2026 ACTFL Session Schedule by AATJ Members

AATJ Sponsored Sessions:
FRIDAY, November 20, 2026

7:15am-8:00am	First-Time Attendee Orientation and Welcome	
8:30am-10:00am	Opening General Session with Keynote Speaker	
10:00am-11:15am	Exhibit Hall Opening with Welcome Coffee	
11:30am-12:15pm	**Session - Room: 302A** **Evolving a High School Cultural Festival for K-16 and Community Advocacy** Kazuko Saito, Hunter College, City University of New York Chizuko Wallestad, Osaka Metropolitan University *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	
12:30pm-1:15pm	**Room: 302A** **AATJ Affiliate Representative Meeting/Lunch Break**	
1:30pm-2:15pm	**Session - Room: 302A** **Finding Our "Ibasho": Classrooms for All Learners** Kei Tsukamaki, Juanita High School Patty Breun, Madison Country Day School *(Language of presentation: English)*	**Roundtable - Room: 007D** **Assessing What Matters: A Roundtable on New AP Rubrics** Mieko Avello, Miami Palmetto Senior High School Kazue Masuyama, California State University, Sacramento *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*
2:30pm-3:15pm	**Research-oriented Papers: AI and Virtual Learning in Japanese Education – Room: 212B** **Session Chair: Yoshiko Fujii** **2:30pm-2:45pm** **An Exploratory Case Study of Students' Use of AI in a Japanese Course** Nana Suzumura-Smith, California State University, Long Beach *(Language of presentation: Japanese)* **2:45pm-3:00pm** **Online Japanese-English Conversation: Effectiveness, Continuity, and AI Use** Junko Hatanaka, University of Texas at Austin *(Language of presentation: Japanese)* **3:00pm-3:15pm**	**Exhibitor Workshop Room #6** **How to Use "Learn Japanese Online": AI-powered Textbook** Ayaka Matsuo, Middle Tennessee State University Masaki Minobe, Utah State University Mariko Wei, Purdue University Atsushi Fukada, Purdue University *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*

	Beyond Language Practice: Japan-U.S. Virtual Language Tables Chizuko Wallestad, Osaka Metropolitan University *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	
3:30pm-4:15pm	**Session - Room: 302A** **When AP Meets College: Rethinking Language Projects** Kazue Masuyama, California State University Meiko Avello, Miami Palmetto Senior High School *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	
4:30pm-5:15pm	**Session - Room: 302A** **Fostering Engagement, Respect, and Confidence in Intercultural Classrooms** Kiyomi Chinen, California State University, Long Beach Yoshiko Saito-Abbott, California State University, Monterey Bay Shingo Satsutani, College of DuPage *(Language of presentation: English)*	
5:30pm-6:15pm	**Practice-oriented Papers: Japanese Language Learning 1 - Room: 213B** **Session Chair: Risa Ginther** **5:30pm-5:45pm** **Fostering AI Literacy Through AI Reflection in Japanese Language Learning** Yuko Prefume, Baylor University *(Language of presentation: English)* **5:45pm-6:00pm** **Assessing Interpersonal Communication through Micro-Skills** Ren Tan, Emory University *(Language of presentation: English)* **6:00pm-6:15pm** **Teaching Tense-Aspect Ambiguity in Japanese Toki 'When' Clauses Using SCOBA** Priya Ananth, Middle Tennessee State University *(Language of presentation: English)*	
6:30pm-7:45pm	**Room: Lonestar AB** ACTFL Language Connect Ceremony	
7:45pm-9:30pm	**AATJ Officers and Directors Meeting (Invite Only)**	

SATURDAY, November 21, 2026

8:00am-8:45am	**Session - Room: 302A** **From Plateau to Progress: Asset-based Approach to Build Learner Confidence** Kayoko Ross, University of California, San Diego Naoki Iwamoto, University of California, San Diego Sachiko Kamioka, University of California, San Diego *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	
9:00am-9:45am	**Electronic Poster Presentations 1 - Room: Electronic Posters, Exhibit Halls 2-3** **Building a Curriculum Collaboratively: Content-based Instruction in Anime** Aya McDaniel, Arizona State University *(Language of presentation: English)*	
10:00am-10:45am	**Session - Room: 302A** **Standards-based Grading in the Japanese Classroom** Danielle Krug, Dublin Scioto High School Iya Nemastil, Dublin Jerome High School *(Language of presentation: English)*	**Session - Room: 225A** **Promoting Global Engagement Through Collaborative Storytelling Projects** Salah Ayari, Texas A&M University Naoko Ozaki, Rice University Yuki Waugh, Texas A&M University *(Language of presentation: English)*
11:00am-11:45am	**Research-oriented Papers: Perspectives in Japanese Contexts - Room: 212B** **Session Chair: Yuko Prefume** **11:00am-11:15am** **Exploring Family Language Policy in a Multilingual Family in Japan** Olga Garmaeva, Independent *(Language of presentation: English)* **11:15am-11:30am** **Reinforcing or Challenging? Gender Representation in a Japanese Textbook** Marco Aurelio Silva Fonseca, University of California, Irvine *(Language of presentation: English)* **11:30am-11:45am** **Rethinking Creativity in Japanese Education** Megumi Watanabe, Princeton University *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	**Roundtable Presentation 4 - Room: 007D** **Integrating Custom Chatbots into the Japanese Language Curriculum** Akiko Meguro, Dickinson College Noriko Fujioka-Ito, University of Cincinnati *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*

12:00pm-1:15pm	**Room: 220** **AATJ Teacher Award Luncheon Sponsored by AVANT** 		
1:30pm-2:15pm	**Research-oriented Papers: Reflective Learning in Japanese Language Education - Room 212B** **Session Chair: Yuki Waugh** **1:30pm-1:52pm** **Native Japanese Speakers' Feelings When Spoken to by Japanese Learners** Mika Koiso, University of South Florida *(Language of presentation: Japanese)* **1:53pm-2:15pm** **Longitudinal Reflection in Japanese Courses with High-Impact Practices** Reiko Ileleji, Ball State University *(Language of presentation: English)*	**Practice-oriented Papers: Community Connections & Advocacy - Room: 213A** **2:00pm-2:15pm** **Speaking Beyond the Classroom: Video Journals in East Asian Languages** Shunichi Maruyama Hyunju Ha, University of Pittsburgh *(Language of presentation: English)*	
2:30pm-3:15pm	**Session - Room: 302A** **Engagement-Centered Design: Human-Centered Learning for Real-World Readiness** Junko Tokuda Simpson, University of California, San Diego Izumi Takeda, University of California, San Diego Yasu-Hiko Tohsaku, University of California, San Diego *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	**Session - Room: 211** **Inquiry in Action: Empowering Student Agency in Multilingual Immersion** Yihyun Chang, The International School of Portland Jacob Muune, The International school of Portland Paola Gagliardo, The International school of Portland Masami Maruki, The International school of Portland *(Language of presentation: English)*	**Practice-Oriented Paper Presentations: Student Center Culturally-based Activities - Room: 214C** **2:30pm-2:45pm** **From Inquiry to Discovery: Student-Driven Learning through QFT and VLT** Miyuki Yamamoto, University of Massachusetts *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*

3:30pm-4:15pm	**Electronic Poster Presentations 2** **Room: Electronic Posters, Exhibit Halls 2-3** **AI-Supported Script Revision for Video Projects in Third-Year Japanese** Tomomi Kakegawa, University of Wisconsin *(Language of presentation: English)* **Rethinking Beginner Japanese Textbooks Through CC BY-NC OER** Chikako Cooke, University of Texas at Austin *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	**Exhibitor Workshop** **Rooms #3 Spark Classroom Engagement with New Japanese Series** Jingge Li, Cheng & Tsui Emi Yamasaki, Cheng & Tsui Mieko Avello, Miami Palmetto Senior High School Kazue Masuyama, California State University *(Language of presentation: Japanese)* **Room #6 Lighten Your Teaching Load with Ask Digital Content!** Anna Mori, ASK Publishing *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*
4:30pm-5:15pm	**Practice-oriented Papers: Japanese Language Learning 2 - Room: 213B** **Session Chair: Naoko Ozaki** **4:30pm-4:45pm** **Classroom-to-Career Course Design in Japanese Language Class** Junko Schwartzman, State University of New York, Binghamton *(Language of presentation: Japanese)* **4:45pm-5:00pm** **Utilizing Canva for Interactive Activities in Online Japanese Instruction** Setsu Kawada, Metropolitan University of Denver *(Language of presentation: Japanese)* **5:00pm-5:15pm** **Benefits of Integrating Custom AI Chatbots into Japanese Course Curricula** Noriko Fujioka-Ito, University of Cincinnati *(Language of presentation: Japanese)*	**Session - Room: 302A** **Teaching Global Issues Across Levels Through Student Collaboration** Kumi Kobayashi, Los Gatos High School Yoko Eshita, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies *(Language of presentation: English)*
6:00pm-8:00pm	**Location: Casa Rio, 430 East Commerce, San Antonio** **AATJ Social, Dinner & Door Prize**	

Disclaimer: Final decisions regarding proposal acceptance and scheduling were made by ACTFL. This program was compiled based on a search of the official ACTFL Convention program for presentations related to Japanese language and Japanese studies. Some relevant presentations may have been unintentionally omitted.

AATJ Booth Activities

During the three-day convention, we will have the following activities at the AATJ Booth.
I hope you will visit our booth in person. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Friday, November 20 **10:30 am – 11:15 am**	Table #1: Cultural Activity Origami (JTAT)
11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Table #1 JNHS and AATJ Advocacy badge-making and promotional activities Table #2: AATJ PR
Saturday, November 21 **9:00 am – 9:45 am**	Table #1: Cultural Activity Origami (JTAT)
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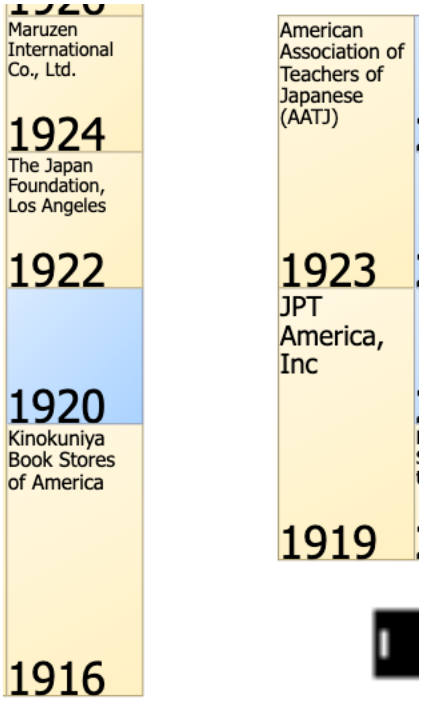
3:30 pm -4:15 pm	Table #1: Cultural Activity Whisk Your Matcha (JTAT)
Sunday, November 23 **9:00 am -9:45 am**	Table #1: Cultural Activity Whisk Your Matcha (JTAT)
10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	JNHS Advocacy

Japanese Pavillion @Exhibition Hall:
https://s36.a2zinc.net/clients/ACTFL/ACTFL2026/Public/eventmap.aspx?shmode=E
***The Japanese pavilion consists of booth #'s 1916, 1919, 1922, 1923, and 1924.**

Booth #	Exhibitors
1916	Kinokuniya Book Stores of America
1919	JPT America, Inc.
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1922	The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles
1923	AATJ (American Association of Teachers of Japanese)
1924	Maruzen International Co., LTD.