## Contents

|    | List of Illustrations<br>Acknowledgments  | ix<br>xiii |
|----|---|------------|
| 1  | Meaning Beyond Syntax: Discourse and Conceptualization  | 1          |
| 2  | The Nuts and Bolts of Grammar   | 6          |
| 3  | The Basic Grammar for Mentioning People, Ideas, Values, Objects,<br>Concepts, and Things: Nouns and Their Meanings in Discourse                             | 48         |
| 4  | Referring to, Identifying, Specifying, Underspecifying, Possessing,<br>and Quantifying Things, People, and Ideas in Discourse: Determiners                  | 78         |
| 5  | Alternate Ways to Identify, Specify, Underspecify, Focus On, and<br>Quantify Things, People, and Ideas in Discourse: Pronouns                               | 118        |
| 6  | The Grammar of Events, States, Identities, Actions, Power,<br>Control, and Spontaneity in Discourse: Verbs  | 143        |
| 7  | The Grammar of Time, Fact, Habit, Changeability, Permanence,<br>Sequence, and Relevance in Discourse: Tense and Aspect                                      | 177        |
| 8  | The Grammar of Directives, Permissions, Obligations, Opinions, and Mitigations: Imperatives and Modals  | 219        |
| 9  | The Grammar of Agency, Control, Responsibility, Passivity, Non-Agency, and Non-Accountability: Voice  | 264        |
| 10 | The Grammar of Juxtaposing, Contrasting, Denying, Excluding, Contradicting, and Reversing: Negation   | 289        |
| 11 | The Grammar of Inquiry and Apparent Inquiry in Discourse:<br>Yes-No Questions, <i>Wh</i> - Questions, Alternative or Choice<br>Questions, and Tag Questions | 324        |