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## Employment

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2024 (August)- Visiting Assistant Professor  
University of Kansas, Department of Linguistics

2023 (January)- Postdoctoral Fellow  
2024 (July) University of Toronto Scarborough, Department of Language Studies  
Supervisor: Yoonjung Kang

## Education

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2023 (January) **Ph.D. in Linguistics**  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Thesis title: Loanword accentuation in Japanese: Corpus study, modeling, and experiments  
Committee: Bruce Hayes, Sun-Ah Jun (co-chairs), Kie Zuraw, Claire Moore-Cantwell

2019 **MA in Linguistics**  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Thesis title: A preliminary analysis of Ikpana intonational phonology  
Committee: Sun-Ah Jun (chair), Harold Torrence, Pat Keating

2016 **MA in Linguistics** (with distinction)  
University College London  
Thesis title: Intonation and tonal alignment in Orkney and Shetland dialects  
Adviser: Andrew Nevins

2011 **BA, Literature**  
Senshu University  
English Communication course

## Publications

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

To appear Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara, S. Modeling frequency-conditioned paradigm uniformity in Japanese voiced velar nasalization. *Phonology*.

To appear Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara, S. Token frequency in the grammar: a case study in Japanese Voiced Velar Nasalization. *Phonology*.

2026 **Katsuda, H.** & Kang, Y. Speaking rate effects on Japanese vowel and consonant length contrasts. *Journal of Phonetics*.

- 2025            **Katsuda, H.** A probabilistic model of loanword accentuation in Japanese. *Phonology*.
- 2024            **Katsuda, H.** & Sundara, M. English-learning infants developing sensitivity to vowel phonotactic cues to word segmentation. *Developmental Science* (brief paper).
- 2022            **Katsuda, H.** & Steffman, J. Asymmetrical roles of segment and pitch accent in Japanese spoken word recognition. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America Express Letters*, 2(6), 065201.
- 2022            Sundara, M., Zhou, Z. L., Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Steffman, J. Infants developing sensitivity to native language phonotactics: A Meta-analysis. *Cognition*, 221, 104993.
- 2021            Kandybowicz, J., Baron, B., Duncan, P. T. & **Katsuda, H.** Documenting the Ikpana Interrogative System. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*, 42(1), 63-100.
- 2021            Steffman, J. & **Katsuda, H.** Intonational structure influences perception of contrastive vowel length: the case of phrase-final lengthening in Tokyo Japanese. *Language and Speech*, 64(4), 839-858.
- 2019            Kawahara, S., **Katsuda, H.** & Kumagai, G. Accounting for the stochastic nature of sound symbolism using Maximum Entropy model. *Open Linguistics*, 5, 109-120.

#### MANUSCRIPTS

- In prep.            **Katsuda, H.**, Puigdelliura-Repiso, G., Zuraw, K. & Jo, J. Applying phonological processes in code-switched contexts. To be submitted to *Laboratory Phonology*.
- In prep.            Sundara, M., Karaman, F., & **Katsuda, H.** Young infants rely on domain-specific information before domain-general transitional probability information to segment words. To be submitted to *Psychological Science*.

#### BOOKS

- 2023            Kandybowicz, J., Baron, B., Duncan, P. T. & **Katsuda, H.** *Ikpana Interrogatives*. Oxford University Press. (OXFORD STUDIES IN AFRICAN LINGUISTICS)
- In prep.            Kandybowicz, J., Baron, B., Duncan, P. T. & **Katsuda, H.** *Aspects of Ikpana Grammar*. München: Lincom Publishers. (LINCOM STUDIES IN AFRICAN LINGUISTICS) (Proposal accepted: 8/4/2020)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- To appear            Kang, Y. & **Katsuda, H.** Loanword phonology. In *Companion to Phonology*, eds. Nasukawa, K., Samuels, B., Schwartz, G., Törkenczy, M. Malden, MA.: Wiley Blackwell.

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2025            **Katsuda, H.** Puigdelliura-Repiso, G. & Zuraw, K. Phonological processes in code-mixed utterances: tapping across English-Spanish language boundaries. *Proceedings of AMP 2023/2024*.

- 2024 Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara, S. Paradigm uniformity is probabilistic: evidence from velar nasalization in Japanese. *Proceedings of WCCFL 39. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.*
- 2022 Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara, S. A quantitative study of voiced velar nasalization in Japanese. *Proceedings of the 45th Penn Linguistics Conference, U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, 27.1.
- 2021 **Katsuda, H.** & Steffman, J. Prominence-boundary interactions in speech perception: evidence from Japanese vowel length. *Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation*, 200-204.
- 2020 **Katsuda, H.** & Steffman, J. Intonational cues to prosodic boundary influence perception of contrastive vowel length in Tokyo Japanese. *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Speech Prosody*, 56-60.
- 2019 **Katsuda, H.** A preliminary model of Ikpana intonational phonology. *Proceedings of International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2019*, 3817-3821.

## **Presentations** (\* indicates presenting author(s))

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### CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2026 \*Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara, S. On the unstable nature of saltatory patterns: A cross-dialectal study of the interaction of Japanese Rendaku and Velar Nasalization. The 2026 annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. New Orleans, January 10.
- 2025 \*Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara, S. Variation and breakdown in the saltatory interaction of Rendaku and velar nasalization. The 31st Manchester Phonology Meeting. May 31.
- 2024 \***Katsuda, H.** & Kang, Y. Asymmetrical effects of speaking rate on Japanese vowels and consonants. (Online) The 187th Meeting of Acoustical Society of America. November 21.
- 2023 \***Katsuda, H.**, Puigdelliura-Repiso, G., & Zuraw, K. Phonological processes in code-mixed utterances: a study of tapping by English-Spanish bilinguals. (Online) The Annual Meeting on Phonology. Johns Hopkins University, October 21.
- 2023 \***Katsuda, H.** & Kang, Y. Speech rate effects on length distinctions in Japanese vowels and stops. Acoustics Week in Canada. Montréal. October 4.
- 2023 **Katsuda, H.** Testing for source faithfulness effects in Japanese loanword accentuation. Summer Phonology/Phonetic Forum 2023. University of Toronto, July 5.
- 2023 \*Emik, H., \***Katsuda, H.** & Kang, Y. Vowel harmony and sound symbolism in Turkish personal names. Summer Phonology/Phonetic Forum 2023. University of Toronto, July 5.
- 2023 \***Katsuda, H.**, \*Puigdelliura-Repiso, G., & Zuraw, K. Phonological process application in code-mixed utterances. North American Phonology Conference XII, Concordia University, Montreal, May 12.

- 2022        **Katsuda, H.** A probabilistic account of accentuation across Japanese lexical strata. The 95th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, DC. January 6.
- 2021        \***Katsuda, H.** & \*Steffman, J. Prominence-boundary interactions in speech perception: evidence from Japanese vowel length. (Online) The 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation. Sondberg, Denmark. December 8.
- 2021        **Katsuda, H.** A new model of loanword accentuation in Japanese, based on faithfulness, frequency, and pseudo-compound structure. (Online) The Annual Meeting on Phonology. University of Toronto, October 2.
- 2021        Kawahara, S., \*Breiss, C. & **Katsuda, H.** Token frequency in the grammar: A wug-test of Voiced Velar Nasalization in Japanese. (Online) The Annual Meeting on Phonology. University of Toronto, October 2.
- 2021        \*Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara S. Paradigm uniformity is probabilistic: Evidence from velar nasalization in Japanese. (Online) The 39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), University of Arizona, AZ. April 8-11.
- 2021        \*Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara S. A quantitative study of voiced velar nasalization in Japanese. (Online) The 45th annual Penn Linguistics Conference, PA. March 20.
- 2021        \***Katsuda, H.** & \*Steffman, J. The role of segment and pitch accent in Japanese spoken word recognition. (Online) The 95th annual meeting of Linguistic Society of America. San Francisco, CA. January 10. [received the first place of LSA Student Abstract Award]
- 2020        \***Katsuda, H.** & Steffman, J. Intonational cues to prosodic boundary influence perception of contrastive vowel length in Tokyo Japanese. (Online) The 10th International Conference on Speech Prosody. Tokyo, Japan. May 25-28.
- 2019        \*Baron, B., \*Duncan, P., \*Kandybowicz, J. & \***Katsuda, H.** Documenting the Ikpana Interrogative System. The 50th meeting of Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of British Columbia. May 24.
- 2017        **Katsuda, H.** Tonal alignment features in Orkney and Shetland dialects. The 14th Old World Conference in Phonology 2017, Düsseldorf. February 22.
- 2016        **Katsuda, H.** Tonal association and vowel duration in Orkney and Shetland dialects. The 2016 Seoul International Conference on Phonology, Seoul. December 16.

#### CONFERENCE POSTERS

- 2025        \*Sundara, M., Karaman, F., & **Katsuda, H.** When transitional probability cues are unreliable, even 5-month-olds rely on phonotactics to segment words. The 50th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD). November 6-9.
- 2025        \***Katsuda, H.**, Puigdelliura-Repiso, G., Zuraw, K., & Jo, J. Applying phonological rules in code-mixed contexts: the effect of dominance in rule application. The Annual Meeting on Phonology. University of California, Berkeley. September 26.

- 2025      **Katsuda, H.**, \*Puigdelliura-Repiso, G., Zuraw, K., & Jo, J. Exploring phonological rule application in code-switching among Spanish-English bilinguals. The 6th Phonetics and Phonology in Europe. Palma. June 27.
- 2024      \*Breiss, C., **Katsuda, H.** & Kawahara S. Frequency-conditioned variation constrained by the grammar in Japanese nasalization. The 19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology. June 27-29.
- 2022      \***Katsuda, H.** & Sundara, M. Infants' developing sensitivity to vowel phonotactic constraints in English. The 47th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD). November 4.
- 2022      \***Katsuda, H.** & Sundara, M. 5-month-olds are not (yet) sensitive to vowel phonotactic constraints in English. The International Congress of Infant Studies. July 8.
- 2022      \***Katsuda, H.**, Puigdelliura-Repiso, G., & Zuraw, K. He's got *abejas*: applying tapping in English-Spanish code-mixed sentences. (Online) The 18th Conference on Laboratory Phonology. June 24.
- 2019      \***Katsuda, H.** & Steffman, J. Exploring the influence of intonational structure on perception of contrastive vowel length in Tokyo Japanese. The 178th Meeting of Acoustical Society of America, San Diego. December 5.
- 2019      **Katsuda, H.** A preliminary model of Ikpana intonational phonology. The International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) 2019, Melbourne. August 8.
- 2019      **Katsuda, H.** Yes-no question prosody in Ikpana. The 50th meeting of Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of British Columbia. May 24.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024      **Katsuda, H.** A probabilistic model of loanword accentuation in Japanese. University of Kansas, Linguistics department. Online. May 7.
- 2023      **Katsuda, H.** A probabilistic model of loanword accentuation in Japanese. McMaster University. Hamilton, Canada. November 10.

#### Awards

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| 2022      | Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA Linguistics  |
| 2021-2022 | Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA  |
| 2021      | First place LSA Student Abstract Award (with Jeremy Steffman)   |
| 2020      | Metalab Contribution Challenge, Stanford University   |
|           | Fetzer Franklin Fund Project: Time course of first-language phonotactic learning.<br>Advised by Megha Sundara, with Z.L. Zhou, Canaan Breiss, Jeremy Steffman |
| 2019      | UCLA, Ladefoged Scholarship (\$1200)  |
| 2017-2019 | UCLA, Graduate Dean's Scholar Award (\$14,500)  |

#### Teaching Experience

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INSTRUCTOR  
[AT KU]

Fall 2025 LING 514/714: **Phonology II**  
 Fall 2025 LING/ANTH 107: **Introductory Linguistics (Honors)**  
 Fall 2025 LING/ANTH 106: **Introductory Linguistics**

Spring 2025 LING 312/712: **Phonology I**  
 Spring 2025 LING/ANTH 106: **Introductory Linguistics**  
 Spring 2025 LING 110: **Language and Mind**

Fall 2024 LING/ANTH 107: **Introductory Linguistics (Honors)**  
 Fall 2024 LING 111: **Language and Mind (Honors)**  
 Fall 2024 LING 110 (Online): **Language and Mind**

[AT UCLA]

Summer 2022 LING 103: **Introduction to General Phonetics**  
 Summer 2021 LING 120A: **Phonology I** at UCLA  
 Summer 2020 LING 120A: **Phonology I** at UCLA

TEACHING ASSISTANT  
 [AT UCLA]

Spring 2021 LING 102: **Introduction to Applied Phonetics**, Instructor: Yoonjeong Lee  
 Winter 2021 LING 104: **Experimental Phonetics**, Instructor: Sun-Ah Jun  
 Spring 2020 LING 120A: **Phonology I**, Instructor: Claire Moore-Cantwell  
 Winter 2020 LING 102: **Introduction to Applied Phonetics**, Instructor: Suzy Ahn  
 Fall 2019 LING 1: **Introduction to Linguistics**, Instructor: Yael Sharvit  
 Spring 2019 LING 119A: **Phonological Structures**, Instructor: Suzy Ahn  
 Winter 2019 LING 20: **Introduction to Linguistic Analysis**, Instructor: Carson Schütze  
 Fall 2018 LING 1: **Introduction to Linguistics**, Instructor: Dominique Sportiche

OTHERS

2016 – 2017 Sanno University (in Japan), Part-time English teacher  
 2014 – 2015 Sanno University (in Japan), Part-time English teacher  
 2013 – 2015 St. Marianna University School of Medicine (in Japan), Part-time English teacher

## Fieldwork Experience

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2018 – 2019 Ikpana (Logba) in Volta Region, Ghana (2018 summer: 6 weeks, 2019 summer: 3 weeks)  
 2020 San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec, Oaxca, Mexico (Field Methods I and II at UCLA)  
 2016 Orkney and Shetland dialects of English, Orkney and Shetland islands in Scotland (2016 spring: 2 weeks)

## Service

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MANUSCRIPT REVIEWING

*Language & Linguistics Compass* (1), *Phonology* (2), *Journal of Japanese Linguistics* (1), *Journal of Language Contact* (1), *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics* (1), *Developmental Psychology* (1)

AT KU

2025	Member, Teaching Assistantships committee
2025	Member, CORE Recertification committee (LING 106/107)

#### At UCLA

2021 – 2022	Student member, Phonetics Job Search Committee
2019	Member, Open House committee
2018 – 2022	Member, Faculty feedback committee
2018	Member, Teaching evaluation committee

### Professional Membership

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Since 2019	Linguistic Society of America
Since 2019	Acoustical Society of America
Since 2022	The Association for Laboratory Phonology
Since 2022	The International Congress of Infant Studies

### Technical Skills

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Experiments: Appsoababble, IbexFarm, Habit X, Labvanced, Gorilla  
Speech analysis and synthesis: Praat, Synthworks  
Programming: R, HTML/CSS, Python

### Languages

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Japanese – Native  
English – Fluent  
Ikpana – Fieldwork  
San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec – Fieldwork

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