This volume contains functional approaches to the description of language and culture, and language and cultural change. The approaches taken by the authors range from cognitive approaches including Stratificational grammar to more socially oriented ones including Systemic Functional linguistics. The volume is organized into two sections. The first section 'Functional Approaches to the Structure of Language: Theory and Practice' starts with contributions developing a Stratificational model; these are followed by contributions focusing on some related functional model of language; and by articles describing some particular set of language phenomena. In the second section 'Functional Approaches to the History of Language and Linguistics' general studies of language change are addressed first; a second group of contributions examines language change, lexicon and culture; and the last cluster of contributions treats the history of linguistics and culture.

In the disciplines of applied linguistics and second language acquisition (SLA), the study of pragmatic competence has been driven by several fundamental questions: What does it mean to become pragmatically competent in a second language (L2)? How can we examine pragmatic competence to make inference of its development among L2 learners? In what ways do research findings inform teaching and assessment of pragmatic competence? This book explores these key issues in Japanese as a second/foreign language. The book has three sections. The first section offers a general overview and historical sketch of the study of Japanese pragmatics and its influence on Japanese pedagogy and curriculum. The overview chapter is followed by eight empirical findings, each dealing with phenomena that are significant in Japanese pragmatics. They target selected features of Japanese pragmatics and investigate the learners' use of them as an indicator of their pragmatic competence. The target pragmatic features are wide-ranging, among them honorifics, speech style, sentence final particles, speech acts of various types, and indirect expressions. Each study explicitly prompts the connection between pragmalinguistics (linguistic forms available to perform language functions) and sociopragmatics (norms that determine appropriate use of the forms) in Japanese. By documenting the understanding and use of them among learners of Japanese spanning multiple levels and time durations, this book offers insight about the nature and development of pragmatic competence, as well as implications for the learning and teaching of Japanese pragmatics. The last section presents a critical reflection on the eight empirical papers and prompts a discussion of the practice of Japanese pragmatics research.
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This is a collection of lectures by leading research mathematicians on the very latest work on qualitative theory of solutions of dynamical systems, ordinary differential equations, delay-differential equations, Volterra integrodifferential equations and partial differential equations.

In a timely contribution to current debates over the psychology of boys and the construction of their social lives, On My Honor explores the folk customs of adolescent males in the Boy Scouts of America during a summer encampment in California’s Sierra Nevada. Drawing on more than twenty years of research and extensive visits and interviews with members of the troop, Mechling uncovers the key rituals and play events through which the Boy Scouts shapes boys into men. He describes the campfire songs, initiation rites, games, and activities that are used to mold the Scouts into responsible adults. The themes of honor and character alternate in this new study as we witness troop leaders offering examples in structure, discipline, and guidance, and teaching scouts the difficult balance between freedom and self-control. What results is a probing look into the inner lives of boys in our culture and their rocky transition into manhood. On My Honor provides a provocative, sometimes shocking glimpse into the sexual awakening and moral development of young men coming to grips with their nascent desires, their innate aggressions, their inclination toward peer pressure and violence, and their social acculturation. On My Honor ultimately shows how the Boy Scouts of America continues to edify and mentor young men against the backdrop of controversies over freedom of religious expression, homosexuality, and the proposed inclusion of female members. While the organization’s bureaucracy has taken an unyielding stance against gay men and atheists, real live Scouts are often more open to plurality than we might assume. In their embrace of tolerance, acceptance, and understanding, troop leaders at the local level have the power to shape boys into emotionally mature men.

John couldn't believe his eyes as he tried to shield himself from the bullet racing toward him. He told himself it had to be a dream but it wasn't. It was just the beginning of the hardship and humiliation that his fellow soldiers would inflict upon him. When an unexpected personal attack (In the Columbia Recruiting Battallion/ with duty in the Charleston South Carolina Army Recruiting Company Oct 1997 to Feb 2001) threatened John's military career, he had to draw upon a reservoir of undiscovered strength that his past experiences had instilled in him. John's story is the story of an American soldier who refuses to accept defeat, never give up, and will journey to hell and back in order to fight for the one thing his enemies are determined to destroy—his honor.

‘Intellectics’ seeks to understand the functions, structure and operation of the human intellect and to test artificial systems to see the extent to which they can substitute or complement such functions. The word itself was introduced in the early 1980s by Wolfgang Bibel to describe the united fields of artificial intelligence and cognitive science. The book collects papers by distinguished researchers, colleagues and former students of Bibel’s, all of whom have worked together with him, and who present their work to him here to mark his 60th birthday. The papers discuss significant issues in intellectics and computational logic, ranging across automated deduction,
logic programming, the logic-based approach to intellectics, cognitive robotics, knowledge representation and reasoning. Each paper contains new, previously unpublished, reviewed results. The collection is a state of the art account of the current capabilities and limitations of a computational-logic-based approach to intellectics. Readership: Researchers who are convinced that the intelligent behaviour of machines should be based on a rigid formal treatment of knowledge representation and reasoning.

The volume is divided into four sections: typology, syntax, discourse and phonology. Two of the typology papers study the structure and organization of category systems (Joseph Greenberg, Linda Schwartz); the third discusses language typology and universals from the perspective of language acquisition (Fred Eckman). The eight papers in the syntax section are of three types. Edith Moravcsik and James Tai discuss 'general' issues of linguistic theory/domain. Four papers (Mushira Eid, Michael Kac, Nancy Hedberg, Larry Hutchinson) address specific analyses and their implications from language-particular and theoretical perspectives. The papers by Deborah Dahl and Thomas Rindflesch relate theoretical concepts and analyses to natural language processing. In the section on discourse, the contributions by Anita Barry and Amy Sheldon deal with interpersonal conflict; George Yule discusses the selection between direct and indirect speech forms. Helga Delisle and Cynthia Clamons consider ways in which choices among, or variation in, some grammatical and semantic categories may be explainable on pragmatic and discourse grounds. The phonology papers are focused on two major themes: underspecification and borrowing. Four of the articles address the issue of underspecification in phonological representations (Daniel Dinnsen, Joseph Stemberger, Janet Bing, Gregory Iverson). In the other two papers questions of borrowing are discussed, in Nancy Stenson’s contribution from a synchronic perspective, and in Gunter Schaar smidt’s paper from a historical one. The volume is completed by a subject index and a language index.

Mike Summers, a look alike ‘George Clooney’ has no problem filling his cot wit extramarital affairs. At forty five and married to his beautiful wife June and with two teenage children Steven, eighteen and Sheryl, sixteen, life is good for this suburban housewife with her private tennis lessons and ‘girly’ lunches at the exclusive ‘Jetty Club’ in East Village, a highly sought after upper-class locality overlooking the river. But Laura Williams, the daughter of Senator Dave Williams and niece of Jake Murray, the New York District Attorney, has other plans when Mike insensitively decides their affair is over and she threatens to destroy him and everything he stands for; his family, his career, his very life, unless he divorces his wife and makes her an ‘honest woman’. When money can’t solve the problem there is only one avenue left Desperate men do desperate things. Tony Perrino and Bill Hayden two highly respected NYPD detectives are assigned to solve the case and bring the unknown perpetrator to justice for this hyenas crime. What follows is a trail of hypnotic detective work, fraught with danger, kidnapping, and murder. A fugitive is on the run in South America. This is a police drama of insurmountable proportions and twists that are mind shattering, a drama that is both exhilarating and exiting, guaranteed addictive reading.

Announcements for the following year included in some vols.

This volume is both a tribute to and study of the French economist Jean-Paul Fitoussi. Fitoussi’s pluralistic scholarship has shaped modern macroeconomics, political economy, economics of inequality and, more recently, the economics of sustainability.

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We planned this book as a Festschrift for Smitty Stevens because we thought he might be retiring around 1974, although we knew very well that only death or deep illness would stop Smitty from doing science. Death came suddenly, unexpectedly - after a full day of skiing at Vail, Colorado on the annual trip with wife Didi to the Winter Conference on Brain Research. Smitty liked winter conferences near ski resorts and often tried to get us other psychophysicists to organize one. Every person is unique. Smitty would have said it's mainly because each of us has so many genes that two combinations just alike would be well-nigh impossible. But most of us strive in many ways to be like others, and to abide by the norms (some smaller number try even harder to be unlike other people); as a result many persons seem to lose their uniqueness, their individuality. Not Smitty. He tried neither to be like others nor to be different. He took himself as he found himself, and ascribed peculiarities, strengths, and weaknesses to his pioneering Utah forebears, in whom he took much pride. His was the true and right nonconformity. He approached each task, each problem, ready to grapple with the facts and set them into meaningful order. And if the answer he came up with was different from everyone else's, well that was too bad.

Contributions to Survey Sampling and Applied Statistics: Papers in Honor of H. O. Hartley covers the significant advances in survey sampling, modeling, and applied statistics. This book is organized into five parts encompassing 20 chapters. The opening part looks into some aspects of statistics, sampling, randomization, predictive estimation, and internal congruency. This part also considers the properties of variance estimation for a specified multiple frame survey design and some sampling designs involving unequal probabilities of selection and robust estimation of a finite population total. The next parts present the analysis and the theoretical and practical aspects of linear models, as well as the applications of time series analysis. These topics are followed by discussions of the testing for outliers in linear regression; the robustness of location estimators; and completeness comparisons among sample sequences. The closing part deals with the properties of norm estimators in regression and geometric programming. This part also provides tables of the normal conditioned on t-distribution. This book will prove useful to mathematicians and statisticians.

In New York during the frenetic week before Christmas, a plagiarism trial has profound effects on a playwright, the plaintiff, and a best-selling novelist, the defendant.

One of modern science's most famous and controversial figures, Jerzy Plebanski was an outstanding theoretical physicist and an author of many intriguing discoveries in general relativity and quantum theory. Known for his exceptional analytic talents, explosive character, inexhaustible energy, and bohemian nights with brandy, coffee, and enormous amounts of cigarettes, he was dedicated to both science and art, producing innumerable handwritten articles - resembling monk's calligraphy - as well as a collection of oil paintings. As a collaborator but also an antagonist of Leopold Infeld's (a coauthor of Albert Einstein's), Plebanski is recognized for designing the "heavenly" and "hyper-heavenly" equations, for introducing new variables to describe the gravitational field, for the exact solutions in Einstein's gravity and in quantum theory, for his classification of the tensor of matter, for some outstanding results in nonlinear electrodynamics, and for analyzing general relativity with continuous sources long before Chandrasekhar et al. A tribute to Plebaski's contributions and the variety of his interests, this is a unique and wide-ranging collection of invited papers, covering gravity quantization, strings, branes, supersymmetry, ideas on the deformation quantization, and lesser known results on the continuous Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff problem.
This volume honors McGuire Gibson and his years of service to archaeology of Mesopotamia, Yemen, and neighboring regions. Professor Gibson spent most of his career at the University of Chicago's Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations department and the Oriental Institute. Many of his students, colleagues, and friends have contributed to this volume, reflecting Gibson's diverse interests. The volume presents new results in areas such as landscape archaeology, urbanism, the ancient languages of Mesopotamia, history of Mesopotamia, the archaeology of Iran and Yemen, prehistory, material culture, and wider archaeological topics.

The Conference on Statistical Physics, High Energy, Condensed Matter and Mathematical Physics was held in honor of Professor Chen-Ning Yang's 85th birthday in Singapore in Oct-Nov 2007. The conference paid tribute to the breadth and depth of Professor Yang's achievements in physics and science education since he received his Nobel Prize in Physics fifty years ago. This notable birthday volume is a collection of the presentations made at the conference by many eminent scientists who had worked closely with him or who have been influenced to some extent by his work.

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Written as a tribute to the mathematician Carlo Pucci on the occasion of his 70th birthday, this is a collection of authoritative contributions from over 45 internationally acclaimed experts in the field of partial differential equations. Papers discuss a variety of topics such as problems where a partial differential equation is coupled with unfavourable boundary or initial conditions, and boundary value problems for partial differential equations of elliptic type.
Artificial and Mathematical Theory of Computation is a collection of papers that discusses the technical, historical, and philosophical problems related to artificial intelligence and the mathematical theory of computation. Papers cover the logical approach to artificial intelligence; knowledge representation and common sense reasoning; automated deduction; logic programming; nonmonotonic reasoning and circumscription. One paper suggests that the design of parallel programming languages will invariably become more sophisticated as human skill in programming and software developments improves to attain faster running programs. An example of metaprogramming to systems concerns the design and control of operations of factory devices, such as robots and numerically controlled machine tools. Metaprogramming involves two design aspects: that of the activity of a single device and that of the interaction with other devices. One paper cites the application of artificial intelligence pertaining to the project "proof checker for first-order logic" at the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. Another paper explains why the bisection algorithm widely used in computer science does not work. This book can prove valuable to engineers and researchers of electrical, computer, and mechanical engineering, as well as, for computer programmers and designers of industrial processes.