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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<sup>1</sup>

- 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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	<b>Technical Committee</b> for the <i>Acoustical Society of America</i> (TC: Speech Communication)
2025-Present	<b>Member</b> of <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Colloquium Committee</i> at SFU
2023-Present	<b>Chief Organizer</b> of <i>Linguistics Now/New</i> (Colloquia Series held between UBC and SFU)
2022-Present	<b>Department Steward</b> for SFU's <i>Teaching Support Staff Union</i>
2020-2025	<b>President</b> of SFU's <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i> (LGSA)
2025	<b>Poster Presentation Judge</b> for the <i>8th Annual Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC)</i> at UBC
2024	<b>Reviewer</b> for Journal <i>Language and Speech</i> manuscript (Manuscript ID LAS-22-0171.R1).
2023	<b>Session Chair</b> for Talk Session: Phonology/Phonetics, <i>30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference</i> , March 11-13, 2023, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada.
2023	<b>Editor</b> of <i>Japanese/Korean Linguistics Volume 30</i> , ISSN: 2823-661X (Online).
2022-2023	<b>Reception Committee and Organizing Team</b> , <i>30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference</i> , March 11-13, 2023, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada.
2021	<b>Reviewer</b> for Journal <i>Speech Communication</i> manuscript.
2020	<b>Reception Committee and Organizing Team</b> , <i>LabPhon17 - 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology</i> , July 6–8, 2020, Online.
2018-2020	<b>Treasurer</b> of SFU's <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i> (LGSA)
2018	<b>Reception Committee and Organizing Team</b> 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**

2025		First Place Winner, 3 Minute Thesis Competition Wild Card Heat, <i>SFU</i>
2024		OER Champion Award, <i>UBC</i> ( <a href="http://champions.open.ubc.ca/sylvia-cho/">http://champions.open.ubc.ca/sylvia-cho/</a> )
2016-2025	<b>\$10,750</b>	Graduate Fellowship, <i>SFU</i>
2018-2021	<b>\$46,667</b>	Doctoral Fellowship, <i>The Social Sciences and Humanities Research (SSHRC) Council of Canada</i>
2016-2020	<b>\$66,000</b>	C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship, <i>SFU</i>
2016-2020	<b>\$20,000</b>	Provost Prize of Distinction, <i>SFU</i>
2016-2020	<b>\$5555</b>	Travel & Minor Research Award (TMRA), <i>SFU</i>
2013	<b>\$5500</b>	Work-Study Scholarship, <i>SNU</i>
2013	<b>\$5500</b>	Lecture & Research Scholarship, <i>SNU</i>
2012	<b>\$2000</b>	Superior Academic Performance Scholarship, <i>SNU</i>
2010-2011		Dean's Honour Roll, <i>SFU</i>

**Membership**

2023-Present	<b>Member</b> of <i>Canadian Linguistics Association</i>
2023-Present	<b>Member</b> of <i>UBC's Language Science Institute</i>
2018-Present	<b>Member</b> 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 ( <b>ISW</b> ), SFU, Centre for Educational Excellence
2019 Fall	Certificate Program in University Teaching and Learning ( <b>CPUTL</b> ), SFU, Centre for Educational Excellence

**Complete Teaching Record****Instructor**

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

**Teaching Assistant**

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

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