Shaked Pasman

While sailing in the Mediterranean, Janet was wondering how was Jerry's cat coping with the hot New York summer.

Lucia Pozzan

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Iglika Stoyneshka

çalış-ınca, ruhdilbilim öğrenci-ler-i heyecan-lan-dır-ıyor. Janet'la Janet-with work-CONV psycholinguistics student-3PL-ACC excitement-V.DER-CAUS-PROG

When in collaboration with Janet, psycholinguistics excites the students. Nazik Dinçtopal

In every stage of these Proceedings, we have Debated the merits of diverse Proposals in lively and collegial ways. The Range of topics and disciplines has been remarkable and rewarding. The Tone and Style with which these proceedings have been conducted over the years has much to do with the attitudes and organizational approach fostered in meetings from the first to last, and inspired in no small measure by our colleague Janet Dean Fodor.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the CUNY Conferences on Human Sentence Processing, in Plenary Session Assembled, and declaring the rectitude of our intentions, do solemnly publish and declare, that Janet Dean Fodor is, and of Right ought to be, celebrated as a scientist of high accomplishment, a colleague of great value, and a friend of our science held in honor and affection by our assembly.