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## Rochester Professor to Serve as Editor of Prestigious International Journal

(Washington, DC) -- Greg Carlson, a Professor of Linguistics, Brain & Cognitive Sciences and Philosophy at the University of Rochester, has been elected by the membership of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) to a seven-year term as Editor of *Language*, beginning on January 11, 2009. The LSA is the largest national organization in the world devoted to advancing the scientific study of language, and is the publisher of the prestigious quarterly journal, *Language*.

Upon his election by the LSA membership, Dr. Carlson commented, "As the flagship journal of the Linguistic Society of America, it is vital to maintain the high quality *Language* has represented for many decades.  Special challenges are to identify and publish ground-breaking articles that both reflect and propel developments in the field, to aim for representation of the field as a whole, and to meet the needs of a first-rate journal in the environment in a rapidly-changing publishing industry."

Dr. Carlson received his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1977, and an M.A. in Linguistics from the University of Iowa in 1974. He specializes in semantics, paying special attention to the meanings of generic noun phrases and generic and habitual sentences; he also has worked extensively on theories of language processing, and on the nature of thematic roles, publishing widely on all these topics. He has taught at the University of Rochester since 1987. Carlson has been a member of the LSA since 1972, has served as consultant to the Program Committee and on the Nominating Committee, and taught at the 1987 Linguistic Institute. He is a former editor of the journal *Linguistics and Philosophy*.

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