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- White, L. & R. Slabakova. 2016. Problems with L2 pronoun interpretation: representation or computation? Quebec-Ontario Dialogues on Acquisition and Spanish (QODAS), Université de Montréal, April 2016.
- White, L. 2016. Is there a DPBE in L2 acquisition and, if so, why? Miami FLing Conference, Florida International University, March 2016.
- White, L. 2013. Implications of generative second language research for language teaching: overview and implications. Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition 12: Workshop on Applying Generative SLA to the Language Classroom. University of Florida, April 2013.
- Goad, H., L. White and J. Bruhn de Garavito. 2012. Prosodic constraints on the acquisition of Spanish plural. Annual conference of the German Society for Linguistics: Workshop on the Phonology-Morphology Interface in Language Acquisition and Language Disorders, Frankfurt, March 2012.

- White, L. 2011. Universal Grammar: changing perspectives. Presented at the Workshop on Neue Erkenntnisse zur Mehrsprachigkeit: Bilanz und Perspektiven. University of Hamburg, June 2011.
- White, L. 2011. Definiteness Effects in bilinguals and monolinguals. Presented at the Workshop on Definiteness, University of Hamburg, June 2011.
- White, L. 2008. Innate linguistic constraints in second language acquisition: maturational effects or not? Presented at the Second International Symposium on the Cognitive and Neuronal Bases of Language, McGill University, June 2008.
- White, L. 2005. The view from L2. Presented at the Symposium on Bilingualism, Xth International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Berlin, July 2005.
- White, L. 2005. V2 in L2 and L3. Presented at the Workshop on Language Contact, 21st Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics, Trondheim, Norway, June 2005.
- White, L. 2003. Syntactic categories in L2 acquisition. Presented at the Summer Institute of Cognitive Sciences on Categorization, UQAM, July 2003.
- White, L. 2003. Morphological and syntactic knowledge in L2: some puzzling discrepancies. Presented at the Conference on Knowledge of a Second Language: Epistemological and Empirical Issues, University of Southern California, May 2003.
- Yoo, M., Y. Kayama, M. Mazzotta and L. White. 2001. Restrictions on L2 case drop. Presented at the workshop on Acquisition of Japanese, Pacific Second Language Research Forum (PacSlrf), Hawaii, Oct. 2001.
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