State-of-the-Article
Carlos Gussenhoven
on Phonology of intonation

“Pierrehumbert (1980) marked the beginning of a new period in intonational research by presenting a model which separated the phonological representation from its phonetic implementation, and thereby separated the characterization of the notion ‘possible prosodic structure’ from an account of the phonetic details of intonation contours. In this state-of-the-article, I sketch the historical background of this model, its role in redefining the phonetics–phonology interface, and what I see as the main developments.”

Column
Neil Smith and Annabel Cormack
on Parametric Poverty

“Everyone is familiar with the experience of just not being sure what their judgement of a particular example is, and any such instance is a candidate for an explanation appealing to an unset parameter.”

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An interview with Howard Lasnik, Professor of Linguistics, University of Maryland
By Lisa Cheng and Rint Sybesma

“...I have interacted with Noam a lot over the decades and I don’t remember in any of our conversations ever convincing him of anything.”

Squibs
Idan Landau
on Object experiencers are oblique

“Although class II verbs cannot be reflexivized, they can be passivized in certain languages. One might wonder why the same oblique case that cannot be absorbed by the reflexive clitic can be absorbed by the passive morphology. There is a principled explanation for this asymmetry (...).”