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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Second Language Studies (SLS)  
University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM), Honolulu, Hawaii

M.A. in TESOL  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

B.A. in English Language and Literature (Minor: Psychology)  
Ajou University, Suwon, Korea

## Education at Other Institutions

Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute  
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Doctoral studies in English Language & Literature  
Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

**2017-present** Lecturer  
Department of English Language and Literature, Seoul National University

## GRANTS

2021 NRF Research Grant (# 2021S1A5B5A17048833)  
Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Research Professor (14 million Korean won)  
“The resolution of null arguments in Korean as a second language”  
National Research Foundation of Korea, Daejeon, Korea

2020 NRF Research Grant (# 2020S1A5B5A17089402)  
Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Research Professor (14 million Korean won)  
“The effect of non-linguistic information in L2 processing of active and passive constructions” National Research Foundation of Korea, Daejeon, Korea

- 2019 NRF Research Grant (# 2019S1A5B5A07111230)  
 Research fund for Next Generation Researchers (14 million Korean won)  
 “An investigation of exemplar-based language learning using psychological predicates in Korean” National Research Foundation of Korea, Daejeon, Korea
- 2018 NRF Research Grant (# 2018S1A5B5A07071643)  
 Research fund for Next Generation Researchers (14 million Korean won)  
 “The integration of multiple types of information in real-time second language processing”  
 National Research Foundation of Korea, Daejeon, Korea
- 2015 East-West Center Field Research Grant  
 Research fund for doctoral dissertation (covered expenditure for travel to research site, participant compensation, and other research related activities); Merit-based competition  
 East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
- 2015 *Language Learning* Dissertation Grant  
 Merit-based competition hosted by *Language Learning*  
 The *Language Learning* Dissertation Grant Program

## PUBLICATIONS

- Ahn**, H. & Song, M.-J. (Under revision). The development of uniqueness presupposition in L2 English article use: An eye-tracking study.
- Ahn**, H. (2021). L2 Processing of linguistic and non-linguistic information: L2 speakers use definiteness if real-world knowledge is unusable. *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*, doi: [10.1017/S0272263121000322](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0272263121000322) (Online ISSN: 1470-1545)
- Ahn**, H. (2021). From Interlanguage grammar to target grammar in L2 processing of definiteness as uniqueness. *Second Language Research*, 37(1), 91-119. doi: [10.1177/0267658319868003](https://doi.org/10.1177/0267658319868003) (ISSN: 0267-6583)
- Ahn**, H. (2020). L2 Korean Speakers’ Thematic Role Resolution in a Psych-predicate Construction. *Language Research*, 56(2), 141-165. doi:[10.30961/lr.2020.56.2.141](https://doi.org/10.30961/lr.2020.56.2.141)
- Ahn**, H. (2018). Prosody, syntax, and discourse: A three-way interaction. *Korean Journal of Linguistics*, 43(1), 73-100 <https://www.dbpia.co.kr/Article/NODE07449324> (ISSN:1229-4039)
- Ahn**, H. (2017). The prosodic resolution of syntactic/semantic ambiguity: An exemplar-based account. *Language Research*, 53(3), 501-524. doi: [10.30961/lr.2017.53.3.501](https://doi.org/10.30961/lr.2017.53.3.501) (pISSN: 0254-5574)
- Ahn**, H. (2017). *The integration of linguistic and non-linguistic information in L2 sentence processing* (Doctoral dissertation). University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI. Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (ProQuest document ID: 1953257187). (ISBN: 978-0-35526-430-2)
- Ahn**, H. (2016). Reference in discourse: The case of L2 and heritage Korean. In M. Kenstowicz, T. Levin, & R. Masuda (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 23rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. (ISBN: 978-1-57586-752-6; 978-1-57586-841-7) [web.stanford.edu/group/cslipublications/cslipublications/site/9781575867526.shtml](http://web.stanford.edu/group/cslipublications/cslipublications/site/9781575867526.shtml)

- Ahn, H.** (2012). Prosodic boundaries and null arguments in L2 Korean. In A. K. Biller, E. Y. Chung, & A. E. Kimball (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. (ISBN: 978-1-57473-075-3; 978-1-57473-175-0) <http://www.cascadilla.com/buclld36toc.html>
- Ahn, H.** (2009). English article use by non-native English teachers in Korea: Task-type variability in Interlanguage performance and its pedagogical implications. *SNU Working Papers in English Linguistics and Language* 8, 43-58. <http://hdl.handle.net/10371/21465>
- Kim, S. & **Ahn, H.** (2007). Expectations and needs analysis of M.A. TESOL students in the USA. *Modern English Education*, 8(2), 75-93. <http://uci.or.kr/G704-001860.2007.8.2.004>

## Edited Books

- Ahn, H.**, Clements, N., Lim, H., Lim, J., & Park, Y. (2020). *New Teachers' Guidebook*. Faculty of Liberal Education. Seoul National University.
- Ahn, H.**, & Vidal, M. (2012). *Proceedings of the 16th Annual College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature Graduate Student Conference*, University of Hawaii at Manoa <http://hdl.handle.net/10125/14565>

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

- 2018 Invited speaker for the 104th Colloquium  
At the Department of English Language and Literature, Seoul National University  
"Processing Language with non-linguistic information"  
Seoul, Korea, April 27
- 2016 Invited speaker for the Department of Linguistics Colloquium  
At California State University at Fresno  
"The Integration of Linguistic and Non-Linguistic Information in L2 Sentence Processing"  
Fresno, CA, February 29

### Oral Presentations

- Ahn, H.** & Song, M. (2019). Second Language Research Forum 2019:  
"The role of definiteness in predictive L2 sentence processing: An eye-tracking study"  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, September 21
- Ahn, H.** (2018). 2018 SNU International Conference on Linguistics:  
"Simultaneous processing of grammar and world knowledge in second language"  
Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, June 15
- Ahn, H.** (2017). The 2017 Fall Conference of the Linguistic Society of Korea :  
"Prosody, syntax, and discourse: An exemplar-based account on the interface."  
Seoul National University. Seoul, Korea, November 24
- Ahn, H.** (2016). The 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development:  
"The integration of linguistic and non-linguistic information in L2 processing"  
Boston, MA, November 4

- Ahn, H. (2016). The 35th Second Language Research Forum:  
 “The incremental processing of linguistic vs. non-linguistic information in L2”  
 Columbia University, New York, NY, September 23
- Ahn, H. (2015). International Conference on Korean Linguistics / Harvard International Symposium on Korean Linguistics Joint Conference:  
 “The disambiguating effect of intermediate phrases (ip) in Korean prosody and discourse”  
 University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, July 25
- Ahn, H. (2013). The 23rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference:  
 “The accessibility and the form of a referent in discourse: The case of L2 and Heritage Korean”  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA, October 11
- Ahn, H. (2013). The 35th Language Testing Research Colloquium:  
 “Morpheme-by-morpheme Rasch analysis of a Korean C-test as a diagnostic tool”  
 Seoul, Korea, July 4
- Ahn, H. (2013). The 12th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference:  
 “Topicality and argument drop patterns in L2 Korean and Heritage Korean”  
 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 27
- Ahn, H. (2011). The 36th Boston University Conference on Language Development:  
 “The role of prosody in thematic role disambiguation in L2 Korean”  
 Boston, MA, November 5
- Ahn, H. (2010). American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL):  
 “Causes of English article misuse: A case of Korean EFL learners”  
 Atlanta, GA, March 6
- Ahn, H. (2009). Association of Pacific Rim Universities Doctoral Students Conference:  
 “English article use by nonnative English teachers in Korea: Task-type variability in Interlanguage performance and its pedagogical implications”  
 Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, July 9

## Poster Presentations

- Ahn, H. (2018). The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America:  
 “The role of real-world knowledge in second language sentence processing.”  
 Salt Lake City, Utah, January 4
- Ahn, H. (2016). The 5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustic Society of America and the Acoustic Society of Japan:  
 “Two types of intermediate phrases (ip) in Korean”  
 Honolulu, HI, December 2
- Ahn, H. (2016). The 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing:  
 “Slow NOT Shallow Processing of (In)definiteness in L2 English”  
 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 5
- Ahn, H. (2015). Chuo University-University of Hawaii at Manoa Student Conference on Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, and Second Language Acquisition:  
 “The processing and accommodation of definiteness as uniqueness in L2 English”  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI, September 15

- Ahn, H. (2014). The 39th Boston University Conference on Language Development:  
“Definiteness as uniqueness in L2 English article use” Boston, MA, November 8
- Ahn, H. (2012). The 163th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America:  
“Boundary tones in comprehension & production of a pro-drop language: A case of Korean”  
Hong Kong, May 18
- Ahn, H. (2011). The 21st Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference:  
“The role of prosody in thematic role disambiguation in Korean”  
Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, October 21
- Ahn, H. (2011). Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP):  
“Intonational Phrase boundary tones and argument drop patterns in Korean”  
McGill University, Montreal, Canada, September 24
- Ahn, H. (2009). Second Language Research Forum (SLRF):  
“Interlanguage performance of trainees in an in-service teacher training program in Korea: Task type variability in English article use”  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, October 31

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2013 - 2017 || East-West Center Student Affiliate  
Affiliation with East-West Center (Honolulu, HI), a federally funded non-profit organization that supports research and scholarly activities that promote relations and understanding among the people and nations of the U.S., Asia, and the Pacific
- 2011 - 2015 || Graduate Student Organization Travel Fund  
Three separate awards in 2011, 2013, 2015  
Merit-based competition for conference travel fund  
Graduate Student Organization, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2012 - 2013 || Ruth Crymes Fund Scholarship  
Two separate, merit-based scholarship awards for conference travels  
Department of Second Language Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2012 Grant for Student Registration fees at Acoustics Hong Kong 2012  
Financial support for student participants  
The 163th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America
- 2011 - 2012 || Elizabeth Carr-Holmes Scholarship  
Merit-based scholarship for research participant compensation  
Separate awards for two different projects  
Department of Second Language Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2011 Paula Menyuk Travel Award (Boston University Conference on Language Development)  
Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2011 Travel Grant (Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 2)  
McGill University, Montreal, Canada

2010 Travel grant for presenting at the American Association of Applied Linguistics 2010 in Atlanta, GA  
College of Humanities, Seoul National University

2010 Lecture and Research Support Scholarship  
College of Humanities, Seoul National University

2009 Travel Grant for presenting at Second Language Research Forum 2009 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI  
College of Humanities, Seoul National University

2009 Humanities Doctoral Student Fellowship  
Korean Student Aid Foundation

2009 Travel Grant for presenting at the Association of Pacific Rim Universities Doctoral Students Conference  
Office of International Affairs, Seoul National University

2001 - 2002 || Phi Beta Delta Membership  
International Students Honors Society at Michigan State University

1995 - 1996 || Department Scholarship  
Tuition awards  
Department of English Language and Literature, Ajou University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Experience in Korea

Affiliation	Courses	Semester
Seoul National University	Seminar in Applied Linguistics	F2020
	Research Methods in English Linguistics	F2019
	Modern Society and International Language	F2021, AY2019, F2017
	Advanced English: Culture and Society	W2019, S2019
	Advanced English: Exploring Film	S2018
	College English 2: Speaking	AY2021, S2020, U2019, U2018
	College English 1	U2019, AY2018
	English Foundations	S2020
Korea Univ.	Psycholinguistics	W2020
Ajou Univ.	English 2	AY2018, W2017, F2008
	Practical English Grammar	S2018
Kyonggi Univ.	Teaching Methods of L2 English Writing	F2017

S=Spring, U=Summer, F=Fall, W=Winter, AY=Academic Year (S & F)

### Course Descriptions

Seoul National University

*Seminar in Applied Linguistics (graduate)*

Fall 2020: Applied Psycholinguistics (L2 processing literature, online experiments, and R programming)

*Research Methods in English Linguistics (graduate)*

Fall 2019: Designing experiments and analyzing data with R (Psycholinguistics research methodology & data analysis using R)

*Modern Society and International Language*

Is a core elective course offered by the Department of English Language and Literature

Covers (1) the history of major Diasporas that caused the globalization of English, (2) linguistic features of *Englishes* around the world, and (3) impacts of Global English (and/or major local languages) on minor languages

*Advanced English*

Is a content-based English course that focuses on a theme of choice.

In *Exploring Film* (S2018), a total of six movies were selected for in-class discussions, presentations, and writing review articles. Two movies for each of the following themes were used: Future on earth, individual definitions of happiness, lives of underprivileged people.

In *Culture and Society* (S/W2019), Yuval Harari's "*Sapiens: A brief history of humankind*" is being used for reading, class discussions, debates, presentations, and writing reviews.

*College English 2: Speaking*

Is a high-intermediate English course

Focuses on oral English skills such as discussion, debate, and presentation

*College English 1*

Is an intermediate English course

Covers all four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing

*English Foundations*

Is a beginning-level English course

Prepares students for College English 1

Korea University

*Psycholinguistics (undergraduate)*

covered phonetic, lexical, and sentence processing

Ajou University

*English 2*

focused mainly on listening and reading

*Practical English Grammar*

covered English grammar used in international communication

Kyonggi University

*Teaching Methods of L2 English Writing*

Was a graduate course for MA students in the Graduate School of Education

Mainly focused on various teaching methods and skills in L2 English writing

## Experience at University of Hawaii at Manoa

Affiliation	Courses	Semester
Second Language Studies	SLS460	S2017, S2016, S2015, F2013
	SLS302	F2016, S2014, S2013, F2012
	SLS441	F2014, S2012, F2011
Hawaii English Language Program (HELP)	311P	F2015
	311S	F2015
English Language Institute	ELI73	F2010

## Course Descriptions

### Second Language Studies

#### *SLS 460: English Phonology*

- \* Is an elective course for both undergraduate seniors and graduate students
- \* Covered introductory phonology, acoustic phonetics, and ESL pronunciation teaching methods
- \* Lab sessions included formant analysis using HTK forced-aligner and Praat and vowel chart drawing using the statistical programming software R
- \* A tutoring practicum required that all students enrolled in the course tutor ESL learners on campus to improve their English pronunciation
- \* Held a mini-conference at the end of the semester
- \* Guided students in conducting research and writing conference abstracts; some of the abstracts were accepted in local and international conferences

#### *SLS 302: Second Language Learning*

- \* Is a required course for all SLS majors
- \* Covered first language acquisition, SLA theories, and classroom applications
- \* Is a writing Intensive class (freewriting workshops, writing lab sessions, individual writing conferences)

#### *SLS 441: Language Concepts for Second Language (L2) Learning & Teaching*

- \* Is an introduction to linguistics for SLA majors (required for both undergraduate seniors and incoming M.A. students)
- \* Covered all subfields of linguistics (phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics)
- \* Introduced ways in which linguistic concepts are used for L2 Interlanguage analysis

### Hawaii English Language Program (HELP)

#### *311S: Speech Communication*

- \* Trained college level ESL learners for academic English speaking skills
- \* Hawaii English Language Program is an intensive English language program run by the Department of Second Language Studies at UHM.

#### *311P: Advanced Pronunciation*

- \* Trained college level ESL learners in pronunciation at both segmental and suprasegmental levels



- \* Provided personalized error analysis by native language

## English Language Institute

### *ELI 73: Writing for Foreign Students*

- \* Taught writing skills to international students (both undergraduate and graduate levels) to help them succeed in their academic careers at UH Manoa
- \* English Language Institute is an *English for Academic Purposes* program for international students who have been admitted to UHM.

## Other teaching experience

### Fall 2015 Tutor, Korean as a second language

- Helped (English-speaking) undergraduate students majoring in Korean to prepare for speech contests, write essays, and practice grammar
- Korean Language Flagship Center, University of Hawaii at Manoa

### 2008 - 2010 || English Language Teaching: Grammar and Vocabulary Teaching Methods

- Taught teaching methods/approaches in ESL/EFL classroom grammar and vocabulary teaching to in-service teachers on 6-month sabbaticals
- In-service Teacher Training Program, College of Education
- Ajou University, Suwon, Korea

### 2007 - 2010 || English as a Foreign Language Practicum

- Introduced EFL teaching methods based on communicative approach to in-service teachers on 6-month sabbaticals
- Held workshops where trainees gave mini-lessons and meta-discussed their own teaching
- In-service Teacher Training Program, College of Education
- Ajou University, Suwon, Korea

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

### Spring 2011 Teachers' Online Resource Room improvement project

- Created a web publishing tutorial for teachers in the ELI
- English Language Institute

### 2010 - 2011 || Head Graduate Assistant for the phonetics lab

- Managed the phonetics lab facilities/equipment and helped lab users utilize resources
- Language Analysis & Experimentation Labs at University of Hawaii at Manoa

### 2009 - 2010 || Coordinator for Monthly TEPS (Test of English Proficiency by Seoul National University) test-item writers

- Coordinatd a test item writing team

- Wrote, edited, and proofread test items
- Language Education Institute, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

2009 Assistant Researcher for iTEPS (Internet-based TEPS)

- Designed, edited, and proofread test items
- Performed secretarial services for test development meetings
- Language Education Institute, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

2009 Assistant Researcher for SNULT (Seoul National University Language Test)

- Designed, edited, and proofread test items
- Performed secretarial services for test development meetings
- Language Education Institute, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

2008 - 2010 || Teaching Assistantship

- Graded writing assignments for advanced English composition course
- Department of English Language and Literature, Seoul National University

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2019 Team-Based Learning

- Discussed teaching techniques useful for team-based learning
- Center for Teaching and Learning, Seoul National University

2019 Student Counseling Workshop

- Learned skills required to counsel students
- Center for Teaching and Learning, Seoul National University

2016 SLS B.A. program curriculum mapping workshop

- Discussed how the overall curriculum of the SLS B.A. program has its program learning outcomes mapped out via courses offered in the program
- Department of Second Language Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa

2015 SLS B.A. program outcomes assessment workshop

- Discussed SLS B.A. graduates' expected learning outcomes
- Department of Second Language Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa

2012 Summer workshop on computational linguistics

- Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

# SERVICES

## Academic Service

- 2020 - Reviewer for *International Review of Applied Linguistics in Language Teaching* (De Gruyter)
- 2020 - Reviewer for *Southern Journal of Linguistics* (Southeastern Conference on Linguistics)
- 2020 - Reviewer for *Studies in Second Language Acquisition* (Cambridge University Press)
- 2018 - Reviewer for *Second Language Research* (Sage Publishing)
- 2018 - Reviewer for *Language Research* (Seoul National University Language Education Institute).
- 2016 Organizing committee member for The Workshop on Experimental Approaches to East Asian Linguistics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2013 - 2016 || Volunteer for East-West Center International Graduate Student Conferences, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
- 2015 Volunteer for the 4th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 - 2015 || Workshops for acoustic phonetics on formant analysis using Praat  
Department of Second Language Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2012 - 2016 || Copy editor for *Reading in a Foreign Language*, 24(1)-26(1); R. Day & T. Hudson, editors, National Foreign Language Resource Center, Honolulu, HI
- 2011, 2014 || Abstract reviewer, Graduate Student Conference of the College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2010 Organizing committee member for the Korean Association of Teachers of English(KATE) International Conference at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

## Community Service

- 2019 Daehakdong Study Center (Fall)
- Education service for underprivileged children
  - Seoul, Korea
- 2019 Nanum Library (Spring)
- Education service for underprivileged children
  - Suwon, Korea
- 2017 Pyongtaek Jinwi Municipal Library
- Education service for children in a rural area
  - Jinwimyon, Pyontaekshi, Korea
- 2014 - 2015 || East-West Center Participant Association (EWCPA) Board

- Served as a board member for EWC Participant Association
- Coordinated Saturday movie nights

#### 2012 Honolulu Habitat for Humanities

- Helped organize an appreciation gala for build volunteers
- Honolulu, HI

#### 2006 Amnesty International Korea

- Translated petition letters
- Seoul, Korea

## LANGUAGES

### Natural languages

Korean	Native
English	Native-like
German	Advanced reading
Japanese	Basic reading & speaking

### Computer languages

#### *Statistics*

- **R**; Certified for R programming on June 28, 2015 by John Hopkins University online courses offered via Coursera.
- **SPSS**
- **HLM6** (for hierarchical linear and non-linear modeling)
- **Winsteps** (for Rasch Analysis: Item Response Theory in testing)

#### *Experimental Software*

- **E-prime, Psyscope, PsychoPy** (for scripting and running experiments)
- **SMI eye-tracking system**; Experiment Center (Software for scripting and running eye tracking experiments), and BeGaze (Analysis Software for analyzing eye-tracking data)
- **Praat** (& HTK forced aligner for speech sound analysis)

#### *General Programming*

- **HTML** (for web publishing)
- **LaTeX**
- **Python, Matlab**