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Education

- 2018 – Present **PhD in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics**
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
PhD Candidate
- Topic Phonological acquisition in a multidialectal and multicultural context: The case of bilingual preschoolers in Singapore
Supervisor Prof Brechtje Post
Advisor Prof Francis Nolan
- 2014 – 2015 **MPhil in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics**
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Distinction
- Thesis Language dominance and accent variation: a phonetic study of two groups of educated Malay speakers of Singapore English
Supervisor Prof Francis Nolan
- 2010 – 2014 **Bachelor of Arts (Education)**
National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University
First Class Honours
- Independent research A Feature-based Study of English Trainee Teachers' Treatment of Singapore English
Supervisor Asst/Prof Tan Siew Imm

Employment history

- 2018 (Jan) – 2018 (Sept) **Curriculum Planning and Development Department (Ministry of Education Headquarters)**
Curriculum Planning Officer
English Language and Literature Branch
- 2015 (Jul) – 2017 (Dec) **Anglican High School (Ministry of Education)**
English Language Teacher
- 2014 (May) – 2014 (Sept) **Temasek Secondary School (Ministry of Education)**
English Language Teacher

Research interests

Early phonological acquisition; (socio)-phonetics; bilingualism; social variation in language; language contact, dialects and ethno-linguistic repertoires; Singapore English

Journal articles

Schwarz, J., Li, K., **Sim, J. H.**, Zhang, Y., Buchanan-Worster, E., Post, B., Gibson, J., & McDougall, K. (under review) Semantic cues modulate children's and adults' processing of audio-visual face mask speech.

Sim, J. H. & Post, B. (under review). Bilingual phonological acquisition in a multi(dia)lectal context: acquisition of /l/ by English-Malay bilingual children in Singapore.

Sim, J. H. (in press). Negotiating social meanings in a plural society: social perceptions of variants of /l/ in Singapore English. *Language in Society*. Preprint: <https://osf.io/4jbdm/>.

Sim, J. H. & Post, B. (2021). Variation in quality of maternal input and development of coda stops in English-speaking children in Singapore. *Journal of Child Language*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305000921000593>.

Sim, J. H. (2021). Sociophonetic variation in English /l/ in the child-directed speech of English-Malay bilinguals. *Journal of Phonetics*, 88. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wocn.2021.101084>.

Sim, J. H. (2019). "But you don't sound Malay!" Language dominance and variation in the accents of English-Malay bilinguals in Singapore. *English World-Wide*, 40(1), 79–108. <https://doi.org/10.1075/eww.00023.sim>

Sim, J. H. (2014). A Feature-based Study of English Trainee Teachers' Treatment of Singapore English. *Reinvention: An International Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 7(1).

Dissertations

Sim, J. H. (2015). *Language dominance and accent variation: a phonetic study of two groups of educated Malay speakers of Singapore English* [unpublished MPhil thesis]. University of Cambridge

Refereed conference papers

* Presenting author(s)

Li, K.*, Schwarz, J., **Sim, J. H.**, Zhang, Y., Buchanan-Worster, E., Post, B., . . . McDougall, K. (2022, 23–25 June). *Recording and timing vocal responses: an online cued-shadowing task* [Paper presentation]. LabPhon18: Phonology in a Rapidly Changing World.

Sim, J. H.* (2022, 23–25 June). *Bilingual phonological development in a multi-dialectal context: the acquisition of /l/ by English-Malay bilingual preschoolers in Singapore* [Poster session]. LabPhon18: Phonology in a Rapidly Changing World.

Sim, J. H.* & Post, B. (2022, 14–16 June). *Variation in the development of English syllable-final /l/ in English-Malay and English-Chinese bilingual children* [Paper presentation]. Building Linguistic Systems, York, United Kingdom.

Schwarz, J.*, Li, K.*, **Sim, J. H.**, Zhang, Y., Buchanan-Worster, E., Post, B., . . . McDougall, K. (2022, 4–8 Apr). *Can we use visual, acoustic and semantic cues to compensate for face mask speech?* [Paper presentation]. British Association of Academic Phoneticians Colloquium 2022, York, United Kingdom.

- Sim, J. H.*** & Post, B. (2022, 4–8 Apr). *Acquiring // in a multidialectal context by English-Malay bilingual children in Singapore* [Poster session]. British Association of Academic Phoneticians Colloquium 2022, York, United Kingdom.
- Schwarz, J.*, Li, K., **Sim, J. H.**, Zhang, Y., Buchanan-Worster, E., Post, B., . . . McDougall, K. (2022, Jan 20-21). *The impact of visual, acoustic, and semantic cues on processing of face mask speech by children and adults* [Poster session]. 13th Speech in Noise Workshop.
- Schwarz, J.*, Li, K., **Sim, J. H.**, Zhang, Y., Buchanan-Worster, E., Post, B., . . . McDougall, K. (2021, Nov 23). *Speech Perception through Face Masks by Children and Adults* [Poster session]. Cambridge Language Sciences Annual Symposium 2021: Language and Inclusion. doi:10.33774/coe-2021-l88qk.
- Sim, J. H.*** & Post, B. (2021, Sept 8-10). *Clear // and the Malays in Singapore: origin, social meanings, and ethnic identity* [Paper presentation]. UK Language Variation and Change 13. University of Glasgow. <https://uklvc13.com/>
- Sim, J. H.*** & Post, B. (2021, Jun 21-23). *Variation in pitch scaling in English of young simultaneous bilinguals in Singapore* [Poster presentation]. Phonetics and Phonology in Europe 2021, Barcelona. <https://pape2021.upf.edu/>
- Sim, J. H.*** (2021, Jun 7–10). *Indexical properties of syllable-final // in Singapore English* [Paper presentation]. Sociolinguistics Symposium 23, Hong Kong. <https://www.ss23hk.com/>
- Sim, J. H.*** & Post, B. (2021, Jun 2–4). *Variation in ethnic-accentedness in child-directed speech of bilinguals* [Paper presentation]. Variation in Language Acquisition 4, Rorschach, Switzerland. <https://www.shlr.ch/shlr/die-shlr/events/vila-4/>
- Sim, J. H.*** & Post, B. (2021, Mar 6). *Variation in quality of input and development of coda stops in bilingual children* [Poster session]. Jesus College MCR Graduate Conference 2021, Cambridge.
- Sim, J. H.*** & Post, B. (2020, Apr). *Maternal input and variability in the development of coda stops in bilingual children*. British Association of Academic Phoneticians Colloquium, York, United Kingdom. <https://sites.google.com/york.ac.uk/baap2020york/home> [cancelled]
- Koh, S.*, Koh, L.*, **Sim, J. H.***, Ng, K.* & Mohan, J.* (2017, Jun 29). *Exploring the Joy of Learning – from NASA to EL* [Paper presentation]. 3rd Anglican High School National Symposium 2017: Assessment Drives the Learning Paradigm.

Presentations and seminars

- Sim, J. H.** & Post, B. (2021, Apr). *Maternal input and variability in the development of coda stops in bilingual children*. British Association of Academic Phoneticians Work in Progress (online)
- Sim, J. H.** (2021, Mar). *Investigating coda stops in bilingual children*. Presented at MPhil seminar, University of Cambridge.
- Sim, J. H.** (2020, Aug). *Investigating variation in tonal scaling and alignment in young bilingual children*. Presented at the Experimental Phonetics and Phonology seminar, University of Cambridge.
- Sim, J. H.** (2019, Nov). *Phonological acquisition of contact varieties of English in simultaneous bilinguals: variation in maternal input and effects on child phonological acquisition*. Presented at the Jesus College Language and Linguistics Forum.
- Sim, J. H.** (2019, Jan). *Phonological acquisition of variable input: children in bi-dialectal homes*. Presented at the Experimental Phonetics and Phonology seminar, University of Cambridge.

Sim, J. H. (2018, Oct). *Language dominance and accent variation: a phonetic study of two groups of educated Malay speakers of Singapore English*. Presented at the Experimental Phonetics and Phonology seminar, University of Cambridge.

Sim, J. H. (2015, May). *Language dominance and accent variation: a phonetic study of two groups of educated Malay speakers of Singapore English*. Presented at the Experimental Phonetics and Phonology seminar, University of Cambridge.

Invited presentations

Sim, J. H. (2021, April). *Indexical properties of /l/ in Singapore English*. Presented at the Aarhus University Phonetics and Phonology seminar.

Sim, J. H. (2021, May). *The social life of L in Singapore English*. Presented at the Jesus College Language and Linguistics Forum.

Teaching experience

2019 / 2020 **Linguistics Tripos – Li6 Phonetics**
Undergraduate supervisor

Achievements, awards & grants

2021	University of Cambridge MMLL Fieldwork funding (£170) Jesus College Graduate Research grant (PaPE4, EMLAR2021, SS23) £98
2020	University of Cambridge Jesus College Graduate Research grant (BAAP 2020) £400 Jesus College Graduate Research grant (ViLA 4 2020) £100 MMLL Fieldwork funding (£170)
2019	University of Cambridge MML Fieldwork funding (£250), TAL Fieldwork funding (£650) Jesus College Graduate Research grant (£170) Ministry of Education Innergy (HQ) award for the development of Lenses and Links: A game of literary perspective
2018	Singapore Police Force NSman of the Year Award Ministry of Education Innergy (HQ) award for the development of Ding Ding! A virtual discussion platform
2017	MOE Buildathon 2017 Third Place (“Ding Ding! A virtual discussion platform”) National Institution of Education NIE Overseas Graduate Scholarship (Full) Anglican High School Most Innovative Teacher Ministry of Education Outstanding Contribution Award (Team)
2016	Anglican High School Most Engaged Staff Ministry of Education Outstanding Contribution Award (Team)

2015	Clare College, Cambridge Fieldwork funding (£150)
2014	Ministry of Education MOE Direct Master's Sponsorship (Full) Nanyang Technological University College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences Master of Arts Research Scholarship (Full, Forfeited)
2014	National Institute of Education / Nanyang Technological University Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal (top of cohort) Koh Boon Hwee Scholar's Award (for academic and non-academic excellence) Valedictorian
2008 – 2009	National Service – Singapore Police Force SPF Officer Cadet Course – Good Performance Award Commander's Commendation (Airport Police Division) Best PNSF Award

Professional membership

2022 – Present	International Phonetic Association Member
2022 – Present	The Philological Society Member
2020 – Present	The International Society for the Linguistics of English Member
2017 – Present	Singapore Association of Applied Linguistics / International Association of Applied Linguistics Member

Services

2021 – Present	Co-convenor of the Cambridge Sociolinguistics Circle
2021 – Present	Data champion, University of Cambridge
2019 / 2020	Linguistics Tripos Part IIB Undergraduate dissertation examiner Jesus College / MMLL Undergraduate Admissions Selection Interviewer Murray Edwards College, Cambridge Linguistics mock exam marker

Leadership positions

2017 – 2018	Assistant Superintendent of Police (NS) Singapore Police Force Head Manpower and Logistics (PNSmen), Airport Police Division
2016 – 2017	Inspector of Police (NS) Singapore Police Force Commanding Officer, Training (PNSmen), Airport Police Division

Technical Skills

Phonetics: Praat, audacity
Statistics: R / RStudio, SPSS