

**Academy of Aphasia 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**San Diego, California, USA and Virtual (Hybrid)**  
Sunday, October 26 - Tuesday, October, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **MAY 20, 2025**

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Aphasia will be hosted at the [Horton Grand Hotel](#), a beautifully reconstructed historic landmark in the vibrant Gaslamp Quarter of downtown San Diego, California. We encourage onsite attendance – **required for platform presenters** – although we also offer the option to participate online via an interactive hybrid platform. The conference reception and welcome party will be held Monday October 27th during a twilight cruise on San Diego Bay. 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 [Victor Ferreira Ph.D.](#), Professor of Psychology at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Ferreira is a renowned expert in the field of language processing and cognitive neuroscience, with groundbreaking research on the lexical and syntactic mechanisms involved in language production, learning, and communication.

Now in its eighth 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, pending continued funding. Selected fellows will also receive focused mentoring and training from expert faculty at the meeting. Both U.S. and international students submitting a first-author abstract are eligible to apply; please contact Swathi Kiran ([kirans@bu.edu](mailto:kirans@bu.edu)) or Heather Dial ([hrdial@central.uh.edu](mailto:hrdial@central.uh.edu)) with inquiries. The grant also sponsors a state-of-the-art *New Frontiers in Aphasia Research* seminar. This year, behavioral and cognitive neurologist [Dr. Zachary Miller](#), Associate Professor of Neurology at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center and Weill Institute for Neurosciences, will present on risk factors for neurodegenerative disease.

### **Abstract guidelines**

**Submission procedures.** Abstracts (max. 500 words) must be submitted through the *vFairs* platform (link to follow). You will need to create an account to register with the platform. An individual can submit and participate in more than one abstract, but can 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 San Diego). *Poster session* presenters have the option to present onsite (in San Diego) or present in the online poster hall.

**Templates.** All abstracts should conform to a specified template format (click link to download template for either [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, 2025**.

Visa information can be found on [our website](#).

**Onsite childcare** can be arranged with early registration. Email [kirans@bu.edu](mailto:kirans@bu.edu) with interest.

**Program Committee:** Aneta Kielar & Elena Barbieri (Co-Chairs), Rajani Sebastian, Silvia Martínez-Ferreiro (Vice-Chairs), Arpita Bose, Dan Roberts, Effy Ntemou, and Ran Li.

**Local Arrangements Committee:** Stephanie Riès (Local Chair), Tracy Love, JoAnn Silkes, and Henrike Blumenfeld.