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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 Experience¹

- 2020-Present **Sessional Instructor**, SFU, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 Communication and Language
LING 160 Language, Culture and Society
LING 190 Science of Speech
LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics
LING 330 Phonetics
- 2022-2024 **Sessional Lecturer**, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 101 Languages of the World
- 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), 1-2.
- 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*, 188-193.

¹ Complete teaching experience included at the end

Selected Presentations

- 2025 *How language influences voice perception in Korean-English bilinguals.* 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.
- 2025 *Speaking in two tongues: The impact of multilingualism on voice and perception.* Finalist presentation, **SFU 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition**, Simon Fraser University, April 10, 2025, Burnaby, Canada.
- 2024/5 *Linguistics in the world! The science behind language: A uniquely human ability.* **FASS in the Classroom**, SFU (ongoing talk series aimed at communicating the value of linguistic research to non-specialist audiences).
- 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: *AVC Fricative Intelligibility, Wavslang*
- 2020-2021 *Research assistant for **EAL Initiatives Team** under the supervision of Fiona Shaw, SFU, Centre of Education Excellence*
Role: Developed Canvas courses to support TAs with online teaching during the pandemic.
- 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 *Researcher for **SNU Spoken Language Processing Lab**, under the supervision of Dr. Minhwa Chung, SNU, Department of Linguistics*
Project: *Chatbot Development Project*

Selected Service Experience

2025-Present	Technical Committee for the <i>Acoustical Society of America</i> (TC: Speech Communication)
2025-Present	Member of <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Colloquium Committee</i> at SFU
2023-Present	Chief Organizer of <i>Linguistics Now/New</i> (Colloquia Series held between UBC and SFU)
2022-Present	Department Steward for SFU's <i>Teaching Support Staff Union</i>
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, Simon Fraser University, 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, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada.
2021	Reviewer for Journal <i>Speech Communication</i> manuscript.
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)
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>
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	Beginner
Japanese	Beginner

Technical Skills

<i>Analysis Tools</i>	JASP, JMP, SPSS, R
<i>Editing Tools</i>	Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere, Audacity
<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>	HTML/CSS, Matlab, Praat (Scripting), Python, R
<i>Platforms</i>	Windows, Mac OS, Linux

Teaching Workshops and Certificates

2019 Spring	Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW), SFU, Centre for Educational Excellence
2019 Fall	Certificate Program in University Teaching and Learning (CPUTL), SFU, Centre for Educational Excellence

Complete Teaching Record**Instructor**

2025 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 330 Phonetics
2025 Spring	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 330 Phonetics
2024 Fall	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Communication and Language LING 190 Science of Speech
2024 Summer	Short Term Lecturer , UBC, Department of Linguistics LING 101 921 Languages of the World
2024 Spring	Short Term Lecturer , UBC, Department of Linguistics LING 100 002 Introduction to Language and Linguistics Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 190 Science of Speech
2023 Fall	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 190 Science of Speech
2022 Winter Term 1	Short Term Lecturer , UBC, Department of Linguistics LING 100 001/003 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
2022 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 160 Language, Culture and Society Short Term Lecturer , UBC, Department of Linguistics LING 100 922 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
2021 Winter Term 2	Short Term Lecturer , UBC, Department of Linguistics LING 100 002/004 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
2021 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics
2020 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 160 Language, Culture and Society

Teaching Assistant

2020-2025	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Beedie School of Business BUS217W Critical Thinking in Business (14 classes)
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2024 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Language and Communication LING 362 Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults
2024 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 301W Linguistic Argumentation
2023 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Language and Communication
2023 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 282W Writing for Linguistics
2023 Spring	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics (D900) LING 363 Practicum in Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults Tutorial Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics D100
2022 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Language and Communication LING 301W Linguistic Argumentation LING 362 Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults
2022 Spring	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 322 Syntax LING 309W Sociolinguistics LING 330 Phonetics
2021 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 111 The Wonder of Words LING 322 Syntax LING 362 Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults
2021 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 282W Writing for Linguistics LING 350 First Language Acquisition LING 415 Neurolinguistics
2021 Spring	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 301W Linguistic Argumentation LING 480 Topics in Linguistics (Computer Assisted Language Learning)
2020 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 360 Introduction to Applied Linguistics LING 480 Topics in Linguistics (Phonology)
2020 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 282W Writing for Linguistics

2020 Spring	Tutorial Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics
2019 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 415 Neurolinguistics
2019 Spring	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 290 The Science of Speech LING 350 First Language Acquisition
2018 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 350 First Language Acquisition LING 415 Neurolinguistics
2018 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 415 Neurolinguistics Tutorial Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics
2017 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 321 Phonology LING 350 First Language Acquisition
2017 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 330 Phonetics
2016 Fall	Tutor Marker , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Language and Communication LING 321 Phonology
2013 Spring	Teaching Assistant , SNU, Department of Linguistics LING 100.131 Introduction to Phonetics (Undergraduate Seminar) LING 108.518 Studies in Phonetics I (Graduate Seminar)