Multilinguality, Pronunciation variation, Code-switching, Typology, Phonetics, Research

Phonology, Second Language Acquisition Interests

**EDUCATION** University of Washington

> 2019 - Present Ph.D. Candidate, Linguistics

Carnegie Mellon University

M.S., Language Technologies Institute, GPA 3.90/4.00 2017 - 2019

Wellesley College

B.A., Cognitive & Linguistic Sciences, Cum Laude, GPA 3.70/4.00 2012 - 2016

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship AWARDS

2017 - Present

Research Linguistics Department, University of Washington

> Graduate Research Assistant Winter 2020 - Present

Advisors: Gina-Anne Levow & Emily Bender

- Creating shared tasks for NLP analysis on endangered language data

Language Technologies Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Graduate Research Assistant 2017 - 2019

Advisors: Alan Black & Yulia Tsvetkov

– Developed a Spanish–English code-switching dialogue system

S.T.A.R. Lab, SRI International

Research Assistant 2016 - 2017

Mentors: Colleen Richey, Wen Wang, Dimitra Vergyri

- Supported DARPA-funded speech-to-speech translation technology
- Managed data collection for distant speech and elderly speech recognition

Computer Science Department, Wellesley College

Senior Thesis Student 2015 - 2016

Advisor: Sravana Reddy

- Used machine learning to identify non-native English accents
- Collected crowdsourced transcriptions of telephone speech

Institute for Creative Technologies, University of Southern California

NSF REU Intern Summer 2015

Advisor: Andrew Gordon

- Applied syntactic rules to improve fluency of computer-generated narratives
- Conducted crowdsourced pilot evaluations

Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Undergraduate Research Assistant

*Spring 2015* 

Supervisor: Mitchel Resnick

- Developed a mobile app for adults to learn English
- Designed an extension tool for users to review difficult vocabulary

## **Publications**

E. Ahn, C. Jimenez, Y. Tsvetkov and A. W. Black

What Code-Switching Strategies are Effective in Dialogue Systems?

Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL) 2020. PDF

L. Breitfeller, E. Ahn, D. Jurgens, and Y. Tsvetkov

Finding Microaggressions in the Wild: A Case for Locating Elusive Phe-

nomena in Social Media Posts

EMNLP 2019. PDF

E. Ahn, F. Morbini, and A. Gordon

Improving Fluency in Narrative Text Generation with Grammatical

Transformations and Probabilistic Parsing

International Natural Language Generation Conference (INLG) 2016. PDF

Presentations

Predicting Continuous Vowel Spaces in the Wilderness

August 2019

TyP-NLP: The Workshop on Typology for Polyglot NLP

ACL. Florence, Italy. (POSTER) (ABSTRACT)

Understanding Code-Mixed Dialogues in Context

June 2018

NASSLLI Summer School Student Session

Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, PA. (Poster)

Two Types of Foreign Accent Classification

September 2016

Workshop for Young Female Researchers in Speech Science & Technology

INTERSPEECH. San Francisco, CA. (Poster)

Foreign Accent Classification

April 2016

Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics

Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. (Talk)

Fluency Transformations in Storytelling

October 2015

Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium

NSF. Arlington, VA. (Poster)

Teaching

Linguistics Department, University of Washington

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics

Fall 2019

Language Technologies Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Teaching Assistant, Colloquium

Fall 2018, Spring 2019

NASSLLI Summer School, Carnegie Mellon University

Teaching Assistant, Corpus Linguistics

 $Summer\ 2018$ 

Cognitive & Linguistic Sciences, Wellesley College

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics

Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, Sounds of Language

Spring 2016

Girls Who Code (Intel), Stanford University

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Computer Science

Summer 2014

| LANGUAGES  | Human English & Korean (native), Spanish & Mandarin (proficient) |             |
|------------|--|-------------|
|            | Russian, Cantonese & Arabic (beginner)                           |             |
|            | Computer   |             |
|            | Python, Java, MATLAB, UNIX, JavaScript, HTML/CSS                 |             |
| ACTIVITIES | Wellesley College Varsity Rower                                  | 2012 - 2016 |
|            | 1st place at DIII NCAA Championships                             | 2016        |
|            | NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Honors                            | 2014 - 2016 |
|            | Taekwondo Athlete  | 2003 - 2012 |
|            | 1st place at U.S. Nationals                                      | 2009        |
|            | Demonstration Team Captain                                       | 2009 - 2012 |

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