In the middle of the summer of 2013, Helene Ossipov received an email from a colleague at Cal State Fresno, asking if SILC would be interested in hosting WECOL. That fall. Just a few months away. Helene and Mariana Bahtchevanova from SILC, and Elly van Gelderen and Claire Renaud from the Department of English met to discuss the possibility… and we decided that yes, it could be done and that it should be combined with the Arizona Linguistics Symposium. But we did not do it alone. We thank all the participants for presenting their papers and research, we thank all those whose papers we were not able to accept, and we thank those people who gave us the financial support to put together this conference. We also thank our colleagues and graduate students and the awesome office staff of SILC and of the Department of English for all their help.

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