

Sylvia Cho

Experimental phonetics • Multilingualism • Speech & hearing disorders • Voice quality

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EDUCATION

- 2026 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Canada
Dissertation: *Cross-language voice variation and talker identity in Korean heritage speakers*
Committee: Dr. H. Henny Yeung (senior supervisor), Dr. Sara Ng (supervisor), Dr. Adele Quigley-McBride (examiner), Dr. Molly Babel (examiner), Dr. Heather Bliss (chair)
- 2014 **M.A. in Linguistics**, Seoul National University (SNU), South Korea
Thesis: *Correspondences between loanwords, L2 perception, and L2 production*
Committee: Dr. Ho-Young Lee (supervisor), Dr. Hyesun Cho, Dr. Jongho Jun
- 2011 **B.A. in Linguistics**, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Canada
Minor in Curriculum and Instruction

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022– **Sessional Lecturer**, University of British Columbia (UBC), Department of Linguistics
- 2025–2026 **Lecturer**, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Linguistics
- 2020–2025 **Sessional Instructor**, SFU, 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.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Cho, S.** & Yeung, H. Acoustic voice variation in Korean heritage speakers.
- Cho, S.** & Yeung, H. Effects of language and speech style on multilingual voice perception.
- Diep, B., **Cho, S.**, et al. Acoustic cues associated with Parkinson's Disease motor severity.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 *Effects of early bilingualism on voice quality and voice perception*. Poster presentation, HisPhonCog 2026, May 23, 2026, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2026 *Acoustic patterns of voice quality in Korean heritage speakers*. Poster presentation, the 190th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, May 12, 2026, Philadelphia, USA.
- 2026 *How early multilingual experience shapes voice quality production: evidence from Korean heritage speakers in Vancouver, BC*. Oral presentation, UBC Language Sciences 7th Annual Postdoctoral & Graduate Research Day, UBC, April 30, 2026, Vancouver, Canada.

- 2025 *How language influences voice perception in Korean-English bilinguals*. Oral presentation, the 32nd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, June 13, 2025, Ithaca, USA.
- 2025 *Exploring the perception-production link in bilingual voices*. Poster presentation, the 188th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, May 22, 2025, New Orleans, USA.
- 2024 *Perception of speaker identity for bilingual voices*. Poster presentation, 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 presentation, 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 presentation, 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 presentation, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association, June 5, 2021, Virtual meeting.
- 2019 *Long-term formants in bilingual speaker identity*. Poster presentation, New Sounds 2019, September 1, 2019, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2018 *Linking production and perception of clear speech*. Poster presentation, 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 presentation, the 174th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, December 8, 2017, New Orleans, USA.
- 2017 *F0, long-term formants and LTAS in Korean-English bilinguals*. Poster presentation, the 31st General Meeting of the Phonetic Society of Japan, September 30, 2017, Tokyo, Japan.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017–2025 **Research Assistant**, Language and Brain Lab, SFU, Department of Linguistics
Supervisor: Dr. Yue Wang. Projects: AVC Fricative Intelligibility, Wavslang
- 2012–2014 **Research Assistant**, SNU Phonetics Lab, SNU, Department of Linguistics
Supervisor: Dr. Ho-Young Lee. Project: Hierarchy of learnability in Korean learners of English

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018–2019 **Lab Manager**, Language and Brain Lab, SFU, Department of Linguistics
Supervisor: Dr. Yue Wang
- 2012–2014 **Lab Manager**, SNU Phonetics Lab, SNU, Department of Linguistics
Supervisor: Dr. Ho-Young Lee

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026 **Best Presentation Award**, UBC Language Sciences 7th Annual Postdoctoral & Graduate Research Day, UBC.
- 2025 **First Place Winner, 3 Minute Thesis Competition Wild Card Heat**, SFU.
- 2024 **OER Champion Award**, UBC.

- 2018–2024 **Graduate Fellowship**, SFU. Amount: 11,000 CAD.
- 2018–2021 **Doctoral Fellowship**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Amount: 46,667 CAD.
- 2018–2020 **C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship**, SFU. Amount: 66,000 CAD.
- 2018–2020 **Provost Prize of Distinction**, SFU. Amount: 20,000 CAD.
- 2018–2020 **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.
- 2008–2011 **Dean's Honour Roll**, SFU.

SERVICE

- 2026 **Abstract Reviewer and Presentation Adjudicator**, 9th Annual Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC), UBC, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2025–Present **Technical Committee Member**, Acoustical Society of America: Speech Communication.
- 2020–2025 **President**, SFU Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA).
- 2022–2025 **Department Steward**, SFU Teaching Support Staff Union.
- 2023–2025 **Organizer**, Linguistics Now/New (colloquia series held between UBC and SFU).
- 2023–2025 **Invited Speaker**, SFU FASS in the Classroom, Greater Vancouver, Canada.
- 2025 **Reviewer**, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America (manuscript).
- 2025 **Committee Member**, SFU Linguistics Graduate Student Colloquium Committee.
- 2025 **Abstract Reviewer and Presentation Adjudicator**, 8th Annual Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC), UBC, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2024 **Reviewer**, Language and Speech (manuscript).
- 2023 **Session Chair**, Talk Session: Phonology/Phonetics, 30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, March 11–13, 2023, SFU, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2023 **Editor**, 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**, Speech Communication (manuscript).
- 2020 **Administration, Question Manager, Transcript Support**, LabPhon17, 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology, July 6–8, 2020, Virtual meeting.
- 2018–2020 **Treasurer**, SFU Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA).
- 2018 **Reception Committee and Organizing Team**, special session Coupling Phonetics and Psycholinguistics I, 176th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, November 5–9, 2018, Victoria, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2023–Present UBC Language Sciences Institute
2021–Present Canadian Linguistics Association
2018–Present Acoustical Society of America

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Korean	Heritage (TOPIK Level 6)
Japanese	Beginner

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Analysis	JMP, SPSS, R
Editing	Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere, Audacity
Experiment	Gorilla Experiment Builder, jsPsych/JATOS, Paradigm, Praat MFC, Qualtrics
Linguistic	EEG, Montreal Forced Aligner, Praat, VoiceSauce, WaveSurfer
Programming	HTML/CSS, MATLAB, Praat (scripting), Python, R
Systems	Windows, macOS, Linux

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

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

COMPLETE TEACHING RECORD

INSTRUCTOR

2026 Summer **Sessional Lecturer**, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 922 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (online)
LING 101 921 Languages of the World (online)

2026 Spring **Lecturer**, UCLA, Department of Linguistics
LING 102 Applied Phonetics

2026 Winter **Lecturer**, UCLA, Department of Linguistics
LING C104/C204 Experimental Phonetics

2025 Fall **Lecturer**, UCLA, Department of Linguistics
LING 103 General Phonetics
LING 119A Applied Phonology

Lecturer, UCLA, Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 159 Selected Topics in Linguistic Anthropology

- 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 **Sessional Lecturer**, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 101 921 Languages of the World
- 2024 Spring **Sessional 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 T1 **Sessional Lecturer**, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 001/003 Introduction to Language and Linguistics
- 2022 Summer **Sessional Instructor**, SFU, Department of Linguistics
LING 160 D100 Language, Culture and Society
Sessional Lecturer, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 922 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (online)
- 2021 Winter T2 **Sessional Lecturer**, UBC, Department of Linguistics
LING 100 002/004 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (online)
- 2021 Summer **Sessional Instructor**, SFU, Department of Linguistics
LING 220 D100 Introduction to Linguistics (online)
- 2020 Summer **Sessional Instructor**, SFU, Department of Linguistics
LING 160 J100 Language, Culture and Society (online)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2020–2025 **Teaching Assistant**, SFU, Beedie School of Business
BUS 217W Critical Thinking in Business (15 times)
- 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 309W Sociolinguistics
 LING 322 Syntax
 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 190 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