

THE STEWART SCOTT CAIRNS LINGUISTICS SYMPOSIA FUND AT THE GRADUATE  
CENTER OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Stewart Scott Cairns was a professor of Mathematics at Queens College from 1937 until 1946, subsequently at Syracuse University for two years, and, from 1948, at the University of Illinois. After his death in 1982, a portion of his estate was established as the Cairns Family Foundation, and was then dedicated to fund the Stewart Scott Cairns Memorial Lectures in Mathematics at the University of Illinois. After the death of his widow, Kathleen Cairns, a portion of the Cairns Family Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 was transferred, in 1998, to the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. One of the Cairns' sons, Professor Charles Cairns, was then the Executive Officer of the M.A./Ph.D. Program in Linguistics at the Graduate Center. At the Graduate Center, this fund is known as *The Stewart Scott Cairns Linguistics Symposia Fund*. The following paragraphs describe the purposes, guidelines and stipulations regarding the use of this fund at the Graduate Center.

1. The Cairns Family Foundation has established at The Graduate Center at the City University of New York *The Stewart Scott Cairns Linguistics Symposia Fund*, hereinafter referred to as "the fund." Its purpose is to provide financial support to symposia or special colloquia sponsored by the Linguistics Program at The Graduate Center of CUNY. (A "special colloquium" is one that is not part of the regular colloquium series typically sponsored by the Linguistics Program.) The fund will always and only be for symposia or special colloquia in the area of Linguistics. All such events are to be in the area generally understood as "theoretical linguistics," currently taken to comprise syntax, morphology, semantics, phonology, and/or foundational topics related to theoretical linguistics, such as psycholinguistics. It is stipulated that the fund should support only events within what is broadly recognized as the generative tradition. These guidelines are to be interpreted with enough flexibility to accommodate future scientific developments within the field of Linguistics.
2. All proceeds from the \$20,000 Cairns Family Foundation gift contributed in 1998 will support symposia or special colloquia to be sponsored by the Linguistics Program. The Linguistics Program will sponsor such events as funds become available.
3. Either Professor Emeritus Charles Cairns or the Executive Committee of the Linguistics Program may propose symposia or special colloquia to be funded (either in part or in full) by the Cairns Family Foundation and sponsored by the Linguistics Program. No event may be funded by the fund without the approval of both the Executive Committee and Professor Emeritus Charles Cairns. (But see point (6), below.)
4. The Graduate Center Foundation has established the fund as an endowment, in perpetuity, using funds from a minimum contribution of \$20,000 (as agreed in 1998.) The actual amount of any award from this fund is dependent on the amount of the annual income from the investment corpus, including the original gift and any funds that are subsequently added to the endowment.
5. Both Professor Emeritus Charles Cairns and the Executive Officer of the Linguistics Program will receive an annual report about the fund, and only Professor Emeritus Charles

Cairns' signature will be authorized to approve payment requests from this fund. (But see point (6), below.)

6. In the event that Professor Emeritus Charles Cairns is unable or unwilling to assume the responsibilities referred to in the preceding paragraph for this fund, Professor Emerita Helen Cairns, his wife, will assume such responsibilities and receive the annual report. In the event that Professor Emerita Helen Cairns is similarly unable or unwilling to assume responsibilities for this fund, only the Executive Officer will assume these responsibilities and receive the annual report for this fund.

7. Signing this statement implies understanding and acceptance of the terms and intent contained within it.

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