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Education

- 2016 Fall - Present **Simon Fraser University (SFU), Canada**
Ph.D. in Linguistics (Expected Graduation: Summer 2025)
(Note: One year leave from program due to personal circumstances)
- 2012 - 2014 **Seoul National University (SNU), South Korea**
M.A. in Linguistics
Thesis: *Correspondences between loanwords, L2 perception, and L2 production*
Committee: Dr. Ho-Young Lee (senior supervisor), Dr. Hyesun Cho, Dr. Jongho Jun (committee chair)
- 2008 - 2011 **Simon Fraser University (SFU), Canada**
B.A. in Linguistics
Minor in Curriculum and Instruction

Selected Teaching Experience

- 2022 - 2025 **Sessional Lecturer**, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 101 Languages of the World
- 2020 - Present **Sessional Instructor**, SFU, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 The Science of Speech
LING 160 Language, Culture and Society
LING 190 Science of Speech
LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics
LING 330 Phonetics
- 2016 - Present **Teaching Assistant**, SFU, Department of Linguistics
- 2019 - 2025 **Teaching Assistant**, SFU, Beedie School of Business
- 2012 - 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, SNU, Department of Linguistics

Selected Publications

- 2024 Diep, B., **Cho, S.**, Shamei, A., Liu, Y., & Gick, B. Comparing speech to fine and gross motor skills in Parkinson's patients. *Proceedings of Acoustics Week in Canada 2024*, 52(1).
- 2020 **Cho, S.**, Jongman, A., Wang, Y., & Sereno, J. A. Multi-modal cross-linguistic perception of fricatives in clear speech. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 147(4), 2609-2624.
- 2017 **Cho, S.** & Munro, M.J. F0, long-term formants and LTAS in Korean-English bilinguals. *Proceedings of the 31st General Meeting of the Phonetic Society of Japan*.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2025 *How language influences voice perception in Korean-English bilinguals.* Oral talk presented at the **32nd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference**, June 13, 2025, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.
- 2025 *Exploring the Perception-Production Link in Bilingual Voices.* Poster presented at the **188th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, May 22, 2025, New Orleans, USA.
- 2024 *Perception of speaker identity for bilingual voices.* Poster presented at the **186th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, May 13-17, 2024, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2024 *Comparing speech to fine and gross motor skills in Parkinson's patients.* Poster presented at the **186th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, May 13-17, 2024, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2023 *What does it mean to sound Korean-Canadian, eh? A comparative study on Canadian English vowel space.* Poster presented at the **185th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, December 6, 2023, Sydney, Australia.
- 2021 *Linguistic variation in the production of /æN/ raising: The case of heritage speakers in Vancouver.* Poster presented at **2021 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association**, June 5, 2021, Virtual Meeting.
- 2019 *Long-term formants in bilingual speaker identity.*
Poster presented at **New Sounds 2019**, September 1, 2019, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2018 *Linking production and perception of clear speech.*
Poster presented at the **176th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, November 6, 2018, Victoria, Canada.
- 2017 *Effects of clear speech and language background on multimodal perception of English fricatives.*
Poster presented at the **174th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, December 8, 2017, New Orleans, USA.

Selected Research Experience

- 2014 - Present *Research Assistant* for **Language and Brain Lab** under the supervision of Dr. Yue Wang, SFU, Department of Linguistics
Project: *Wavslang, AVC Fricative Intelligibility*
- 2012 - 2014 *Lab Manager* for **SNU Phonetics Lab**, under the supervision of Dr. Ho-Young Lee, SNU, Department of Linguistics
Project: *Hierarchy of learnability in Korean learners of English*
- 2012 Research for **SNU Spoken Language Processing Lab**, under the supervision of Dr. Minhwa Chung, SNU, Department of Linguistics
Project: *S-Voice Project*

Selected Service Experience

- 2025 - Present **Technical Committee** for the *Acoustical Society of America* (TC: Speech Communication)
- 2025 - Present **Member** of *Linguistics Graduate Student Colloquium Committee* at SFU

2023 - Present	Chief Organizer for <i>Linguistics Now/New</i> (Colloquia Series held between UBC and SFU)
2020 - 2025	President of SFU's <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i> (LGSA)
2025	Poster Presentation Judge for the <i>8th Annual Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC)</i> at UBC
2024	Reviewer for Journal <i>Language and Speech</i> manuscript (Manuscript ID LAS-22-0171.R1).
2023	Session Chair for Talk Session: Phonology/Phonetics, <i>30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference</i> , March 11-13, 2023, Vancouver, Canada.
2023	Editor of <i>Japanese/Korean Linguistics Volume 30</i> , ISSN: 2823-661X (Online).
2022-2023	Reception Committee and Organizing Team , <i>30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference</i> , March 11-13, 2023, Vancouver, Canada.
2020	Reception Committee and Organizing Team , <i>LabPhon17 - 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology</i> , July 6–8, 2020, Online.
2018-2020	Treasurer of SFU's <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i> (LGSA)
2019	Reviewer for Journal <i>Speech Communication</i> manuscript.
2018	Reception Committee and Organizing Team for special session <i>Coupling Phonetics and Psycholinguistics I</i> , <i>176th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America</i> , November 5-9, 2018, Victoria, Canada.

Awards & Scholarships

2016-2020	\$66,000	C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship, <i>SFU</i>
2018-2021	\$46,667	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
2016-2020	\$20,000	Provost Prize of Distinction, <i>SFU</i>
2016-2025	\$10,750	Graduate Fellowship, <i>SFU</i>
2016-2020	\$5555	Travel & Minor Research Award (TMRA), <i>SFU</i>
2013	\$5500	Work-Study Scholarship, <i>SNU</i>
2013	\$5500	Lecture & Research Scholarship, <i>SNU</i>
2011-2012	\$2000	Superior Academic Performance Scholarship, <i>SNU</i>
2010-2011		Dean's Honour Roll, <i>SFU</i>

Membership

2023-Present	Member of <i>Canadian Linguistics Association</i>
2023-Present	Member of <i>UBC's Language Science Institute</i>
2018-Present	Member of <i>Acoustical Society of America</i>

Languages

English	Native
Korean	Heritage (TOPIK Level 6)
French, Japanese	Beginner

Technical Skills

<i>Analysis Tools</i>	R, SPSS, JMP, JASP
<i>Editing Tools</i>	Audacity, Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere
<i>Experiment Builder</i>	E-Prime, Gorilla Experiment Builder, JsPsych / JATOS, Paradigm, Praat MFC, PsychoPy, Qualtrics
<i>Linguistic Tools</i>	EEG, Kaldi, Montreal Forced Aligner, Praat, VoiceSauce, WaveSurfer
<i>Languages</i>	Python, R, Matlab, HTML/CSS/Javascript, Praat (Scripting)
<i>Platforms</i>	Windows, Mac OS, Linux