Happy Holidays! The Purdue Aphasia Lab wishes you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! We are thankful for all participants, past and present and thank you for your support. Our lab has been extremely busy and we can’t do our important research without you. In addition, thank you to everyone who supports our lab and we appreciate your referrals!

Lab members at our annual holiday party!

Top row (Left to Right): Jiyeon, Michael, Willem, Josh, Emily
Bottom Row (Left to Right): Lily, Rylee, Grace, Elle, Nadia
Research opportunities at the Purdue Aphasia Lab

Recruitment is ongoing!

One long-term mission of the Purdue Aphasia Lab is to understand how to facilitate aphasia recovery and develop cost-effective treatments. In our most recent 5-year project, we test a brand new methodology as a potential training to help persons with aphasia to talk in sentences and comprehend speech better. This training project is supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). We also have other studies that do not involve training and opportunities for healthy adults without aphasia.

Who is eligible?

- Persons diagnosed with aphasia following a stroke (left hemisphere).
- Native speakers of English
- Have no history of other neurological conditions prior to stroke (dementia, Parkinson’s disease, etc.)

What’s involved?

- If eligible, the study will last approximately 3-4 weeks.
- Each session will last around 2 hours.
- Remote options are available

After the phone screening, we may invite you to complete a language evaluation

IRB-2021-659; Structural priming as a treatment component in aphasia.
We are thankful for our Aphasia Team and please welcome our newest members!

Newest members to our team:

Post-Doctoral Fellow: Willem van Boxtel
Willem is from a small town in the Netherlands called Tilburg. He most recently moved from England, where he completed his PhD. He enjoys traveling, reading, thrift shopping, and playing piano.

Project Coordinator: Rylee Manning
Rylee grew up in a suburb outside of Atlanta, GA called Alpharetta. She moved here from Spain, where she completed her Master’s degree. She enjoys reading and spending time in the sun.

Undergraduate Researcher: Michael Linge
Michael is a senior from Evansville, Indiana. He is majoring in SLHS and Philosophy, with a minor in Linguistics. Michael plans to go law school after graduation. In his free time he enjoys lifting, reading, playing guitar, and watching film.

Undergraduate Researcher: Nadia Seye
Nadia is a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio. She is majoring in Biology. In addition to her course and lab work, she works as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at a nursing home.
Recent Awards and Presentations

Purdue’s Health and Human Sciences (HHS) Fall Research Day: November 3, 2022

Our Primary Investigator, Dr. Jiyeon Lee, received the prestigious HHS Early Career Research Achievement Award. Above photo: Dr. Lee with HHS Dean Dr. Marion Underwood (left) and Associate Dean for Research Dr. Catherine McBride (right).

Above: Dr. Josh Weirick presenting his poster at the HHS Research Day.

Above: Emily Bauman (left) and Grace Man (right) presenting at the HHS Research Day.

Academy of Aphasia (AoA): October 23-25, 2022

From left to right: Willem van Boxtel, Josh Weirick, former lab member Austin Keen, & Jiyeon Lee at AoA.

Above: Dr. Willem van Boxtel presents his research at the Academy of Aphasia conference.
Dr. Lee and Emily Bauman were guest speakers at Westminster Village’s Well Informed on October 26th, 2022. They presented on Communication Difficulties and Stroke Survivors and resources at the Purdue Aphasia Lab. We would like to thank the residents at Westminster for their attendance and active engagement!

Did you know?

The Purdue Aphasia Lab believes in advocating for and promoting aphasia awareness in our community!

Examples of places our lab has presented in the past includes: Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA), area churches, physician and therapy offices, area active living communities, local Kiwanis clubs, local health fairs and more!

Would your group like to learn more about aphasia after a stroke or about aphasia resources?

Contact Emily at aphasia@purdue.edu or 765-496-0216 and we would be happy to come talk to your group.

Connect with us!

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**Purdue Aphasia Support Group**: Monthly online meetings are offered during the semester. The meetings are free but you must register for the link. Please contact Dr. Michelle Gutmann at 765-494-3809 or email mgutmann@purdue.edu. More info can be found on our lab’s website: https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/slhs/aphasia/ under “Resources”

**Franciscan Health Stroke and Brain Injury Support Group**: This group meets on the second Thursday of the month from 5:30-7 pm. The group is in-person at the Lafayette Family YMCA on Creasy Lane. Free, but registration is required. Call (765)502-4113

**Lafayette Regional Rehabilitation Hospital (LRRH) Stroke Support Group**: This group meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. The group is in-person in LRRH’s therapy gym. Free! No registration is required but light snacks are served so an RSPV is requested. Email mackenziemanning@ernesthealth.com to RSVP and for questions.

National Resources:

**National Aphasia Association (NAA)**: www.aphasia.org

**Aphasia Recovery Connection (ARC)**: www.aphasiarecoveryconnection.org

**American Stroke Association**: www.stroke.org

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)** www.asha.org

Although the aphasia lab does not provide therapy, you may contact Purdue’s **M.D. Steer Speech, Language and Swallowing Clinic** for more information:

(765) 494-4229

Not on our mailing list? Email us @ aphasia@purdue.edu and we would be happy to send you updates!