

# Seung-Eun Kim

## Academic Appointment

2023–present **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University  
NSF project: *Enhancing research on speech and deep learning through holistic acoustic analysis*  
PIs: Matt Goldrick, Ann Bradlow

## Education

2017–2022 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, Cornell University  
Dissertation: *Experimental and computational investigations of F0 control*  
Committee: Sam Tilsen (chair), Abigail C. Cohn, Draga Zec

2017–2020 **M.A. in Linguistics**, Cornell University  
Qualifying paper: *A phonetic investigation of English relative clauses*  
Committee: Sam Tilsen (chair), Marten van Schijndel, Draga Zec

2014–2017 **M.A. in English Language and Literature**, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea  
Thesis: *Effects of musical aptitude on L2 learners' sensitivity to prosodic boundaries in syntactic ambiguity resolution*  
Committee: Eun-Kyung Lee (chair), Seok-Chae Rhee, Seung-Hee Lee

2010–2014 **B.A. in English Language and Literature**, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea  
Academic Honors (Spring, 2013)

## Fellowships & Scholarships

2021–2022, 2017–2018 **Sage Fellowship**. Graduate School, Cornell University

Spring, 2021 **R. J. Smith Fellowship**. Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 **Conference Travel Grant**. Graduate School, Cornell University

2014–2015 **Brain Korea 21 Plus Scholarship**. Korean Ministry of Education & National Research Foundation of Korea

2010–2013 **Scholarship for Academic Excellence**. Department of English Language and Literature, Yonsei University

## Research Interests

**Speech production and perception, Speech planning, L1/L2 intelligibility  
Acoustics, Articulation, Prosody, Intonation**

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## Publications

### Journal Articles

- under review* **Kim, S.-E.**, Chernyak, B. R., Seleznova, O., Keshet, J., Goldrick, M., & Bradlow, A. R. Can automatic speech recognition rise to the challenge of second language speech in noise?
- in revision* **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. Planning for the future and reacting to the present: proactive and reactive F0 adjustments in speech.
- 2022 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. An investigation of functional relations between speech rate and phonetic variables. *Journal of Phonetics*, 93, 101152. [\[link\]](#)
- 2021 Tilsen, S., **Kim, S.-E.**, & Wang, C. Localizing category-related information in speech with multi-scale analyses. *PLoS ONE*, 16(10), e0258178. [\[link\]](#)
- 2016 **Kim, S.-E.** Laughter in contexts of interactional troubles in writing tutoring sessions. *The Sociolinguistic Journal of Korea*, 24(2), 49-77. [\[link\]](#)

### Conference Proceedings

- to appear* **Kim, S.-E.** Evidence for preplanned and adaptive F0 control. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*.
- to appear* **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. Investigations of F0 control: pitch targets vs. pitch register. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*.
- 2021 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. Temporal localization of syntactically conditioned prosodic information. *Proceedings of the 12th International Seminar on Speech Production*. [\[link\]](#)
- 2020 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. Speech rate and syntactically conditioned influences on prosodic boundaries. *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Speech Prosody*. [\[link\]](#)
- 2020 **Kim, S.-E.** The prosody of contrastive topic in Korean. *Proceedings of the 27th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference*. [\[link\]](#)

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## Conference Presentations

- Nov, 2023 **Kim, S.-E.**, Chernyak, B. R., Seleznova, O., Keshet, J., Goldrick, M., & Bradlow, A. R. *Comparing ASR and human listeners on L2 intelligibility*. Poster to be presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Sep, 2023 **Kim, S.-E.** *Proactive and reactive adjustments of F0*. Poster presented at the Workshop on Planning to Produce Speech. Evanston, IL, USA.
- Aug, 2023 **Kim, S.-E.** *Evidence for preplanned and adaptive F0 control*. Talk given at the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Prague, Czech Republic.
- Aug, 2023 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Investigations of F0 control: pitch targets vs. pitch register*. Poster presented at the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Prague, Czech Republic.
- May, 2023 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Effects of utterance length on word and phrase durations*. Poster presented at the 184th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- Jun, 2022 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Evidence for adaptive control of pitch register*. Poster presented at the 18th Conference on Laboratory Phonology. Virtual presentation.
- Nov, 2021 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Evidence for F0 preplanning with delayed stimuli*. Poster presented at the 181st meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Seattle, Washington, USA.
- Jan, 2021 **Kim, S.-E.** *The effects of speech rate on the phonetic correlates of syntactic structure*. Talk given at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Virtual presentation.

- Dec, 2020 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Temporal localization of syntactically conditioned prosodic information*. Poster presented at the 12th International Seminar on Speech Production. Virtual presentation.
- Dec, 2020 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Phonetic evidence for categorical differences in prosodic structure*. Poster presented at the 179th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Virtual presentation.
- May, 2020 **Kim, S.-E.**, & Tilsen, S. *Speech rate and syntactically conditioned influences on prosodic boundaries*. Talk given at the 10th International Conference on Speech Prosody. Virtual presentation.
- Oct, 2019 **Kim, S.-E.** *The prosody of contrastive topic in Korean*. Talk given at the 27th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference. Seoul, South Korea.
- Mar, 2018 **Kim, S.-E.** *Korean L2 learners' sensitivity to prosodic boundaries in syntactic ambiguity resolution*. Poster presented at the 31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Davis, California, USA.

## Invited Talks

- Aug, 2023 *Utilizing automatic speech recognition in intelligibility research*. Symposium on "Speech processing in challenging listening environments: Towards a multi-dimensional framework". Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Northwestern University.
- Jul, 2023 *Understanding the journal publishing process*. First year graduate student workshop. Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University.
- Apr, 2023 *Investigations of cognitive mechanism behind F0 control*. Prosody & Speech Dynamics Lab. Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University.

## Teaching & Research Experience

### Teaching Assistant, Cornell University

- Spring, 2019 **Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology**. Department of Linguistics
- Fall, 2018, 2019, 2020 **Elementary Korean I**. Department of Asian Studies
- Spring, 2022 **Elementary Korean II**. Department of Asian Studies

### Research Assistant, Cornell University

- Spring, 2020 **Research Assistant to Professor John Whitman**. Department of Linguistics
- conducted corpus analyses on passive and causative verbs in Middle Korean
  - conducted corpus analyses on the phonological distribution of /h/ in Middle Korean

## Languages & Skills

- Languages **Korean**: native, **English**: fluent, **Japanese**, **Chinese**: elementary
- Skills **MATLAB**: experiment design, acoustic/articulatory analyses, statistical analyses
- NDI Wave Electromagnetic Articulography (EMA)**: articulatory data acquisition
- R**: statistical analyses
- Praat**: acoustic analyses
- Python**: data analyses using deep learning

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## Service

Journal reviewing   Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research; Journal of the International Phonetic Association

2023–present   **Organizer.** Northwestern Phonatics Group

2019–2020   **Student representative on search committee for tenure-track position in Experimental Linguistics.** Department of Linguistics, Cornell University  
- *pre-screen and interview applicants*  
- *provide student feedback to the faculty*

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## References

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