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Conference Report

Between March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>, I had the opportunity to present my research at the 2023 American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Conference in Portland, Oregon. AAAL is one of the largest conferences in Applied Linguistics, and this was my first time presenting at the AAAL. I am grateful to CIPL for awarding me a travel grant, which made it possible for me to attend the conference in another state. Being an international student in the U.S., this experience allowed me to broaden my horizons. I would like to share my experience and express my appreciation for this opportunity.

My paper titled “L2 learners’ use of phrase-frames across proficiency levels: Comparing written and oral production” was co-presented with Dr. Ute Römer in the Department of Applied Linguistics & ESL at Georgia State University. Our study was under the Corpus Linguistics strand, and was attended by many attendees interested in corpus linguistics, second language acquisition, and phraseology. Preparing for the presentation and presenting the paper at the conference with Dr. Römer helped me build experience and confidence in academic conferences, which will be valuable for my future career in academia.



Photo taken on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the conference venue,  
Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront

After the 20-minute presentation, we had a 10-minute Q&A session. During this time, many attendees asked questions about our research and provided us with great insights on how to further extend the research. Some comments were related to interpreting the findings in a more engaging way. Based on the feedback and comments, we plan to write a manuscript of our study and submit it to a journal for publication.

Through my recent experience at the conference, I gained not only valuable knowledge, but also networking opportunities. During coffee breaks and after talks, I met many fellow and senior researchers around the world, and was able to engage in fruitful conversations to share latest research trends and findings in the field of Applied Linguistics. I believe my recent conference experience has led me grow both professionally and personally. Overall, my recent presentation at AAAL has had a profound impact on me as a novice researcher.