AAAL 2025 Summary

I presented at the 2025 conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL), specifically during the Graduate Student Roundtable. This event provided a valuable opportunity for me to share my research and receive feedback in preparation for my upcoming dissertation defense. I was able to rehearse my presentation and refine how I communicate my work to an academic audience.

During the roundtable, I received insightful feedback not only from a faculty mentor assigned to our table but also from fellow graduate students who were engaging with similar topics. The supportive and collaborative environment helped me reflect on my research and think critically about the way I frame my arguments.

Beyond my own presentation, I attended a wide range of sessions throughout the conference. Many of the talks were closely aligned with my research interests, particularly in the areas of teacher education and educational technologies. It was inspiring to see how others in the field are approaching similar issues, and I came away with new ideas and questions to explore.

One of the highlights of the conference was the chance to meet leading scholars whose work I've long admired, including Bonny Norton, Diane Larsen-Freeman, and Lourdes Ortega. I've read many of their articles throughout my graduate studies, so having the opportunity to meet them in person and hear them speak was truly meaningful.