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Conference Program: The full conference program is posted on the Oxford Abstracts platform at <https://virtual.oxfordabstracts.com/event/44289/program>.

A link to the program is also available on the NARST Conference web page:
<https://narst.org/conferences/2025-annual-conference>.

The conference program on Oxford Abstracts will be updated as necessary. A PDF version of the program is posted on the conference website and will be updated as needed. . Subsequent changes will be posted to the conference website in a Program Appendix. Additionally, an abbreviated Schedule-at-a-Glance is available on the [NARST Conference website](#).

CASHLESS HOTEL

Please note that the Gaylord National is a cashless hotel meaning they do not accept cash as a form of payment. Please see below for some commonly asked questions around this policy.

What types of payment does Gaylord National accept?

The resort accepts all major credit cards including its restaurants and spa. Debit Cards

are also accepted throughout the resort; however, upon room check-in at the front desk, the guest's bank will place a hold on the debit card for room & tax plus \$50 per day for incidentals. This hold will not be released for up to 5- 7 business days after checkout. We recommend using a credit card at check-in to prevent this hold on the guest's cash funds.

Where can a guest visit if they need a change cash into a card to purchase something at the hotel?

There is a Cash-To-Card kiosk located on the lobby level, by the main entrance next to the celebrity service office. This machine issues a Mastercard ranging from as low as \$20 to a maximum of \$500. There is no fee to use the machine, and if the full amount on the card is not used at the resort, it can be used anywhere a Mastercard is accepted. Cards are not returnable or exchangeable for cash.

What if I need small bills for tips?

The Cash-to-card kiosk also has a bill breaking feature which can be used free of charge.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is the closest airport to the Gaylord National. An additional airport option is Washington Dulles International Airport.

Bus Station

[Franklin St & S Pitt St Station](#)

Subway Station

[Branch Ave Metro](#)

[Braddock Road Station](#)

Train Station

[Amtrak Station ALX](#)

[Union Station](#) More information about transportation can be found on the [Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center website](#).

Presiders

Unless a Presider has been designated, the last presenter(s) in a research paper session will act as the presider for the entire session. Please keep track of each presenter's time, keeping in mind that the session may not run overtime. It is helpful to

give 5 min, 3 min, and 1 min. warnings to the current presenter. The total session time should be divided equally among the scheduled presentations.

Conference Presenters

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Each in-person session is 90 minutes in length. Most sessions have 4 assigned presenters; a few have 3 or 5 assigned presenters.

Presenters must divide the 90 minutes equally. The session may not run overtime.

Please do not encroach on the time of other presenters. You can look up your presentation at [Oxford Abstracts](#) to learn whether your session has three, four, or five presenters. Presenters in groups of four can plan for a 15 minute presentation plus 5 minutes for questions and answers, leaving 1-2 minutes between presenters.

Laptops will not be provided at the podium. Each presenter must bring a personal laptop or tablet loaded with their presentation file, and an appropriate dongle to connect to the HDMI connector of the conference room's projector.

ROUNDTABLE PAPERS

Roundtables are intended to be open discussions in which a small group exchanges ideas. Although the focus is on discussion rather than presentation, you will probably want to introduce your work and ideas in an organized way such as a Powerpoint, a video, or a chart or other graphic display. These can be shared on a laptop or tablet, on a website, or as printed material. Please be attentive to time and share the session time equally. The in-person Roundtable sessions will be 90 minutes long.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster boards and tacks will be provided. The maximum size for a poster is 36" inches (0.9 meter) feet tall and 48" inches (1.2 meter) wide. All posters will be up for the entire poster session. You may wish to post a note stating when you will be available at your poster.

The Oxford Abstracts platform includes an online Poster Gallery. To make your poster visible in the Poster Gallery, it only needs to be attached to your original proposal. **Provide a PDF of your poster to Paul Kemp (paulkemp@narst.org) several days prior to the conference.**

COMMITTEE, RIG, STRAND MEETINGS

All Committee, Research Interest Group, and Strand business meetings will take place during the in-person conference. Rooms are assigned to each of these meetings - please refer to the conference program.

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

We look forward to seeing you at all of the in-person sessions: welcome reception, social events, activities, paper presentations, keynote address, presidential welcome address, roundtables, and poster displays.

Don't forget that in-person registration ALSO gives you access to the Virtual Conference Day!

Check out the online Exhibitors space on Oxford Abstracts:

<https://virtual.oxfordabstracts.com/event/44289/exhibitors>

Questions?

CLOSED CAPTIONING

Question: I am hard-of-hearing, deaf, or a non-native English speaker. Will it be possible for me to have closed captioning in the online sessions on March 13?

Below are the instructions to add the Chrome web browser extension for closed captioning to Zoom. Once attendees do this and then attend the live session, a box will pop up with the live captioning after the speakers start talking.

How to add closed captioning Chrome extension:

1. Go to your Google Chrome browser
2. Copy and paste this: `chrome://flags/#enable-accessibility-live-captions`
3. Under Live Captions, click on "enabled".

Then go to your Chrome settings, and under Advanced Accessibility, "Get Captions for your media" is now an option to toggle on

TRAVEL ADVISORY

Question: What is required for me to travel to the US from another country?

Answer: Please check this website for the latest information on travel advisories.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

These requirements are subject to change. Keep yourself informed. NARST is not responsible for any individual's travel expenses.