

Cognitive Aging Conference 2020 Call for Papers

The biennial Cognitive Aging Conference is the premier conference for presentation of research about aging and cognition based on experimental cognitive psychology, cognitive neuroscience of aging, human factors and ergonomics, and longitudinal studies of age-related cognitive change, its correlates, and determinants.

The program committee invites submissions for the 2020 Cognitive Aging Conference, to be held April 16-19, 2020 in Atlanta at the JW Marriott Hotel in the Buckhead area of the city. The conference will convene at 1:00pm on April 16 and end at 1:00pm April 19. A preconference workshop is being planned for the morning of April 16 (information to be provided later).

The program committee will entertain two types of submissions: (1) single presentations (as done in the past) that may be designated as submissions to be considered for a spoken paper, poster, or either format; or (2) submitted symposia (a recent feature for the CAC). Either type of submission should be made through the conference website, <http://cac.gatech.edu/>. Unlike 2018, there is a single due date for both proposal types: **November 1, 2019**. We will notify submitters of acceptance by **December 15, 2019**.

Symposium Proposals

The proposed symposium should include an organizer and up to 4 presenters, to cover 90 minutes (organizer + 3 presenters) or 120 minutes (organizer + 4 presenters). The structure of the symposium should include a brief thematic overview presentation by the organizer, individual presentations, and an optional discussant. The organizer can serve as the discussant, or another named discussant can be included.

Symposium submission requirements: the submission through the CAC portal entails providing a symposium title, name and affiliation of organizer, participant names and affiliations (including discussant, if any), and a title for each presentation. The submission must also be accompanied by a (maximum) 400 word proposal summary that includes: general description of symposium theme (target, 200 words), and a brief description of each presentation and how it fits into the theme (target, 200 words). In addition, each individual presentation in the symposium must provide author(s) with affiliations, a title, contact information, and an up to 250-word abstract for that presentation. The assumption is that named participants have already been contacted by the organizer and have agreed to participate in the symposium if the proposal is accepted.

If a symposium proposal is not accepted, it is still possible for proposed presentations within the symposium to be converted to an individual submission. Each proposed participant can indicate a willingness to convert their presentation to an individual submission by checking the corresponding box for each symposium paper in the submission portal. Submitters should consider this possibility in advance; in 2018, the first use of the symposium format, we were only able to accept about 1/3 of the

symposium submissions. We strongly encourage symposium submissions, but hope that those presentations that are not accepted will be converted as needed to an individual submission.

Symposium proposals can be submitted through the conference website portal: <http://cac.gatech.edu/symposia-abstract-submission-0>.

Single Presentations

Single-presentation submission requirements: a presentation title, names and affiliations of all authors, and an abstract describing the presentation. The abstract can be up to 250 words in length. Submitters are asked to indicate whether they are willing to present a spoken paper and/or a poster. (Note: over 90% of individual presentations are given in poster format). Spoken papers for the plenary sessions must be given by an individual with a doctoral degree (e.g., PhD); the designated presenter (if a spoken presentation is indicated as possible) should be indicated.

Single presentations can be submitted through the conference website portal: <http://cac.gatech.edu/single-presenter-abstract-submissions>.

Conference Registration

Conference Registration is not yet available on the web site, but should be activated in the near future. Registration is required for all attendees, and different fees are charged to scientists (PhDs) and students. Early bird registration fees, due on or before February 28, 2020, are set at \$125 for non-students and \$50 for students. After March 1, regular registration fees are \$175 for non-students and \$75 for students. After April 15, registration fees paid through the portal or on-site are \$200 for non-students and \$100 for students.

Hotel Registration and Information

The hotel registration is separate from conference registration. Advance hotel registration is needed to reserve a room at the conference rate. Given the nature of our hotel contract, we urge participants to book rooms at the conference hotel, the JW Marriott, an excellent location adjacent to Lenox Square, and easily accessed by rapid transit (MARTA Gold Line, Lenox Station) from the Atlanta Airport. The Conference rate for a standard room is \$174 per night. This rate can also be obtained for 3 days prior to or 3 days following the conference dates of April 15-19, subject to (limited) room availability. Information on the hotel is available at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atljw-jw-marriott-atlanta-buckhead/>. The hotel reservation portal to obtain the conference rate can be made through <https://book.passkey.com/e/49887270> or by calling 1-800-613-2051. Conference room rates are only guaranteed through March 15, 2020, and participants are urged to make reservations prior to that date.