

Thursday, March 9th - JB Duke

7:00pm Opening Reception

Friday, March 10th – Penn Pavilion

8:00am Breakfast (light breakfast items provided onsite)

9:00 Welcome and Keynote: “Why Language?”

Helen Tager-Flusberg, PhD

10:15 Morning Break (snacks and coffee available)

10:30 Talk Session 1

❖ Linguistic aspects of prosody are intact in high functioning ASD children’s speech: Dissociating linguistic and para-linguistic aspects of intonation - Mazuka, R., Kondo, A., Saikachi, Y., Takahashi, H. & Kamio, Y.

❖ Verbal Entrainment and Correlated Neural Mechanisms in Autism Spectrum Disorder - Patel, S.P., Cole, J., Fragnito, G., Winston, M., Martin, G. E., Nicol, T., Kraus, N. & Losh, M.

❖ Analysis of referential ambiguity in narratives reveals differences in establishment but not cohesion for older autistic children – Zane, E. & Grossman, R.B.

12:00pm Lunch (provided onsite)

1:00pm Talk Session 2

❖ White matter development and language abilities during infancy in autism spectrum disorder - Girault J., McFayden T., Rutsohn J., Swanson M., Shoba, M., Wolff, J., Elison J., Botteron, K., Dager, S., Estes, A., Gerig, G., McKinstry, R., Pandey J., Schultz, R., St. John T., Styner, M., Truong K., Zwaigenbaum L., Hazlett, H. & Piven J.

❖ Infants later diagnosed with autism have lower canonical babbling ratios in the first year of life - Yankowitz, L., Petrulla, V., Meera, S., Plate, S., Tunc, B., Pandey, J., Swanson, M., Pruett Jr., J., Cola, M.; Russell, A., Edwards, M., Moshiro, L., Laver, A., Bourneuf, C., Jaung, T., Guthrie, W., Wang, L.; Marrus, N., Hazlett, H., Botteron, K., Constantino, J., Dager, S., Estes, A., Zwaigenbaum, L., Piven, J., Schultz, R., Parish-Morris, J. & The IBIS Network

❖ Does the “language gap” exist in children with autism? - Pecukonis, M., Chu, A., Butler, L., Levinson, J., Broder-Fingert, S., Feinberg, E. & Tager-Flusberg, H.

2:30 Poster Session 1 (snacks and coffee available)

4:00 Talk Session 3

❖ What we now know about signing children with ASD - Shield, A. & Meier, R. P.

❖ Sex differences in the social focus of autistic children’s spontaneous conversations - Cola, M., Song, A., Yankowitz, L., Petrulla, V., Plate, S., Russell, A., Knox, A., Hauptmann, A., Pelella, M.R., Covello, M., Pandey, J., Schultz, R.T. & Parish-Morris, J.

❖ Using an Enhanced Eye-Gaze Task to Assess Receptive Language in Young Autistic Children - Lorang, E.; Bowles, R.; Peffers, K., Johnson, J. & Venker, C.

5:30 Collaborator Meet & Greet (cocktails, soft drinks, and appetizers will be available)

Saturday, March 11th – Penn Pavilion

8:00am Breakfast (light breakfast items provided onsite)

9:00 Talk Session 4

❖ Effects of predictability on language comprehension in autistic and non-autistic adults - Kubinski, S., Brothers, T., Cohn, N. & Coderre, E.

❖ Dissociation Between Linguistic and Nonlinguistic Statistical Learning in Children with Autism - Hu, A., Trice, K., Kozloff, V., Owen Van Horne, A., Chugani, D. & Qi, Z.

❖ Investigating Differences in Pronoun Comprehension, Theory of Mind, and Language Abilities in Autistic and Non-Autistic Adults – Abubakare, O. & Snedeker, J.

10:30 Poster Session 2 (snacks and coffee available)

12:00 Closing Remarks – MoLA Town Hall

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MEETING ON LANGUAGE IN AUTISM

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Quiet Space

A room has been reserved on the lower level of the Penn Pavilion for anyone needing a quiet space to retreat. We ask that those who enter the room respect it as a quiet space. The elevator or stairs will take you downstairs.



Duke COVID-19 Policies

- All attendees (employees, students and their guests) should be vaccinated.
- No individuals should be required or expected to attend a reception, party or gathering. We should recognize that some of our colleagues have family or health concerns and will choose not to participate.
- Masking is still required on Duke buses and vans and clinical settings.
- Masking remains one of the most effective ways to protect yourself and others, especially in indoor settings.
- We respect an individual's decision to wear a mask even if it is not required.

MoLA Town Hall Meeting

Please join us Saturday 3/11 at 12pm for a discussion of what went well, what needs to be changed and how we want to plan for future MoLAs. Lunch will be provided, but please let us know if you plan to attend:

molacommittee@gmail.com.