

AAAL Business Meeting

March 23, 2026 | Chicago, IL

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Land Acknowledgement

Ryuko Kubota, AAAL President

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Land Acknowledgment

- AAAL acknowledges that Chicago is the traditional homelands of the Council of the Three Fires: The Odawa, Ojibwe, and Potawatomi Nations. Many other Tribes like the Miami, Ho-Chunk, and Sac and Fox also called this area home. Located at the intersection of several great waterways, the land naturally became a site of travel and healing for many Tribes. Now Chicago is home to the third-largest Urban American Indian community.

Adapted from the land acknowledgment issued by the American Indian Center of Chicago.

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Rules of Order

Agnes He, AAAL Secretary

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Rules of Order (1/3)

- The agenda sets the order of business for the meeting; the meeting will proceed according to the agenda.

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Rules of Order (2/3)

- If anyone would like to discuss a new topic or consider a new proposal not on the agenda, they should:
 - Contact the Chair(s) of the relevant committee(s)
 - Participate in discussions with AAAL leaders after the General Business Meeting

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Rules of Order (3/3)

- It is important to follow parliamentary procedure to ensure the meeting runs efficiently and fairly.

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Approval of the Agenda

Ryuko Kubota, AAAL President

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Approval of the 2025 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Agnes He, AAAL Secretary

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Report of the President

Ryuko Kubota, AAAL President

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General Remarks and Thanks

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Advocacy Task Force

Co-Chairs:

- Wenhao Diao, University of Arizona
- Christine Tardy, University of Arizona

Members:

- Uju Anya Carnegie Mellon University
- Rima Elabdali, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Amelia Tseng, American University
- Manka Varghese, University of Washington

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Online Conference Task Force

Chair:

- Melanie Wong, University of British Columbia

Members:

- John Wayne dela Cruz, McGill University
- Stephanie Link, Oklahoma State University
- Irasema Mora Pablo, Universidad de Guanajuato
- Ryuko Kubota, University of British Columbia

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Chair of 2028 Online Conference

Katherine Christofferson

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Promotion and Tenure Guidelines Revision Task Force

Chair:

- Wayne E Wright, Chair, Purdue University

Members:

- Christina Higgins, University of Hawai'i
- Yasuko Kanno, Boston University
- María Cioè-Peña, University of Pennsylvania
- Charlene Polio, Chair, Michigan State University
- Paul Toth, Temple University
- Francis Hult, University of Maryland

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JEDI Ad Hoc Committee

Chair:

- Amelia Tseng, American University

Members:

- Ashley Moore, University of Toronto
- Wesley Leonard, University of California, Riverside
- Sara Kangas, Lehigh University
- John Odudele, University of Washington

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Standing Rules Revisions

- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Standing Committee *New*
- Distinguished Public Service Award
- Graduate Student Awards
- Book Awards

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Major Ongoing Discussion

- New standing rule for online conference
- Indigenous Language Scholarship Fund
- Public Affairs and Engagement Committee
- Rearrangement of Strands

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Conference Venue

Explored a possibility to hold our conference at a campus

- Cost
- Dates
- Mobility challenges
- Others

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New Opportunities and Resources

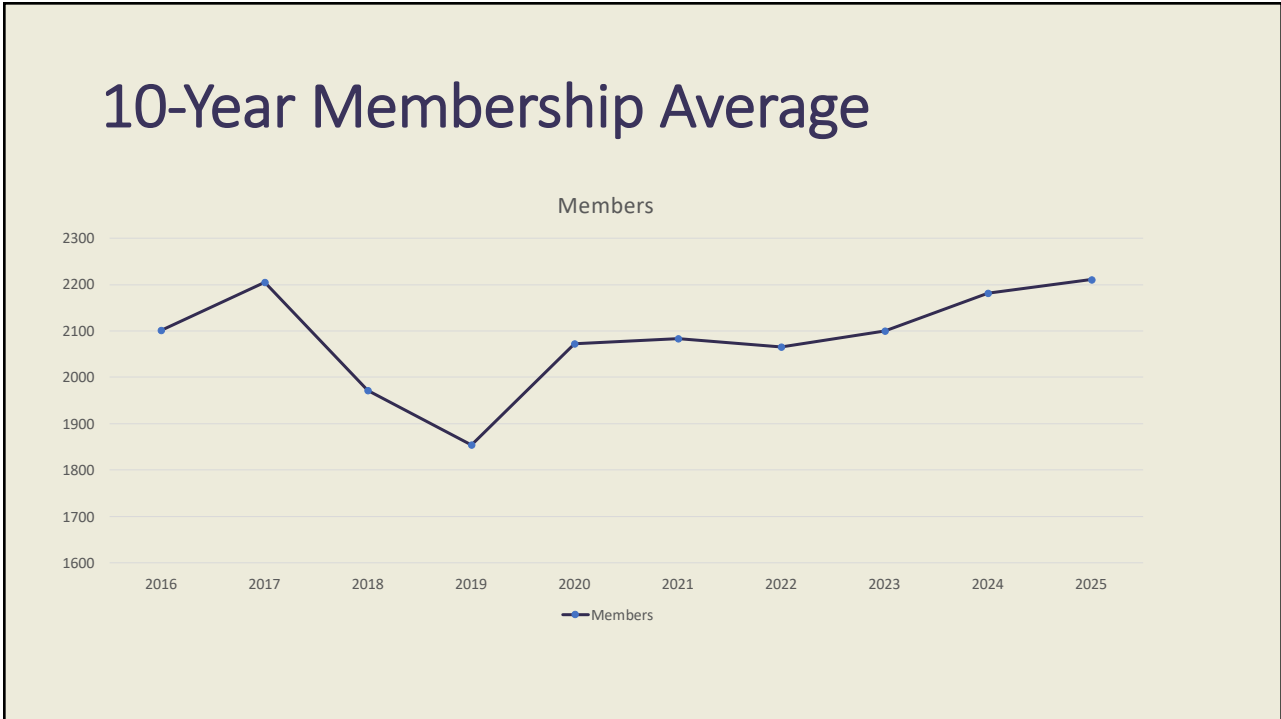
- Contribution by *Language Learning*
- Multilingual Matters, free access to 20 books to AAAL members

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Report of the Treasurer

Paula Winke, AAAL Treasurer

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Balance Sheet - Assets

	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025
Checking Acct	487,919	556,947	667,489
Accts Receivable	915	10,023	0
Undeposited Funds	2,763	1,996	1,750
AAAL Investments	902,696	1,012,174	1,206,836
Total FFAL Investments	383,104	406,012	464,137
Prepaid Expenses	102,097	164,283	33,812
Total Current Assets	\$1,879,494	\$2,152,977	\$2,374,005
Total Other Assets	\$133,112	-	\$7,158
Total Assets	\$2,012,606	\$2,152,977	\$2,381,163

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Balance Sheet – Liabilities

	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025
Accts Payable	21,412	1,675	8,394
Accrued Expenses	409	544	604
Sponsors/Exhibitors/Ads	21,200	15,400	24,850
Deferred Funded Colloq	-	-	-
Deferred Conf Reg	337,454	351,413	367,612
Deferred Member Rev	94,760	98,830	95,024
Deferred Revenue – Other	-	2,400	-
Total Liabilities	\$475,235	\$471,804	\$488,090

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Balance Sheet – Equity

	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025
Retained Earnings	1,253,825	1,510,731	1,654,533
Board Designated - JEDI	-	26,640	26,640
Net Income	\$283,546	\$143,802	\$203,506

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Conference Income Statement

	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025
Income	470,132	432,468	456,102
Expense	304,900	367,529	375,026
Net Income	\$165,232	\$64,939	\$81,076

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Income Statement

	Jan-Dec 2023	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025
Operating Income	669,352	624,122	656,132
Operating Expense	527,477	638,543	649,868
Net Operating Income	\$141,875	-\$14,421	\$6,264
Non Operating Income	141,672	158,723	197,741
Non Operating Expenses	-	\$500	\$500
Total Net Income	\$283,547	\$143,802	\$203,506

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Report of the Secretary: International Association for Applied Linguistics (AILA)

Agnes He, AAAL Secretary

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AAAL and AILA

- Sharing practices
- Financial commitment
- Bringing AILA leadership to AAAL conferences
- Highlighting sibling associations in AAALetter
- Supporting AILA initiatives

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AILA Congresses

- The 2027 Congress will take place in Canada-Vancouver
- The 2030 Congress will take place in Australia-Perth
- AILA Solidarity Awards

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Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Ashley Moore, Committee Member

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Overview of Work

- Analyzed 2025 post-conference survey data and made JEDI-focused recommendations to the EC
- Advised the 2026 Conference Chair and Team on JEDI-related matters
- Advised the EC on adjudication of future cycles of the Indigenous Language Scholarship Support Fund
- Leading dialogues about the meaning of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion to all our work

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Ongoing Organizational Work

- Clarify governance scope so the JEDI Committee can focus on systemic policy development
- Ground institutional decisions in systematic evidence
- Support evidence-based committee work
- Embrace all voices, especially those that are marginalized within the institution
- Allocate resources to ensure that JEDI work is transformational

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Nominating Committee for 2026 Elections

Prepared by Gail Prasad (Chair) and
Manka Varghese (Executive Committee
Representative)

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Nominating Committee Members

Voting members

- Nelson Flores (University of Pennsylvania)
- Shaofeng Li (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
- Tracy Quan (University of Colorado, Boulder)
- Bedrettin Yazan (University of Texas, San Antonio)

Non-voting members

- Chair: Gail Prasad (York University)
- Manka Varghese (University of Washington) Executive Committee representative

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Overview of the work

- Met four times to compile and rank nominees
- Chair followed up with nominees until the slate was complete

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Final candidates (vote 1 each)

<u>2nd Vice President:</u>	Agnes He
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Stephen May
<u>FFAL Trustee:</u>	Charlene Polio

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Nominating Committee (vote 4)

Miguel Perez-Milans	ChengChen Li
Nihat Polat	Naoko Taguchi
Anna Mendoza	Sihui Echo Ke
Francis Troyan	Sender Dovchin

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JEDI (vote 1 of each)

JEDI 3-Year

- Prem Phyak
- Laura Mahalingappa

JEDI 2-Year

- Ashley Moore
- Hyunjung Shin

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Report of the Graduate Student Council

Sarah Howard

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Steering Committee

- **Co-Chairs:** Sarah Howard, Oregon State University and John Odudele, University of Washington
- **JEDI and GSC secretary:** Malachi Henry, Indiana University - Bloomington
- **Newsletter, Member-at-Large:** Ifeoluwa Priscilla Awopetu, The University of Memphis
- **Event-Planning, Member-at-Large:** Alyson Horan, Teachers College Columbia University
- **Social Media, Member-at-Large:** Mukib Khan, Oklahoma State University

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The Online Education and Outreach Committee

Stephen J. Moody
Brigham Young University
AAAL OEOC Chair

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Who is the OEOC?

- The OEOC is charged with ensuring AAAL is digitally accessible and provides opportunities for online education and connection.
- Incoming Chair:
Sarah Hercula
 Missouri University of Science and Technology

Achieved primarily by:

Generating and managing digital content

Identifying web content for members and non-members

Overseeing online member networking efforts

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2025-2026 OEOC Subcommittees

AAALetter

Chaired by:

Sinem Sonsaat-Hegelheimer

Iowa State University

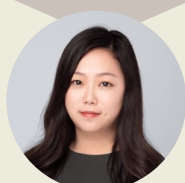


Website Content and Development

Chaired by:

Yi Wang

Stony Brook University



Professional Development

Chaired by:

Jim Mischler

Northwestern State University of Louisiana



Social Media

Chaired by:

James Coda

University of Tennessee



Webinar

Chaired by:

Devin Grammon

University of Oregon



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AAALetter Highlights

The Importance of AAAL’s Community and Collective Voice

[Linda Harklau](#), University of Georgia

AAAL 2025 Distinguished Public Service Award Recipient



Building a Dynamic Research Community Within the Canadian Communities and Beyond

[Caroline Payant](#), UQAM - Université du Québec à Montréal



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Social Media

**ADVOCACY
CAMPAIGN FOR
EQUITY** **Coming soon!**

FOCUS ON ARTS-BASED APPROACHES TO RESEARCH IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

American Association for Applied Linguistics

AACTE
EDUCATE • ADVOCATE • INNOVATE

Office of the President & CEO
Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, Ph.D.

IMPORTANT FEDERAL POLICY ALERT FOR EDUCATOR PREP PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Education has proposed regulations that exclude education students from the “professional student” category—putting access to federal student loans at risk and sending a troubling message about the profession.

Public comments are open through March 2, 2026. Now is the time to speak up, submit comments, and encourage colleagues and students to do the same to ensure education students are recognized and supported.

Stronger together.

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Website Content & Development

Oral History Project

FOUNDATIONAL VIDEOS

STORIES

RESEARCH

BENEFITS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

PANDEMIC

Foundational Videos

The Beginning of AAAL: Memories of the first conference and the start of the organization

Susan Gass, Elaine Tarone, Andrew Cohen and Bill Grabe offer their memories of how AAAL went from being a small part of LSA (Linguistic Society of America) to being the incredible organization it is today.



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Webinars

Hosted by AAAL's Online Education and Outreach Committee

UPCOMING WEBINAR

AT THE COUPLING OF RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE:
AUGMENTING SCHOLARLY OUTLETS FOR APPLIED LINGUISTS



2026 AAAL Distinguished Public Service Award Recipient
DR. DREW FAGAN
University of Maryland
Moderated by **Dr. Lourdes Ortega**
Georgetown University

13 Jan
2026
3:00 PM ET

REGISTRATION OPEN!

DESCRIPTION

In this immersive webinar, Dr. Drew Fagan will discuss various outlets in which scholars can broaden the audience and impact of their research expertise beyond traditional academic parameters towards effecting policy changes at a more macro societal level. Talking with moderator Dr. Lourdes Ortega, Dr. Fagan will highlight his experiential collaborations connecting language knowledge with educational changemakers at various levels of government as well as working with stakeholders in media, law firms, unions, and various educational agencies. Attendees will come away from this session with a broadened understanding of collaboration types/possibilities, tools for relaying scholarly knowledge to various non-academic audiences, and considerations for diverse outlets for scholarly production.

OPEN TO AAAL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE.
A RECORDING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

Identity, Investment, and Language Learning:
Past, Present, and Future Directions



Dr. Bonny Norton
University of British Columbia



Dr. Ron Darvin
University of British Columbia

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October
2025
3 - 4 PM EST

REGISTRATION OPEN!

DESCRIPTION

Please join us for a discussion with Dr. Bonny Norton and Dr. Ron Darvin on investment in language learning and teaching. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Bonny Norton's seminal paper (1995) on identity and investment, and a decade since their award-winning 2015 article on the model of investment. Thus, our one-hour event will reflect on the three decades of research and put past findings in conversation with present research and future directions in the field. Dr. Norton and Dr. Darvin will also participate in a Q&A session following their discussion.

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Professional Development

10 Things to Do to Make the Most of your AAAL Conference

March 5, 2026

Posted By **Peter De Costa** in Professional Development

Much, and by that, I mean within our field of applied linguistics in general and the AAAL conference in particular, has changed since I wrote my book chapter, "Making the most of your applied linguistics conference experience" (De Costa, 2020). That chapter seemed almost out of sync with the (precarious) times - the book was published in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic - when it came out. For one, and as you may recall, none of us was conferencing much that year. Specifically, our 2020 AAAL conference in Denver was cancelled altogether because of health risks. Thankfully, we were able to reunite as a community virtually the following year. But it was not until 2022 that we were able to see each other in person at Pittsburgh 2022. Even then, our much-awaited reunion was marred with some trepidation, with many of us wearing masks and practicing some degree of social distancing.

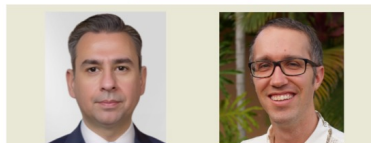
AAAL's Professional Development Workshop Series

Hosted by the Online Education and Outreach Committee

AI in Applied Linguistics: Using ChatGPT in the Language Classroom

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 | 4:00-5:30 PM EST

Register Today!



Dr. Soroush Sabbaghan
University of Calgary

Dr. Austin Pack
Brigham Young University - Hawaii

In this interactive workshop, attendees will:

- learn about current Generative AI (genAI) technology and its uses
- learn how to use ChatGPT for teaching and learning a language
- interact with other AAAL members in a breakout session to brainstorm ideas for applying AI to your own classes
- discuss ways to employ AI in language curricula

Open to All AAAL Members | Zoom link provided after registration

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Report of the Committee on Conference Connections

Irina Zaykovskaya, Chair

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2026 Program Statistics

- 213 mentees (9% increase from 2025)
- 109 mentors
- 29 small groups focused on general mentoring
- 124 individual meetings for advanced mentoring (22% increase from 2025)

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Conference Connections News

- Streamlined registration process (participants can opt in/out or request more info during registration)
- Updated mentor surveys that allow flexibility for mentors to choose both preferred format and time commitment
- Updated mentor/mentee surveys to improve data formatting

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New Chair



Departing:
Irina Zaykovskaya
University of Minnesota



Incoming:
Juyeon Yoo
Ball State University

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Departing Committee Members



Anna Mendoza
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



EC Liaison
Francis M. Hult
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

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Incoming Committee Members



Carlo Cinaglia
Florida State University



Matt Coss
University of Alabama

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Continuing on the Committee



Ji-young Shin
University of Toronto



Kevin W.H. Tai
Hong Kong University



Michol Miller
University of Hawaii-Manoa



GSC representative
Sarah Howard
Oregon State University

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Looking into the Future

- Conversation with the Virtual Conference organizers to explore virtual mentorship opportunities
- Page on the AAAL website about the program, with information and tips for mentors and mentees
- Strategic recruitment of mentors whose expertise is in higher demand than the current pool can satisfy (e.g., TBLT, psycholinguistics, language revitalization)

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Report of the First Vice President

Mari Haneda, AAAL First Vice President

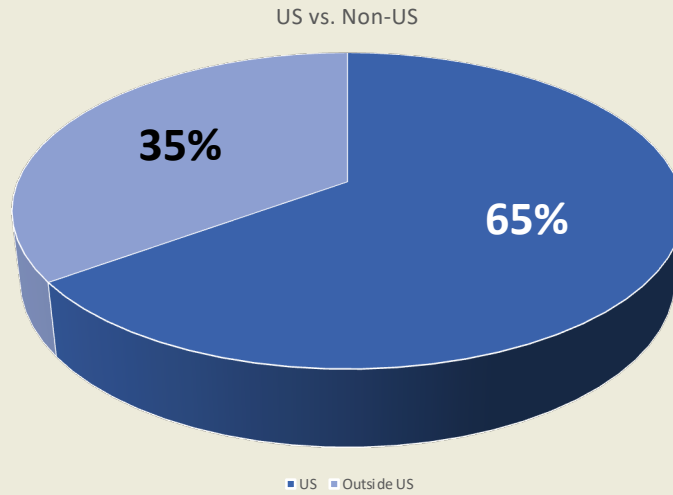
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AAAL 2026 in Chicago

- 1,963 conference registrations (as of 3/6/26)
- Number of sessions for 25 strands (as of 3/6/26):
 - 6 plenaries
 - 7 invited colloquia
 - 887 paper presentations
 - 160 poster presentations
 - 132 roundtable presentations
 - 33 two-hour colloquia
 - 18 one-hour colloquia

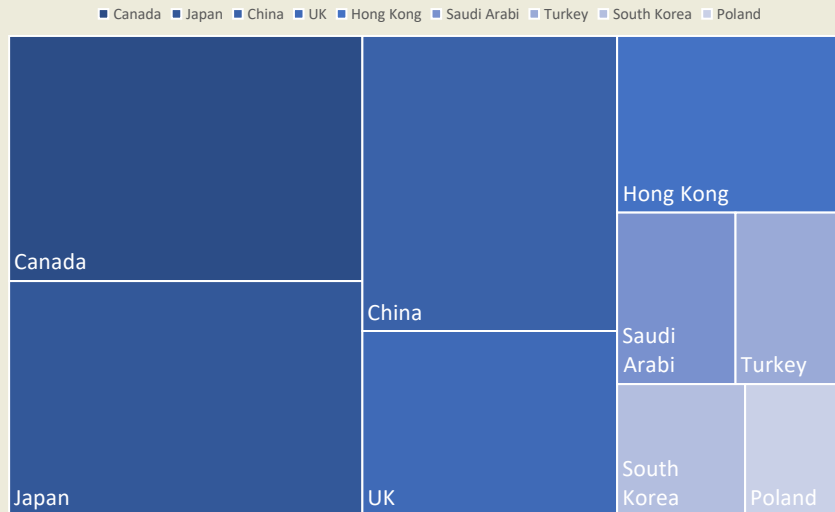
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Attendee Statistics



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Top Non-US Countries



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Monday Evening Plenary

- Viorica Marian
- *The Power of Language: Consequences of Bilingualism and Multilingualism for Cognition and the Brain*
- 5:55 PM, Chicago 6 & 7



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Report of the Second Vice President

Francis Hult, AAAL Second Vice President

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AAAL 2027 | Atlanta, GA: Focus on the Applied

Francis M. Hult (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
Conference Chair

Melisa (Misha) Cahnmann-Taylor (University of Georgia)
Local Coordinator



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2027 Plenary Speakers (confirmed)

*From Policy to Practice: Applying Deaf
Epistemology to Bilingual Education*

Laurene Simms (Gallaudet University)



*Beyond the Applied: Bidirectional Insights
Between Cognitive Psychology, Education,
and Second Language Speech Learning*

Kazuya Saito (UCL Institute of Education)



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2027 Plenary Speakers (confirmed)

Voices in performance: Bringing the Arts to Applied Linguistics

Angels Creese & Adrian Blackledge and the MultiLX Players (University of Warwick)



Beyond Tradition, Beyond Silos: Challenging the Canon in Validity Conceptualization

Micheline Chaloub-Deville (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)



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2027 Invited Plenary (confirmed)

What Words Alone Can't Convey: On AI and Existential Solidarity

Evan Selinger (Rochester Institute of Technology)



Language and the Application of Civil Rights in Challenging Times

Thomas A. Saenz (President and General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)



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2027 Invited Colloquia (confirmed)

*Interdisciplinary Applied Corpus Linguistics:
Practicalities, Outcomes, and Opportunities*

Shannon Fitzsimmons-Doolan (Texas A&M
Corpus Christie)



*Where Do We Go from Here: Engaging the
Speeches and Writings of Martin Luther
King, Jr. in the Context of our Times*

Vicki Crawford (Morehouse College)



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2027 Invited Colloquia (confirmed)

*Refusing Generative AI and the Fight for
Academic, Creative, Linguistic, and
Collective Freedom*

**Jennifer Sano-Franchini, Megan McIntyre &
Maggie Fernandes**



*Intersections between Second/Additional
Language Learning and Cognitive
Neuroscience: How do they apply?*

Kara Morgan Short (University of Illinois
Chicago) & **Janet van Hell** (Pennsylvania
State University)



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2027 Invited Colloquia (confirmed)

*Beyond North-South Divides: Restoring
Neglected Potential of Multilingualisms in
Education*

Kathleen Heugh (Adelaide University)



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Pre-Conference Workshops

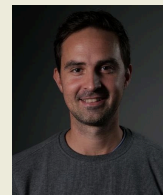
Nexus Analysis

Pia Lane (University of Oslo), **Roswita
Dressler** (University of Calgary), **Marie
Källkvist** (Linnaeus University) & **Elisa
Räsänen** (Aalto University)



Q-Methodology

Adrian Lunberg (Malmö University)



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NEW in 2027

Impromptu Group Presentation

50th Meeting of AAAL

Professional Service Sessions

- Media Training
- Career Development
- And more ...

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Virtual Conference Report

Peter De Costa & Stephanie Link, 2026 Co-Chairs

Ryuko Kubota & Melanie Wong, 2027 Co-Chairs

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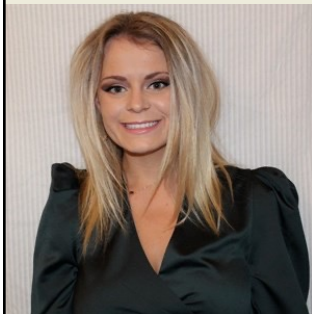


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Recognition of Outgoing Executive Committee Members

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- Peter De Costa
- Agnes He
- Elizabeth Miller
- Steve Moody
- Sarah Howard

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Transfer of Presidency

Ryuko Kubota, AAAL President and
Manka Varghese, AAAL President-Elect

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Recognition of Incoming Executive Committee Members

Manka Varghese, New AAAL President

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- 2nd Vice President Glenn Martinez
- Secretary Virak Chan
- Member-at-Large Doris Warriner

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Concluding Remarks

Manka Varghese, New AAAL President

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