

# Nicholas Bamshad Aoki

Curriculum Vitae  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonetics/phonology, human-computer interaction, pragmatics, sociolinguistics

## EDUCATION

- 2021- **University of California Davis**, Davis, CA  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics*
- 2021 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
*Master of Arts in Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History*
- 2021 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
*Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Minor in Statistics*  
Cumulative GPA: 3.95/4.00; *summa cum laude*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- 2018 Advanced French Study Abroad, **University of Chicago**, Paris, France

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Graduate Student Association (GSA) Travel Award, \$250
- 2022-2023 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UC Davis
- 2021-2022 Provost's Fellow in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UC Davis
- 2021 Leonard Bloomfield Prize in Linguistics, Univ. of Chicago
- 2020 Phi Beta Kappa, Univ. of Chicago
- 2020 Student Marshal, Univ. of Chicago
- 2019 Jeff Metcalf Internship, Univ. of Chicago
- 2017-2021 Dean's List, University of Chicago, Univ. of Chicago
- 2017-2021 National Merit Scholarship

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2020 College Summer Research Fellow, Univ. of Chicago, \$5000

- 2019-2020 College Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities Scholar,  
Univ. of Chicago \$5000
- 2019 Dean's Fund for Undergraduate Research Award, Univ. of Chicago, \$1271
- 2019 Liew Family College Research Fellow, Univ. of Chicago, \$1000

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 **Aoki, Nicholas B.**, Michelle Cohn, and Georgia Zellou. The clear speech intelligibility benefit for text-to-speech voices: Effects of speaking style and visual guise. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America Express Letters*.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. Hey Alexa, are you a Valley Girl? Effects of social information on the perception of text-to-speech voices. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 50*, Stanford University.
- 2022 **Aoki, Nicholas B.**, Michelle Cohn, and Georgia Zellou. The Clear Speech Intelligibility Benefit for TTS Voices: Effects of Speech Style and Guise. *The 18<sup>th</sup> Conference on Laboratory Phonology*.
- 2021 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Alan C. L. Yu. Do Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris Imitate the Accent of Their Audiences? Analysis and Interpretation of Stylistic Variability. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 49*, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2020 **Aoki, Nicholas B.**, Henry Mackall, and Alan C. L. Yu. Does Variation in Speech Production Impact Acoustic Cue Weighting in Speech Perception? *2021 University of Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium*.
- 2020 **Aoki, Nicholas B.**, Jacob B. Phillips, Daniel Chen, and Alan C. L. Yu. Convergence of the lot-thought merger in the U.S. Supreme Court. *94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*.

## RELEVANT COURSES

- 2022 Speech Perception, UC Davis
- 2022 Advanced Syntax, UC Davis
- 2022 Advanced Semantics, UC Davis
- 2022 Multivariate Data Analysis, UC Davis
- 2021 Time Series Analysis, UC Davis
- 2021 Advanced Phonetics, UC Davis
- 2021 Contact Linguistics, Univ. of Chicago
- 2021 Natural Language Processing, Univ. of Chicago
- 2021 Undergraduate Field Methods, Univ. of Chicago
- 2021 Data Publication for the Humanities, Univ. of Chicago
- 2021 Data Analysis for the Humanities, Univ. of Chicago
- 2021 Sociolinguistic Typology, Univ. of Chicago

2020	Computational Linguistics, Univ. of Chicago
2020	Data Management for the Humanities, Univ. of Chicago
2020	Introduction to Digital Humanities, Univ. of Chicago
2020	Evidentiality, Univ. of Chicago
2020	Introduction Data Science II, Univ. of Chicago
2020	Psycholinguistics, Univ. of Chicago
2019	Introduction to Data Science I, Univ. of Chicago
2019	Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis, Univ. of Chicago
2018	Linear Models and Experimental Design, Univ. of Chicago
2018	Applied Regression Analysis, Univ. of Chicago

## SERVICE

2022-	<b>Reviewer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cluster on Language Research Symposium (2022)</li> <li>• Journal of the Acoustical Society of America (2022, Co-Reviewer with Georgia Zellou)</li> </ul>
2021-	<b>Co-Chair, Cluster on Language Research Symposium Committee</b> <i>University of California Davis, Davis, CA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review conference abstracts</li> <li>• Promote symposium via social media</li> <li>• Review applications for travel fellowship for underrepresented students</li> </ul>
2021-	<b>Member, Graduate and Professional School Events Grant Review Board</b> <i>University of California Davis, Davis, CA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review grant applications for graduate organizations</li> <li>• Organize and catalog department journals and books for future reference</li> </ul>
2020-2021	<b>Member, Senior Class Gift Committee</b> <i>University of Chicago, Chicago, IL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit peers at the University of Chicago to support university programs</li> <li>• Raise awareness of university fundraising events by contacting peers on social media platforms and online events</li> <li>• Recruited by University of Chicago administration to help increase support for university-sponsored organizations and programs</li> </ul>
2017-2021	<b>Phoenix Tutoring</b> <i>University of Chicago, Chicago, IL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tutor 3 students one-on-one in mathematics and English on Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ul>

## LEADERSHIP

2017-2021	<b>Phoenix Tutoring</b> <i>University of Chicago, Chicago, IL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-President (April 2019-June 2021);</li> <li>• Session Coordinator (April 2018-June 2019)</li> </ul>
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- Manage 40 tutors across 3 weekly sessions to provide free tutoring for 38 local Chicago students online during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Transitioned program to online tutoring during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Serve as liaison between schools, tutors, and parents to recruit students and promote the program
- Coordinate with administration to comply with university standards and policies

## **LANGUAGES**

English	Native fluency
French	Advanced proficiency
Spanish	Advanced proficiency
Japanese	Intermediate proficiency
Farsi	Basic proficiency

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Proficient in: R, Python, Praat, Qualtrics, LaTeX, HTML, CSS, FAVE, ProsodyPro, WebMAUS, MS Word, MS Excel, Zoom

Knowledge of: MySQL, JavaScript, ELAN, E-Prime, Prosody Pro, eye-tracking, electroencephalography (EEG)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

2020-	Association for Laboratory Phonology, Member
2020-	Linguistic Society of America, Member
2020-	Phi Beta Kappa, Member

## **ACTIVITIES**

2021-	Sacramento Public Library Adult Literacy Program (Tutor)
2005-	National Kidney Foundation

## REFERENCES

### **Alan C. L. Yu**

Professor of Linguistics  
University of Chicago  
(773) 627-6221  
[aclyu@uchicago.edu](mailto:aclyu@uchicago.edu)

### **Georgia Zellou**

Associate Professor of Linguistics  
University of California, Davis  
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