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## EDITORIAL NOTE

Dear readers of Ghana Journal of Linguistics,

We are pleased to announce the publication of our latest issue of GJL! This issue is noteworthy as it marks our third for this year with our regular issue 6(1) having been published in July and our special issue 6(2) published earlier in December. In the current issue, 6(3), we are proud to have four strong articles representing a diverse range of areas of linguistic interest.

In the first article, by Kwasi Adomako, entitled “Morphophonological Analysis of Akan Female Family-Name Formation,” the author uses an Optimality Theory framework to analyse morphophonological processes in the derivation of some female family-names in Akan. In the article, Adomako identifies, describes, and analyses the underlying morpheme utilised in Akan female family-name formation and documents how, why and when it manifests differently among the major dialects of Akan.

The second article, by Abraham Kwesi Bisilki, and titled “A Sociolinguistic Analysis of Kinship Terms in Likpakpaln (Konkomba)”, is a synchronic descriptive study of kinship terms in Likpakpaln, a Gur member of the Niger-Congo phylum, spoken mainly in the northern parts of Ghana. Based on the data analysed, Bisilki argues that kinship address forms in Likpakpaln can be categorised into three major types: agnatic, matrilineal and affinal, of which matrilineal and affinal kinship addresses are by complementary filiation.

The third article, by Mohammed Ayodeji Ademilokun, is “Aspects of Yoruba Linguistic-Cultural Retentions in Abimbola Adelakun’s *Under the Brown Rusted Roofs*”. In this article, Ademilokun focuses on the use of lexical transfer, literal translation, coinages, code-mixing, proverbs, incantatory discourse, Yoruba Muslim discourse features, Yoruba advertising poetry and lineage praise poetry in the text. Ademilokun argues that these elements serve to nativise the literary text by giving it a distinctly Yoruba flair.

The fourth and final paper of this issue is “Noun Classification in Esahie” by Obed Nii Broohm. In his paper, Broohm provides a description of the nominal class system in Esahie (Central-Tano, Kwa, Niger-Congo). Based on the data, he argues that the morpho-syntactically vestigial noun class system of Esahie is number-based. Further, he provides an account of how morpho-phonological information influences the noun form classes of Esahie.

The papers of this issue are a testament to the wide variety of theoretical approaches and diverse research areas pertaining to linguistics found in Africa. In this vein, GJL continues to serve as a hub of scholarship, providing an avenue for the publication of double-blind peer-reviewed studies on language, linguistics and all interrelated disciplines. We hope that our readers find this issue intellectually stimulating and informative as we continue to explore and gain a deeper understanding of linguistic phenomena from innovative perspectives.

Finally, we at Ghana Journal of Linguistics (GJL) would like to thank authors, readers and the entire membership of the Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG) for another great year of scholarship in African Linguistics. This issue marks my second full year as Editor-In-Chief of the Ghana Journal of Linguistics, having been appointed by the Executive Board of the Linguistics Association of Ghana on January 1, 2016. I would like to thank LAG's Executive Board, our Editorial Board, Editorial Committee and most especially our Consulting Editor, Professor E. Kweku Osam, whose sage wisdom has facilitated the running of the journal. I would also like to thank the membership of LAG as a whole for their trust in me to maintain the high standards set by our founding Editor-in-Chief, the late Professor Emerita M.E. Kropp Dakubu.

I look forward to many further issues of GJL showcasing and highlighting the long tradition of rigorous interdisciplinary linguistic scholarship that Africa has to offer.



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