

Academy of Aphasia 62nd Annual Meeting
Nara, Japan and Virtual (Hybrid)
Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20, 2024

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **MAY 20, 2024**

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Aphasia will be hosted at [Nara Kasugano International Forum IRAKA](#) in Nara (Japan). We encourage onsite attendance – **required for platform presenters** – although we also offer the option to participate online via an interactive hybrid platform. On Saturday, October 19, we will hold a reception highlighting traditional Japanese culture ([Noh performance](#)) at the conference venue, followed by a welcome party. The Academy welcomes submissions of experimental, clinical, theoretical, and historical research from any field that contributes to the study of aphasia, including Speech-Language Pathology, Psychology, Neurology, Neuroscience, Linguistics, History, and Computational Modeling.

This year's keynote speaker will be [Dr. Atsushi Iriki](#), Senior Researcher of Innovation Design at [Riken Research Institute](#) and [Research Supervisor of CREST "Multi-Sensing" projects](#) at Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). Dr Iriki investigates evolutionary precursors to higher cognitive functions based on neurophysiological analyses of non-human primates, as well as studying cognition through functional and structural brain imaging. Dr Iriki is the principal investigator of the project [Neurobiological mechanisms of cognitive niche construction](#).

Now in its seventh year, the NIDCD-funded Academy of Aphasia conference grant (R13 DC017375) will sponsor selected student fellows to attend and present their work at the conference. Fellows will also receive focused mentoring and training from seasoned faculty mentors at the meeting. Both U.S. and international students are eligible to apply; please contact Swathi Kiran (kirans@bu.edu) or Heather Dial (hrdial@central.uh.edu) with inquiries. The grant also sponsors a state-of-the-art *New Frontiers in Aphasia Research* seminar. This year's topic will focus on cortical tracking of speech and language processing, and the speaker will be [Dr. Andrea E. Martin](#) of Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen (the Netherlands).

Abstract guidelines

Submission procedures. Abstracts (max. 500 words) must be submitted through the *vFairs* platform (submission link to follow). An individual can submit and participate in more than one abstract, but be listed as first author on only one submission.

Presentation types. This includes *papers* (i.e., platform and poster sessions) consisting of original research that has not yet been published and *symposia* (i.e., 3-4 platform sessions focusing on a common theme) consisting of original or previously published research. Platform session presenters will be required to attend and present onsite (in Nara). *Poster session* presenters have the option to present onsite (in Nara) or present in the online poster hall.

Templates. All abstracts should conform to a specified template format (either for [platform/poster presentations](#) or [symposia](#)). Please use the correct template to be considered for acceptance to the conference program.

Notification of acceptance. The Program Committee will e-mail a decision **by July 31, 2024.**

Visa information for Japan is available on [our website](#). Citizens of many countries are exempt.

Onsite childcare can be arranged with early registration. Email kirans@bu.edu with interest.

Program Committee: Adrià Rofes & Shari Baum (Co-Chairs), Aneta Kielar & Elena Barbieri (Co-Vice Chairs), Rajani Sebastian, Silvia Martínez Ferreiro, Eva Kehayia and Gabriele Miceli.

Local Arrangements Committee: Masaru Mimura (Local Chair), Yutaka Tanaka, Mika Otsuki, Anthony Pak-Hin Kong.