



Call for Proposals

Psychology of Language Learning conference
Cape Breton University, Canada, June 2020

The fourth international **Psychology of Language Learning** conference (PLL4) will be held at Cape Breton University, Sydney, Nova Scotia CANADA based on the theme “*Currents and Waves.*” We welcome proposals on a wide range of topics relating to the many long-running currents of thought and new waves of research about psychology of language learning with emphasis on the development of second or foreign languages, including:

- language learners and teachers as people and their various individual characteristics, including self-concept, motivation, identities, beliefs, agency, and emotions;
- the dynamics of the learning process and interaction with others;
- context and the psychology of language learning;
- innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to research;
- practical classroom applications.

We are proud to announce the following outstanding plenary speakers:

Sarah Mercer, University of Graz, Austria
Jean-Marc Dewaele, Birkbeck College, University of London, UK
Tammy Gregersen, American University of Sharjah, UAE
Luke Plonsky, Northern Arizona, USA
Richard Clément, University of Ottawa, Canada
Diane Larsen-Freeman, University of Michigan, USA

We welcome 300-word proposals from researchers and educators working in all contexts. We particularly encourage submissions from graduate students, early career researchers and educators. PLL4, with its emphasis on forming connections among teachers and researchers around the world, will be an ideal venue for presenting research in progress and also practical applications of theoretical concepts.

Types of presentations:

- paper
- poster
- competitive symposium (3 or 4 thematically related papers, with discussion)

Two new features of the PLL conference:

Pre-Conference: “Mobilizing Positive Psychology in SLA.” This day-long event will feature plenary speakers, presentations of completed projects, works-in progress and new projects as idea posters that focus on the theme of positive psychology in SLA.

Early Career Session: Post-conference, a special session will be held for early career participants. Going beyond a ‘how to publish’ workshop, this event will offer practical advice on a full spectrum of early career concerns, including how to give effective presentations of various types, publishing in the field, and career advancement.

Language policy: The working language of the conference is English; submissions should be written in English.

All proposals will be adjudicated anonymously by the PLL4 Scientific Committee. Submissions will be evaluated for their contribution to the field in terms of quality of content, thematic relevance, quality of abstract (organization, clarity of expression).

Important Dates:

Submission System Opens: May 15, Deadline: September 15, 2019

URL for Submissions:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=pll4>

Notice of Acceptance: End of October 2019.

Mobilizing Positive Psychology Pre-Conference, June 24, 2020

Main Conference, June 25 – 27, 2020

Early Career Session (limited enrolment), June 28, 2020

For complete submission guidelines and to access the link to submit a proposal go to: www.iapll.com/pll4.

Please email queries to: PLL4.conference@gmail.com

First time visitors to Cape Breton are encouraged to visit www.cbisland.com

We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Cape Breton Island in June 2020, come early and stay a while!

*Peter MacIntyre,
PLL4 Conference Organizer*