<div align="center">**Collection Development Policy Statement for Linguistics**</div>

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I.   **Purpose**

Resources in the field of linguistics are primary selected in an effort to support the Department of Linguistics at the University of Maryland. Research in the Department spans a wide range of research areas. Two tracks of study are offered to undergraduates (1) grammar and cognition and (2) language. Research at the graduate level focuses on three primary areas: (1) phonology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics, (2) psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, and language acquisition, and (3) computational linguistics

Coordination and Cooperative Information: Because the Department has strong ties to numerous units on campus the selection of resources is done in coordination with computer science, philosophy, psychology, hearing and speech sciences, second language acquisition, biology, and electrical and computer engineering, among other fields. Additional resources are available via CRL, Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), CIRLA and other consortia.

Diversity: Recognizing that linguistics is of interest to and an expression of individuals of a variety of ages who represent a multiplicity of racial and ethnic backgrounds, economic and educational levels and physical and mental abilities, the subject specialist/s build collections that mirror and support this diversity. The linguistic collections include materials and resources that reflect a variety of political, economic, religious, social, minority and sexual issues and support intellectual freedom by providing free access to all expressions of ideas through which any and all sides of a question, cause or movement may be explored. For more information, see Collection Development Diversity Statement - https://www.lib.umd.edu/collections/policies/collection-development-diversity-statement.

Summary of Collection Scope at Current Collecting Levels

The linguistic collections reside mainly in McKeldin Library, but relevant holdings are also found in other library branches, particularly Engineering and Physical Sciences. Less requested titles have been transferred to off-site storage, but an effort has been made to preserve ownership of a wide variety of resources that may not be of current interest, but have shown themselves to be of enduring philosophical interest.

Developing the Linguistics Collection

1. Languages: The emphasis is on English language materials in the collection. Major works covering the subject outside the U.S. in the vernacular may be selected. Translations are preferred when available. Materials in the vernacular are generally the purview of the subject specialists responsible for that particular language.
2. Geographical areas: The great majority of items in the collection were written by authors from North America, Western Europe, and to a lesser extent Latin America.

3. Chronological periods/Imprint dates: Selection will emphasize current publications, with the exception of reprints and classic works when required for replacement purposes.
4. Materials selected
   1. Included materials: The primary formats to be selected will include books, professional journals, and to a lesser extent audio/visual materials. Until mobile access to electronic resources is improved, print books will be preferred over ebooks; however, the conversion of print journals to ejournals has become nearly complete. Selection of new print journals will be made only in extraordinary circumstances.
   2. Excluded materials: Textbooks, reprints, and dissertations will generally be excluded from selection.
   3. Levels of Collection Intensity: The collection will strive to provide Study or Instruction Level support for all of the main fields of linguistics. This means the collections will seek to provide information about each subject in a systematic way and support the needs of general library users through college and beginning graduate instruction. For areas of concentration in the Department, the collection will strive to provide Research Level support, meaning the collection will seek to contain the major published source materials required for doctoral study and independent research including (a) an extensive collection of general and specialized monographs and reference works, (b) an extensive collection of general and specialized periodicals, (c) an extensive collection of appropriate foreign language materials, (d) an extensive collection of the works of well-known authors as well as lesser-known authors, and (e) defined access to an extensive collection of owned or remotely accessed electronic resources.

II.   Additional Collection Information

The linguistics collections adhere to the University of Maryland Libraries' policies for duplication, gifts, deselection and preservation available at http://www.lib.umd.edu/collections/collection-development-policy.

Implementation and Revision Schedule: This policy has been reviewed by the Collection Development Council (lib-cdc@umd.edu) and is considered effective on the date indicated below. It will be reexamined regularly by the subject specialist and will be revised as needed to reflect new collection needs and identify new areas of study, as well as those areas that may be excluded.

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