

## PREFACE

We are pleased to present the 10 papers accepted for presentation at the HLT/NAACL 2004 Student Workshop to be held in Boston on May 2. The main mission of the workshop is to provide feedback for students' work in progress. Each presentation will be followed by comments on the work from a panel of senior researchers. We thank the panelists in advance for their time and feedback.

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