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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 & 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. In revision.** It's not just *that*: Unified analysis of demonstratives and pronouns.

- Ahn, Dorothy & Heejeong Ko. In revision.** On non-conservativity of Korean floating quantifiers.
- 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

- 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* Ithaca, NY. August 17-20. Joint presentation with Ankana Saha and Uli Sauerland
- 2020 Anaphoric that: difference between adults and children  
*BUCLD 44* Cambridge, MA. October 25-27. Joint presentation 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 donkey pronouns] 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  
undergraduate research and thesis advising. 2015–2017

## 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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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

- **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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