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EDUCATION

- 2016–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

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**, University of British Columbia (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
- 2012–2014 **Teaching Assistant**, SNU, Department of Linguistics

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. FO, long-term formants and LTAS in Korean-English bilinguals. *Proceedings of the 31st General Meeting of the Phonetic Society of Japan*, 188-193.

PRESENTATIONS

¹ Complete teaching experience included at the end

- 2025 *How language influences voice perception in Korean-English bilinguals*. Talk presented at the **32nd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference**, June 13, 2025, 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**, April 10, 2025, SFU, Canada.
- 2024-5 *Linguistics in the world! The science behind language: A uniquely human ability*. **FASS in the Classroom**, (i.e., ongoing talk series aimed at communicating the value of linguistic research to non-specialist audiences), Greater Vancouver, Canada.
- 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 /aeN/ 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.
- 2017 *Fo, long-term formants and LTAS in Korean-English bilinguals*. Poster presented at **the 31st General Meeting of the Phonetic Society of Japan**, September 30, 2017, Tokyo, Japan.

RESEARCH

- 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 (CEE)*
Role: Developed online materials to support teaching assistants during the pandemic
- 2012–2014 *Research assistant 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 assistant for **SNU Spoken Language Processing Lab**, under the supervision of Dr. Minhwa Chung, SNU, Department of Linguistics*
Project: *Chatbot Development Project*

AWARDS

- 2025 **First Place Winner**, 3 Minute Thesis Competition Wild Card Heat, *SFU*.
- 2024 **OER Champion Award**, *UBC*. (<http://champions.open.ubc.ca/sylvia-cho/>)
- 2016–2022 **Graduate Fellowship**, *SFU*. Amount: 11,000 CAD.
- 2018–2021 **Doctoral Fellowship**, *The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*. Amount: 46,667 CAD.
- 2016–2020 **C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship**, *SFU*. Amount: 66,000 CAD.
- 2016–2020 **Provost Prize of Distinction**, *SFU*. Amount: 20,000 CAD.
- 2016–2020 **Travel & Minor Research Award**, *SFU*. Amount: 4,915 CAD.
- 2013 **Work-Study Scholarship**, *SNU*. Amount: 4,800,000 KRW.
- 2013 **Lecture & Research Scholarship**, *SNU*. Amount: 4,800,000 KRW.
- 2012 **Superior Academic Performance Scholarship**, *SNU*. Amount: 2,100,000 KRW.
- 2010–2011 **Dean's Honour Roll**, *SFU*.
- 2008 **SFU Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship**, *SFU*. Amount: 10,000 CAD.

SERVICE

- 2025–Present **Technical Committee** for the *Acoustical Society of America / Speech Communication*.
- 2025–Present **Member** of *Linguistics Graduate Student Colloquium Committee* at *SFU*.
- 2023–Present **Organizer** of *Linguistics Now/New* (i.e., colloquia series held between *UBC* and *SFU*).
- 2022–Present **Department Steward** for *SFU's Teaching Support Staff Union*.
- 2020–2025 **President** of *SFU's Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA)*.
- 2025 **Poster Presentation Judge** for the *8th Annual Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC)* at *UBC*, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2024 **Reviewer** for Journal *Language and Speech* manuscript.
- 2023 **Session Chair** for Talk Session: Phonology/Phonetics, *30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference*, March 11-13, 2023, *SFU*, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2023 **Editor** of *Japanese/Korean Linguistics Volume 30*. ISSN: 2823-661X (Online).
- 2023 **Reception Committee and Organizing Team**, *30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference*, March 11-13, 2023, *SFU*, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2021 **Reviewer** for Journal *Speech Communication* manuscript.
- 2020 **Administration, Question Manager, Transcript Support**, *LabPhon17, 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology*, July 6-8, 2020, Virtual Meeting.
- 2018–2020 **Treasurer** of *SFU's Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA)*.
- 2018 **Reception Committee and Organizing Team** for special session *Coupling Phonetics and Psycholinguistics I, 176th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, November 5-9, 2018, Victoria, Canada.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2018–2019	Lab Manager for Language and Brain Lab Supervised by Dr. Yue Wang, SFU, Department of Linguistics
2012–2014	Lab Manager for SNU Phonetics Lab Supervised by Dr. Ho-Young Lee, SNU, Department of Linguistics
2012–2013	International Student Support , SNU College of Humanities International Office Supervised by Dr. Hyopil shin, Department of Linguistics, Seoul National University
2012–2013	Translator , SNU College of Humanities International Office Supervised by Dr. Hyopil shin, Department of Linguistics, Seoul National University
2012	Research Assistant , Samsung S-Voice Team, Seoul, South Korea Supervised by Dr. Minhwa Chung
2008–2011	ESL Teaching Assistant , New Generation Learning Company, Abbotsford, Canada

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2023–Present	Member of UBC's Language Science Institute
2021–Present	Member of Canadian Linguistics Association
2017–Present	Member of Acoustical Society of America

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 Tools</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>Operating Systems</i>	Windows, Mac OS, Linux

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

2019 Spring	Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW), SFU, CEE.
2019 Fall	Certificate Program in University Teaching and Learning (CPUTL), SFU, CEE.

COMPLETE TEACHING RECORD**Instructor**

2025 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 330 D100 Phonetics
2025 Spring	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 330 D100 Phonetics
2024 Fall	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 D100 Communication and Language LING 190 D100 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 D100 Science of Speech
2022 Winter Term 1	Short Term Lecturer , UBC, Department of Linguistics LING 100 001 Introduction to Language and Linguistics LING 100 001 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
2022 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 160 D100 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 Introduction to Language and Linguistics LING 100 004 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
2021 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 D100 Introduction to Linguistics
2020 Summer	Sessional Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 160 J100 Language, Culture and Society

Teaching Assistant

2020-2025	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Beedie School of Business BUS217W Critical Thinking in Business (14 times)
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2024 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Communication and Language 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 Communication and Language
2023 Summer	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 282W Writing for Linguistics
2023 Spring	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 D900 Introduction to Linguistics LING 363 Practicum in Teaching English as a Second Language to Adults Tutorial Instructor , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 220 D100 Introduction to Linguistics
2022 Fall	Teaching Assistant , SFU, Department of Linguistics LING 100 Communication and Language 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 Communication and Language 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 1 (Graduate Seminar)