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Curriculum Vitae

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Full name

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Education

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| 09.2017 | PhD in Linguistics, NYU. |
| 03.2007 | BA in Linguistics and Japanese, UCLA. |

Employment

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| 03.2020– | <i>Assistant Professor,</i> Department of Linguistics, Seoul National University, Korea. |
| 11.2018–12.2019 | <i>Postdoctoral researcher,</i> Collaborative Research Centre (SFB 1102), Universität des Saarlandes, Germany. PI: Bernd Möbius & Bistra Andreeva. |
| 10.2017–10.2018 | <i>Postdoctoral fellow in computational modelling of language learning and processing,</i> MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour & Development, Western Sydney University, Australia. PI: Paola Escudero. |

Grants and Awards

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| 04.2020–01.2021 | New Faculty Research Grant. Seoul National University. |
| 06.2015–05.2017 | National Science Foundation BCS-1524133. “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Predictability and recoverability of high vowel reduction in speech.” |
| 09.2011–05.2016 | MacCracken Graduate Fellowship, New York University. |
| 07.2014 | Dean’s Student Travel Grant, New York University. |

Publications

Peer-reviewed under revision

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| | K. Yazawa, T. Konishi, M. Kondo, J. Whang , and P. Escudero. “Spectral and temporal acquisition of American English vowels by Japanese speakers: A corpus-based study”. |
| 2019 | J. Whang . “Effects of phonotactic predictability on sensitivity to phonetic detail”. <i>Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology</i> 10(1):8. |
| 2019 | K. Yazawa, J. Whang , P. Escudero, and M. Kondo. “Language-dependent cue weighting: an investigation of perception modes in L2 learning”. <i>Second Language Research</i> . |
| 2018 | J. Whang . “Recoverability-driven coarticulation: Acoustic evidence from Japanese high vowel devoicing”. <i>Journal of the Acoustical Society of America</i> 143(2):1159-1172. |
| 2014 | G. Gallagher and J. Whang . “An acoustic study of trans-vocalic ejective pairs in Cochabamba Quechua”. <i>Journal of the International Phonetic Association</i> 44(2):133-154. |

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| 2014 | A. Szabolcsi, J.D. Whang , and V. Zu. “Quantifier words and their multi-functional(?) parts”. <i>Language and Linguistics</i> 15(1):115-155. |
| Proceedings & published abstracts | |
| 2020 | B. Andreeva, B. Möbius, and J. Whang . “Effects of surprisal and boundary strength on phrase-final lengthening”. <i>Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Speech Prosody 2020</i> :146-150. |
| 2019 | J. Whang , K. Yazawa, and P. Escudero. “Perception of Japanese vowel length by Australian English listeners”. In Sasha Calhoun, Paola Escudero, Marija Tabain & Paul Warren (eds.), <i>Proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences</i> :2228-2232. |
| 2019 | A. Tuninetti, J. Whang , and P. Escudero. “Non-native vowel perception in a 4IAX task: The effects of acoustic distance”. In Sasha Calhoun, Paola Escudero, Marija Tabain & Paul Warren (eds.), <i>Proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences</i> :240-244. |
| 2019 | J. Whang . “Reconciling CV phonotactics and high vowel deletion in Japanese”. In Katherine Hout, Anna Mai, Adam McCollum, Sharon Rose & Matt Zaslansky (eds.), <i>Supplemental Proceedings of the 2018 Annual Meeting on Phonology</i> . |
| 2017 | J. Whang and F. Adriaans. “Phonotactics and alternations in the acquisition of Japanese high vowel reduction”. <i>Proceedings of the 41st annual Boston University Conference on Language Development</i> . |
| 2016 | J.D.Y. Whang . “Perception of illegal contrasts: Japanese adaptations of Korean coda obstruents”. <i>Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society</i> : 488-498. |
| 2014 | J.D. Whang . “Effects of predictability on vowel reduction”. <i>Journal of the Acoustical Society of America</i> 135(4): 2293-2293. |

Conferences

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| 2020 | J. Whang , J. Shaw, and S. Kawahara. “Acoustic consequences of vowel deletion in devoicing environments”. 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 17). Vancouver, Canada; July 6-8, 2020. |
| 2020 | B. Andreeva, B. Möbius, and J. Whang . “Effects of surprisal and boundary strength on phrase-final lengthening”. 10th International Conference on Speech Prosody 2020. Tokyo, Japan; May 25-28, 2020. |
| 2019 | J. Whang , K. Yazawa, and P. Escudero. “Perception of Japanese vowel length by Australian English listeners”. 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Melbourne, Australia; August 5-9, 2019. |
| 2019 | A. Tuninetti, J. Whang , and P. Escudero. “Non-native vowel perception in a 4IAX task: The effects of acoustic distance”. 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Melbourne, Australia; August 5-9, 2019. |
| 2018 | J. Whang . “Reconciling CV phonotactics and high vowel deletion in Japanese”. Annual Meeting on Phonology 2018 (AMP 2018); San Diego, California; October 5-7, 2018. |
| 2018 | J. Whang . “Syllabification of consonant clusters by L1 Japanese L2 English speakers”. Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language 2018 (HISPhonCog 2018); Seoul, Korea; May 18-19, 2018. |
| 2018 | P. Escudero, A. Tuninetti, and J. Whang . “Effects of cognitive development in speech perception”. Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language 2018 (HISPhonCog 2018); Seoul, Korea; May 18-19, 2018. |
| 2016 | J. Whang and F. Adriaans. “Phonotactics and alternations in the acquisition of Japanese high vowel reduction”. 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 41); Boston, MA; November 4-6, 2016. |

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| 2016 | J. Whang and F. Adriaans. “The role of phonotactics and alternations in the acquisition of Japanese high vowel reduction”. 24th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (J/K 24); Tokyo, Japan; October 13-16, 2016. |
| 2016 | J. Whang . “Illusory epenthesis and recoverability-conditioned sensitivity to phonetic detail”. 15th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 15); Ithaca, NY; July 13-16, 2016. |
| 2016 | S. Kawahara, J. Shaw, and J. Whang . “Targetless /u/ in Tokyo Japanese”. 15th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 15); Ithaca, NY; July 13-16, 2016. |
| 2016 | J. Whang . “Recoverability-conditioned sensitivity to phonetic detail in cross-language perception”. PhoNE 2016; New York, N.Y.; April 9, 2016. |
| 2016 | J. Whang . “Effects of recoverability on perception of illusory vowels”. 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2016); Washington, D.C.; January 7-10, 2016. |
| 2014 | J. Whang . “Acoustic effects of predictability and gender on Japanese high vowel reduction”. 14th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon14); Tokyo, Japan; July 25-27, 2014. |
| 2014 | J. Whang . “Effects of predictability on vowel reduction”. 167th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America; Providence, Rhode Island; May 5-9, 2014. |
| 2010 | J.D.Y. Whang . “Perception of illegal contrasts: Japanese adaptations of Korean coda obstruents”. 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS36); Berkeley, California; February 5-7, 2010. |

Invited Talks

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| 2018 | James Whang. “Effects of phonotactic predictability on Japanese high vowel processing”. SimPhon.Net: Workshop 6; Bad Krozingen, Germany; December 9-11, 2018. |
| 2018 | James Whang. “Effects of phonotactic predictability on Japanese high vowel processing”. Saarland University; Saarbrücken, Germany; July 18, 2018. |
| 2018 | James Whang. “Effects of predictability on the production and perception of high vowels in Japanese”. Seoul National University; Seoul, Korea; May 16, 2018. |
| 2015 | James Whang. “Effects of recoverability on perception of illusory vowels: Preliminary results”. Keio Institute of Cultural and Linguistic Studies Research Group; Tokyo, Japan; July 30, 2015. |
| 2015 | James Whang. “Learning high vowel reduction in Japanese: Combining empirical and computational approaches”. RIKEN Brain Science Institute – Laboratory for Language Development; Saitama, Japan; July 30, 2015. |
| 2015 | James Whang. “Recoverability-driven speech patterns: The case of Japanese high vowel reduction”. Keio Institute of Cultural and Linguistic Studies Research Group; Tokyo, Japan; May 19, 2015. |

Other Manuscripts

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| in prep | J. Whang, K. Yazawa, and P. Escudero. “Crosslinguistic cue informativity: Case study in vowel length perception by Japanese and Australian English listeners”. |
| in prep | J. Whang and F. Adriaans. “Learning to reduce and recover: the role of phonotactics and alternations in Japanese high vowel reduction”. |
| 2017 | James Whang. <i>Shaping speech patterns via predictability and recoverability</i> . Dissertation, NYU. Chair: Frans Adriaans and Lisa Davidson Committee members: Gillian Gallagher, Maria Gouskova, and Shigeto Kawahara |
| 2014 | James Whang. <i>Modeling a phonotactic approach to segment recovery: Japanese high vowel reduction</i> . Second qualifying paper, NYU. Chair: Frans Adriaans |

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| 2013 | Committee members: Adam Buchwald and Lisa Davidson James Whang. <i>Recoverability-driven vowel reduction: Evidence from Japanese high vowel devoicing</i> . First qualifying paper, NYU. Chair: Lisa Davidson Committee members: Gillian Gallagher and Kathryn Pruitt |
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Teaching

Undergraduate

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| 108.208 | <i>Phonology</i> |
| M1246.001000 | <i>Statistics for Linguistics</i> |

Graduate

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| 108.523A | <i>Seminar in Experimental Phonetics: Perception and Production</i> |
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Services

Reviewer

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| Journals | <i>J. Laboratory Phonology; J. Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition; Applied Psycholinguistics; Speech Communication.</i> |
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| Conferences | Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon); Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP). |
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At MARCS

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| 05.2018-10.2018 | <i>Coordinator, Slider-MAC</i> (department-internal workshop and guest talks). |
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At NYU

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| 2012-13 | <i>Vice President</i> , Linguistics Association of New York University (for graduate students). |
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Languages

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| English | Native |
| Japanese | Fluent |
| Korean | Native |