

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Submission deadline: September 25, 2006**

The 2007 conference of the *American Association for Applied Linguistics* (AAAL) will be held April 21-24 at the Hilton in Costa Mesa, California. Nationally and internationally, the AAAL conference has a reputation as a comprehensive and stimulating language conference. The 2007 AAAL conference will serve as a meeting place for applied linguists to generate ideas, cross disciplinary boundaries, and disseminate research about issues and concerns in language policy, second language acquisition, language pedagogy and assessment, discourse analysis, and other disciplinary areas of applied linguistics.

AAAL is known for its in-depth colloquia and paper sessions, topical and thought-provoking plenaries, excellent book exhibits, and plentiful opportunities for networking. In 2007 the conference will feature a special strand on Spanish in the United States and will offer the opportunity to present and listen to papers in Spanish, learn about the latest developments in applied linguistics, and experience the beauty of Southern California. We hope you will consider sharing your work at AAAL in Costa Mesa.

The submission of abstracts and refereeing process will be carried out through the AAAL web submission system. Proposals are welcome in English and in Spanish in the following topic strands:

- Analysis of discourse and interaction
- Assessment and evaluation
- Bilingual, immersion, heritage, and language minority education
- Language and ideology
- Language and learner characteristics
- Language and technology
- Language cognition and brain research
- Language, culture, socialization, and pragmatics
- Language maintenance and revitalization
- Language, planning, and policy
- Reading, writing, and literacy
- Second and foreign language pedagogy
- Second language acquisition, language acquisition, and attrition

- Sociolinguistics
- Spanish in the United States
- Text analysis (written discourse)
- Translation and interpretation

Abstracts for all presentation formats should be submitted for blind peer review at the following website: <http://www.aal.org/aaal2007>

## **PROPOSALS**

Proposals are invited for individual papers, posters, and colloquia in English and Spanish.

**INDIVIDUAL PAPERS:** Papers are presented by one or more authors within a twenty-minute period and an additional ten-minute period is provided for discussion.

**POSTERS:** Posters are for one-on-one discussion of research. Posters are especially effective for presenting results of empirical research if data can be presented visually (in charts, graphs, or tables). A block of time will be designated when presenters are available to discuss their posters. Prospective presenters are encouraged to consider posters because of the opportunity they provide for inclusion of more presenters and topics in the program and for extended discussion with other researchers.

**COLLOQUIA:** Colloquia are presented in three-hour blocks. Colloquium organizers may divide their time as they choose, but time should be allocated for opening and closing remarks, presentations, discussants (if included), and extended audience response. Colloquium organizers serve as the liaison between participants in their colloquium and the program committee, and are therefore responsible for communication among these participants.

## **EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

Proposals for individual papers and posters are evaluated by a team of reviewers according to each of the following categories:

- Appropriateness and significance of the topic
- Expectation of original research

- Clearly stated questions, data sources, data collection procedures, and analytic approaches
- Manner of presentation (indicative of a clear and well-organized presentation)

Proposals for colloquia are evaluated by a team of reviewers according to each of the following categories:

- Appropriateness and significance of the topic
- Presentation of original and on-going research studies OR differing or dissenting perspectives on an important issue
- Coherence and complementarity of the papers

Manner of presentation (indicative of careful planning for the implementation of the colloquium including a significant amount of time for discussion of the presentations and audience participation)

## **AAAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION POLICIES**

The AAAL conference will operate according to the following policies:

- AAAL policy stipulates that individuals are to submit only one abstract—whether a paper, a poster, or as part of a colloquium—and to appear as a presenter only once on the program, in addition to a possible role as a discussant or session chair.
- AAAL assumes that all proposals (for individual papers, colloquia papers, and poster sessions) represent original and unpublished work, that is, not yet available to the AAAL membership (with the exception of material from publications in press).
- AAAL discourages submission of proposals from individuals who will not be attending the conference. Conference attendees highly value the discussion period at the conclusion of conference sessions; substitute readers are disadvantaged in discussing papers that are not their own.
- AAAL requests that presenters who know that they cannot attend the conference withdraw their proposals to give another presenter a place on the program. If unforeseen circumstances, at the last minute, dictate that a presenter cannot attend the conference, a substitute will be permitted.
- AAAL policy stipulates that the author's confirmation of attendance and presentation signifies that the author will present the paper on the day and time assigned by the conference program committee.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE SESSIONS**

If you would like to arrange an informal meeting with others at the conference who are interested in discussing a particular topic, contact Kathleen Bardovi-Harlig, AAAL 2007 Program Chair, [bardovi@indiana.edu](mailto:bardovi@indiana.edu). Such sessions include meetings with journal editors on how to get published, editorial board meetings, and other networking opportunities. Efforts will be made to find a time and space for the meeting. Please submit these requests no later than September 25, 2006.