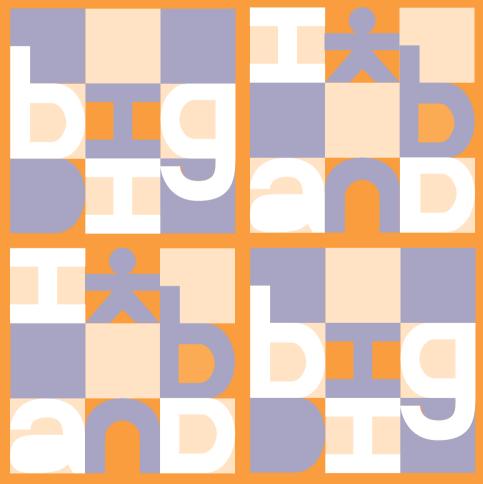
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Editorial

The increased number of issues per year of JCL beginning in 2009 has made it possible to publish a greater number of research reports, and also to increase the variety of articles published. As announced last year, we are planning to include an occasional Review Article and Commentaries section. The invited reviews will provide a focused overview of research into topics of interest to the child language community. Included in the current issue is the first of these, a review article by Jana Iverson, together with five commentaries from experts in the area, on the relationship between motor development and language development. Another review article, by Carol Stoel-Gammon on the relationships between lexical and phonological development in young children, will appear in a future issue.

Also this year we will be publishing a Special Issue on Computational Models of Child Language Learning, with Brian MacWhinney as guest editor.

We have taken a decision not to commission new book reviews, and therefore after the current volume JCL will not be publishing book reviews. We thank Evan Kidd for the excellent work he has done as Book Review Editor over the past few years.

Finally, we would like to thank our Associate Editors as well as all of those people who reviewed for us in 2009. They are an essential part of the journal, and their efforts have contributed greatly to both the quality of the journal and the improved timeliness of the review process.

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