

# Nicholas Bamshad Aoki

Curriculum Vitae  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonetics/phonology, speech perception, speaking style variation, sociolinguistics, human-computer interaction

## EDUCATION

- 2021- **University of California Davis**, Davis, CA  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics*  
Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00
- 2021 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
*Master of Arts in Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History*  
Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00  
Thesis: Do Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris Imitate the Accent of their Audience at Campaign Rallies?
- 2021 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
*Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Minor in Statistics*  
Cumulative GPA: 3.95/4.00; summa cum laude

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- In Press **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. Visual information affects adaptation to novel talkers: ethnicity-specific and ethnicity-independent learning of L2-accented speech. Under second round of review at *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*.
- 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*, 2(4), 045204.

### *Refereed Conference Proceedings*

- In Press **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. When clear speech does not enhance memory: Effects of speaking style, voice naturalness, and listener age. *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*.

- 2023 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. Speakers talk more clearly when they see an East Asian face: Effects of visual guise on speech production. In Radek Skarnitzl & Jan Volín (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 20<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Phonetic Sciences* (pp. 2294-2298). Guarant International.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW

- 2023 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. When “clear speech” is not more clear: Intelligibility of hard-of-hearing-directed and non-native-directed speech for L1- and L2-English listeners. Submitted for consideration to *Journal of Phonetics*.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. Ethnicity-specific and -independent learning: Effects of guise on adaptation to novel foreign-accented talkers. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50*, Queens College.
- 2023 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. Speakers talk more clearly when they see an Asian face: Effects of visual guise on speech production. *20<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*.
- 2023 **Aoki, Nicholas B.** and Georgia Zellou. Comparing intelligibility and recognition memory of human and text-to-speech voices. *184<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*.
- 2023 **Aoki, Nicholas B.**, Masoud Jasbi, and Georgia Zellou. Under-informative utterances can be more accepted from digital devices than humans. *97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*.
- 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 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 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*.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2023      | Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics Student Paper Competition Winner, Acoustical Society of America, \$300 |
| 2023      | “Down Under Funder” Travel Grant, Acoustical Society of America, \$1,000                                    |
| 2023      | Steven Lapointe Award, UC Davis Department of Linguistics, \$850  |
| 2023      | Student Award, International Phonetic Association, GBP 600  |
| 2022      | Travel Award, UC Davis Graduate Student Association, \$250  |
| 2022-2023 | Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UC Davis, \$48,900   |
| 2021-2022 | Provost’s Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UC Davis, \$59,802                       |
| 2021      | Latin Honors (summa cum laude), Univ. of Chicago  |
| 2021      | Leonard Bloomfield Prize in Linguistics, Univ. of Chicago   |
| 2020      | Phi Beta Kappa (Early Induction), Univ. of Chicago  |
| 2020      | Student Marshal, Univ. of Chicago   |
| 2020      | College Summer Research Fellow, Univ. of Chicago, \$5,000   |
| 2019-2020 | College Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities Scholar, Univ. of Chicago \$5,000             |
| 2019      | Jeff Metcalf Internship, Univ. of Chicago   |
| 2019      | Dean’s Fund for Undergraduate Research Award, Univ. of Chicago, \$1,271                                     |
| 2019      | Liew Family College Research Fellow, Univ. of Chicago, \$1,000  |
| 2017-2021 | Dean’s List, Univ. of Chicago   |
| 2017-2021 | National Merit Scholarship, \$8,000   |

## TEACHING

### *Teaching Assistant*

LIN 001 – Introduction to Linguistics (Fall 2022)

## SERVICE

### *Reviewing*

**Ad-hoc Journal Reviewing:** Journal of the Acoustical Society of America (Co-Reviewer with Georgia Zellou)

**Conference Abstract Reviewing:** UC Davis Cluster on Language Research Symposium (2022, 2023)

***Organized Sessions and Symposia***

2023 UC Davis Cluster on Language Research Symposium (co-organized with Roxanne Elliott and Ana Ortega Pérez)

***Other Service***

2023- UC Davis Graduate Student Association Representative  
 2022- Sacramento Public Library Adult Literacy Program Tutor  
 2021-2022 UC Davis Graduate and Professional School Events Grant Review Board  
 2020-2021 Univ. of Chicago Senior Class Gift Committee  
 2017-2021 Univ. of Chicago Phoenix Tutoring (President, Session Coordinator, Tutor)

**LANGUAGES**

English (L1 or “native”), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced), Japanese (intermediate), Farsi (beginning)

**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, eye-tracking, electroencephalography (EEG)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2023- Acoustical Society of America  
 2023- International Phonetic Association  
 2022- Association for Laboratory Phonology  
 2020- Linguistic Society of America  
 2020- Phi Beta Kappa

**REFERENCES****Georgia Zellou**

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