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INTRODUCTION

The **30th Central Association of Teachers of Japanese Conference (CATJ 30)** was held on April 20, 2024, at DePaul University's Lincoln Park Campus and co-hosted by DePaul University and Purdue University. The conference brought together Japanese language educators and researchers from the Midwest and beyond to share insights and advance Japanese language education.

Under the theme "*Collaboration Across Interdisciplinary Communities, Borders, and Languages*," CATJ 30 highlighted the evolving landscape of language education in the post-pandemic era. The conference featured twenty-seven presentations and welcomed 71 participants from K–16 educational contexts as well as scholars in Japanese linguistics, literature, and pedagogy.

The keynote address was delivered by **Dr. Yoshiko Mori**, Professor of Japanese at Georgetown University and 2024 President of the American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ). Her plenary, "*Beyond Borders: Shaping the Future of Japanese Language Education in the Era of Diversity and Collaboration*," examined key developments in second language acquisition research and offered perspectives on the future of Japanese language education.

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