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### EMPLOYMENT

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2020– **Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ, USA  
Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics

2019–2020 **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, USA  
College Fellow, Department of Linguistics

### EDUCATION

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2012–2019 **Harvard University** — Ph.D. in Linguistics  
Dissertation: THAT thesis: A competition mechanism for anaphoric expressions  
Committee: Gennaro Chierchia (chair), Uli Sauerland, Kathryn Davidson, Jesse Snedeker

2008–2012 **University of Pennsylvania** — B.A. *summa cum laude* in Linguistics  
Advisor: David Embick

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

**Ahn, Dorothy.** (Accepted) Indirectly direct: An account of demonstratives and pointing.  
To appear in *Linguistics & Philosophy*.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Heejeong Ko. 2022.** On non-conservativity of Korean floating quantifiers. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*. 7(1).

**Ahn, Dorothy & Jesse Snedeker. 2021.** Early acquisition of plural morphology in a classifier language: Data from Korean 2-4 year olds. In *Language Learning & Development*.

**Ahn, Dorothy 2019.** ASL IX to locus as a modifier. In *Snippets*, Issue 37: Special issue in honor of Uli Sauerland, ed. Andreea C. Nicolae, Patrick D. Elliott & Yasutada Sudo, 2-3.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Jenneke van der Wal. 2019.** What does that Lugwere demonstratives refer to? A semantic analysis of proximity and exteriority. In *Studies in African Linguistics*. 48(1):1-24. University of Florida: LibraryPress.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Uli Sauerland. 2017.** Measure constructions with relative measures: Towards a syntax of non-conservative construals. In *The Linguistics Review*. 34(2): 215-248.

#### DISSERTATION

**Ahn, Dorothy. 2019** THAT thesis: A competition mechanism for anaphoric expressions. Ph.D. Dissertation, Harvard University.

IN PREP

**Ahn, Dorothy, Annemarie Kocab & Kathryn Davidson. In prep.** The role of contrast in sign languages.

PEER-REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS

**Ahn, Dorothy, Ankana Saha & Uli Sauerland. 2020.** Positively Polar Plurals. In *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 30*.

**Ahn, Dorothy. 2020.** ASL IX to locus as a modifier. In *Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 50*. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA, University of Massachusetts

**Ahn, Dorothy & Sudha Arunachalam. 2020.** Anaphoric *that*: Difference between adults and children. In *Proceedings of the 44th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 44)*, ed. by Megan M. Brown and Alexandra Kohut, 1:28–39.

**Ahn, Dorothy, Annemarie Kocab & Kathryn Davidson. 2019.** Closer look at ASL IX: Locus as contrast-triggering modifier. In *Universal Grammar and Its Cross-linguistic Instantiations: Proceedings of the 12th Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia (GLOW in Asia)*, ed. Sae-Youn Cho, 1–20. Seoul: Dongguk University.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Kathryn Davidson. 2018.** Where pointing matters: English and Korean demonstratives. In *Proceedings of the Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, ed. by Sherry Hucklebridge and Max Nelson, 1:15–24. GLSA, University of Massachusetts.

**Ahn, Dorothy. 2018.** Korean classifier-less number constructions. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 25)*, ed. Uli Sauerland & Stephanie Solt, 22:23–38. Berlin: Leibniz-Centre GeneralLinguistics.

**Ahn, Dorothy. 2017.** Definite and demonstrative descriptions: A mirco-typology. In *Proceedings of Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia 11*, ed. by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, 1:33–48. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Isabelle Charnavel. 2017.** Perspective on Korean Anaphors: Comparing Inanimate *cachey* vs. Animate *caki-casin*. In *34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. by Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel, and Edward J. Rubin, 16–23. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

**Ahn, Dorothy. 2016.** NPI intervention of *too*. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, ed. by Nadine Bade, Polina Berezovskaya, and Anthea Schöller, 80–90.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Uli Sauerland. 2015.** The grammar of relative measurements. In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 25)*, ed. by Sarah D'Antonio, Mary Moroney, & Carol-Rose Little, 125–142. LSA and CLC Publications.

**Ahn, Dorothy & Uli Sauerland. 2015.** Non-conservative quantification with proportional quantifiers: Crosslinguistic data. In *Proceedings of NELS 45*, ed. by Thuy Bui & Deniz Ozyildiz. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA, University of Massachusetts.

**Ahn, Dorothy. 2015.** The semantics of additive *either*. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 19*, ed. by Eva Csipak and Zeijlstra Hedde, 20–35. Göttingen, Germany.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Pointing in spoken and signed languages  
*Semantics Colloquium at Institut für Linguistik*. Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany. February 3.
- 2022 Demonstratives and the role of pointing  
*Linguistics Colloquium at the Department of German Language and Literature*. University of Cologne, Germany. January 12.
- 2021 On non-conservativity of Korean floating quantifiers [with Heejeong Ko]  
*SNU Workshop on Empirical and Laboratory Linguistics 2021*. Seoul National University, Korea. December 21.
- 2021 Indirectly Direct: An account of demonstratives  
*The 14th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA)*. Plenary Talk. University of Novi Sad. September 22-26.
- 2021 Semantic and pragmatic universals in definiteness  
*Experimental approaches to language universals in structure and meaning (ExUni virtual Workshop at ESSLLI2021)*. Keynote. . August 2-3.
- 2021 It's not just that: An account of pronouns and demonstratives  
*New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*. April 26.
- 2021 D-2 Theory: A competition theory of definite expressions  
*NYU Semantics Group*. April 9.
- 2021 Anaphoric definite expressions in spoken and signed languages  
*UIUC Linguistics Seminar Series*. March 29.
- 2021 Marked definite expressions in spoken and signed languages  
*University of Toronto Linguistics Colloquium* Toronto, Canada. February 12.
- 2020 A unified analysis of anaphoric expressions in spoken and signed languages  
*Seoul National University Linguistics Colloquium* Seoul, Korea. October 15.
- 2020 Pointing, demonstratives, and loci  
*Mind & Language in LA* University of Southern California. August 13.
- 2020 The point of pointing  
*Super Linguistics Colloquium* University of Oslo. June 19.
- 2019 A competition mechanism for anaphoric expressions  
Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University. February 14.

2019 The Determinacy Scale: A competition-based mechanism for anaphoric expressions  
Integrated Language Sciences and Technology (ILST), Univ. of Pennsylvania. March 20.

#### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Positively Polar Plurals  
*SALT 30* Poster. Ithaca, NY. August 17-20. Joint work with Ankana Saha and Uli Sauerland.
- 2020 Anaphoric that: difference between adults and children  
*BUCLD 44*. Cambridge, MA. October 25-27. Joint work with Sudha Arunachalam.
- 2019 ASL IX to locus as a modifier  
*NELS 50*. Cambridge, MA. October 25-27.
- 2019 Anaphoric bare nouns: Korean and Japanese vs. other languages  
*Japanese Korean Linguistics 27*. Poster. Seoul, South Korea. October 18-20.
- 2019 The role of contrast in anaphoric expressions in ASL  
*GLOW in Asia 2019*. Seoul, South Korea. August 6-9. Joint work with Annemarie Kocab & Kathryn Davidson.
- 2019 Linear vs. Hierarchical Order in Redundant Modification – Experimental Data  
*Asymmetries in Language: Presuppositions and beyond*. ZAS Berlin, Germany. July 1. Joint work with Anton Karl Ingason & Florian Schwarz.
- 2019 The blocking of anaphoric bare nouns  
*GLOW42*. Oslo, Norway. May 7-10.
- 2019 Reconsidering agreement in sign languages  
*GLOW42* Poster. Oslo, Norway. May 7-10. Joint work with Annemarie Kocab (1st author), Gunnar Lund, and Kathryn Davidson.
- 2019 Acquisition of anaphoric *that*  
*LSA 93* Poster. New York. January 3-6. Joint work with Sudha Arunachalam.
- 2017 Where pointing matters: English and Korean demonstratives  
*NELS 48* Poster. Iceland. October 27-29. Joint work with Kathryn Davidson.
- 2017 Korean classifier-less number constructions  
*SuB 22* Poster. Berlin, Germany. September 7-10.
- 2017 What does that Lugwere demonstrative refer to?  
*Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL)*. Leiden University. August 27-30. Joint work with Jenneke van der Wal.
- 2017 Semantics of definite descriptions: A micro-typology  
*GLOW in Asia 2017*. Singapore. February 20-22.

- 2016 Demonstratives: Deictic or Anaphoric? Evidence from Korean and Japanese  
*Japanese Korean Linguistics 24* Poster. Tokyo, Japan. October 14-16.
- 2016 Three kinds of definites: Weak, Strong, and Deictic  
*SuB 21* Poster. Edinburgh, UK. September 4-6.
- 2016 Perspective on Korean anaphors: inanimate *cachey* vs. animate *cakicasin*  
*WCCFL34* Poster. Salt Lake City. April 29-May 1. Joint work with Isabelle Charnavel.
- 2016 Relevance of perspective in syntax: New evidence from Korean anaphors  
*GLOW39*. Göttingen. April 8. Joint work with Isabelle Charnavel.
- 2015 NPI intervention of *too*  
*SuB 20* Poster. University of Tübingen. September 9-12.
- 2015 Disentangling locality from logophoricity: the case of Korean anaphors *caki-casin* and *cachey*  
*TEAL10*. Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies. June 13-14. Joint work with Isabelle Charnavel.
- 2015 The grammar of relative measurements  
*SALT25* Poster. Stanford University. May 15-17. Joint work with Uli Sauerland.
- 2015 Relative Measures: Implications for the Semantics and Syntax of Pseudo-Partitives  
*GLOW38*. University of Paris 8 and CNRS. April 15-18. Joint work with Uli Sauerland.
- 2015 A new account of *too* and *either*  
*PLC39*. University of Pennsylvania. March 20-22.
- 2015 Grammatical Quantity Concepts and Early Number Acquisition  
*SRCD Biennial Meeting*. Philadelphia. March 19-21.
- 2015 Reversal of Proportional Quantifiers  
*DGfS Annual Meeting*. Leipzig University. March 4-6. Joint work with Uli Sauerland.
- 2014 Reverse Quantification with Proportional Quantifiers  
*NELS 45* Poster. MIT. October 31-November 2. Joint work with Uli Sauerland.
- 2014 The semantics of additive *either*  
*SuB 19*. Georg August University, Göttingen. September 15-17.

#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Additive focus particles *too* and *either*  
*Pre-DGfS Workshop*. ZAS. March 3.
- 2015 Grammatical facilitation of number acquisition  
Language & Cognition Workshop (LangCog). Harvard University. February 17.

- 2014 Semantics of focus particles *too* and *either*  
*Logical Form Reading Group (LFRG)*. MIT. September 4.
- 2014 Additive *either* as a disjunctive counterpart of *too*  
*ECO5*. University of Maryland. April 19.
- 2013 Early acquisition of number words in Korean  
*Harvard Graduate Student Workshop in Linguistics*. Harvard University. November 23.

## TEACHING

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### AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

- 2021-2022 Semantics (undergraduate level; Fall 2021)  
 Qualifying Paper Workshop (graduate level; Fall 2021)  
 Semantics (undergraduate level; Spring 2022)  
 Linguistics of Sign Languages (undergraduate level; Spring 2022)
- 2020-2021 Semantics I (graduate level semantics; Fall 2020)  
 Qualifying Paper Workshop (graduate level; Fall 2020)  
 Semantics Seminar (graduate level; Spring 2021)  
 Linguistics of Sign Languages (undergraduate level; Spring 2021)

### AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- 2019-2020 COLLEGE FELLOW  
 Knowledge of Meaning (undergraduate level semantics; Spring 2020)  
 Senior Thesis Writers' Workshop (undergraduate level; Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
- 2015-2016 GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR  
 Language Acquisition (undergraduate tutorial; Fall 2016)  
 Writing Systems (undergraduate tutorial; Spring 2015)

### AS TEACHING ASSISTANT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- 2015-2016 Knowledge of Meaning (undergraduate semantics; Prof. Roberta Pires de Oliveira)  
 Semantic Theory I (graduate level semantics; Prof. Gennaro Chierchia)
- 2014-2015 Sentence Structure (undergraduate level syntax; Prof. Isabelle Charnavel)  
 Syntactic Theory I (graduate level syntax; Prof. James C.-T. Huang)

## ADVISING

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### GRADUATE ADVISING

- **Qualifying paper chair**, Rutgers Linguistics

- Indira Das. (co-chair) [Odia definiteness and plurality] 2020-2021
- Jiaxing Yu. [Mandarin demonstratives] 2021-2022
- **Qualifying paper committee member**, Rutgers Linguistics
  - Ziling Zhu. [Mandarin classifiers, experimental] 2020-2021

#### UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

- **Honors thesis advising**, Harvard Linguistics 2019-2020  
undergraduate honors theses advising.
- **Assistant Head Tutor**, Harvard Linguistics 2015-2017  
undergraduate research and thesis advising.

#### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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- **Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence (Lecturers)** 2019  
Ling99a Senior Thesis Workshop (undergraduate thesis; Fall 2019)
- **Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence (Teaching Fellows)**  
Ling106 Knowledge of Meaning (undergraduate semantics; Spring 2016)  
Ling116 Semantic Theory I (graduate semantics; Fall 2015)  
Ling102 Sentence Structure (undergraduate syntax; Spring 2015)
- **Korea Institute Graduate Summer Research Travel Grant** (\$2,900) 2015  
“Early Number Acquisition in Korean-learning Children”
- **Mind Brain Behavior Graduate Student Award** (\$4,800) 2014
- **Mind Brain Behavior Graduate Student Award** (\$6,100) 2013
- **Presidential Scholar Fellowship**, Harvard University 2012-2017
- **Phi Beta Kappa**, University of Pennsylvania 2012

#### SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

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##### CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:

- Co-chair, NELS 52, Rutgers University [F 2021]

##### EDITORIAL POSITIONS:

- Member, Editorial Board, *Syntax and Semantics* [2021-pres.]

JOURNAL REVIEWS: *Discourse Processes*, *Glossa*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Language Acquisition*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*

CONFERENCE REVIEWS: Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM), ESSLLI, (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages ((F)ASAL), Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), SinFonIJA, Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- **Principal Investigator**, Rutgers Meaning Across Languages Lab 2020-pres.
- **Lab Manager**, Boston Univ. Child Language Lab (PI: Sudha Arunachalam) S 2017
- **Research Assistant**, Harvard Meaning & Modality Lab (PI: Kate Davidson) 2016-17
- **Research Assistant**, Harvard Linguistics (PI: Isabelle Charnavel) F 2014
- **English Annotator**, Language Data Consortium, Philadelphia 2011-12
- **Research Assistant**, Penn Linguistics (PI: Florian Schwarz) 2011-12

LANGUAGES Korean (native), English (native), Spanish (reading), Mandarin Chinese (conversation), ASL (basic coursework); Consultant work in Lugwere, Georgian, Japanese, Romanian, Tagalog, Hindi

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