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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

intonation, prosody, voice quality, reduplication, Bengali & other South Asian languages

EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics	UCLA	2006-08
Dissertation: Intonational phonology and focus prosody of Bengali		
Committee: Sun-Ah Jun (chair), Bruce P. Hayes, Patricia A. Keating, Jody Kreiman, Kie Ross Zuraw		
MA in Linguistics	UCLA	2004-06
Thesis: Similarity avoidance in Bengali fixed-segment reduplication		
Committee: Kie Ross Zuraw (chair), Bruce P. Hayes, Colin Wilson		
BA in Linguistics, Summa cum Laude	UCLA	2000-03

JOURNAL AND BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- Keating, Patricia, Jianjing Kuang, Marc Garellek, Christina M. Esposito, & **SD Khan**. 2023. A cross-language acoustic space for phonation distinctions. *Linguistics* 99(2), 351-89
- Becker, Kara, **SD Khan**, & Lal Zimman. 2022. Beyond binary gender: creaky voice, gender, and the variationist enterprise. *Linguistics* 34, 215-38
- Esposito, Christina M. & **SD Khan**. 2021. Teaching & Learning Guide for: The cross-linguistic patterns of phonation types. *Linguistics* 33, 215-38
- Esposito, Christina M. & **SD Khan**. 2020. The cross-linguistic patterns of phonation types. *Linguistics* 32(12)
- Esposito, Christina M., **SD Khan**, Kelly Harper Berkson, & Max Nelson. 2019. Distinguishing breathy consonants and vowels in Gujarati. *Linguistics* 6(2), 215-43
- Khan, SD**. 2016. Review of Frota, Sónia & Prieto, Pilar (eds.) *Linguistics* 46(2), 253-57.
- Khan, SD**. 2014. The intonational phonology of Bangladeshi Standard Bengali, chapter 4 of Sun-Ah Jun (ed.) *Linguistics* 52(1). Oxford University Press.
- Khan, SD** & Constanze Weise. 2013. Upper Saxon (Chemnitz dialect). *Linguistics* 51(1)

- Khan, SD.** 2012. The phonetics of contrastive phonation in Gujarati. 40 (6), 780-95.
- Esposito, Christina M. & **SD Khan.** 2012. Contrastive breathiness across consonants and vowels: a comparative study of Gujarati and White Hmong. 42 (2), 123-43.
- Kreiman, Jody, Bruce R. Gerratt, & **SD Khan.** 2010. Effects of native language on perception of voice quality. 38 (4), 588-93.
- Khan, SD.** 2010. Bengali (Bangladeshi Standard). 40 (2), 221-5.
- Esposito, Christina M., **SD Khan,** & Alex Hurst. 2007. Breathy nasals and /Nh/ clusters in Bengali, Hindi, and Marathi. 68 (3-4), 275-99. Pune: Linguistic Society of India.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND WORKING PAPERS

- Esposito, Christina M., Kevin Schäfer, & **SD Khan.** 2023. Phonation and aging in White Hmong. , 2050-4.
- Khan, SD.** 2021. Palatalization and velarization in Malayalam nasals.
- Esposito, Christina M., **SD Khan,** Kelly Harper Berkson, & Max Nelson. 2019. Distinguishing breathy consonants and vowels in Gujarati.
- Khan, SD.** 2016. The intonation of South Asian languages: towards a comparative analysis. , 23-36.
- Nelson, Max, Kelly Harper Berkson, **SD Khan,** & Christina M. Esposito. 2016. Perception of breathy phonation in Gujarati. , 14-22.
- Yu, Kristine M., **SD Khan,** & Megha Sundara. 2014. Intonational phonology in Bengali and English infant-directed speech.
- Khan, SD.** 2013. Consonant confusability and its relation to phonological dissimilarity. st
- Khan, SD** & Christina M. Esposito. 2011. Breathiness contrasts in consonants and vowels: a comparative study of Gujarati and White Hmong.
- Keating, Patricia, Christina M. Esposito, Marc Garellek, **SD Khan,** & Jianjing Kuang. 2011. Phonation contrasts across languages.

Esposito, Christina M., **SD Khan**, & Alex Hurst. 2005. Breathy nasals and /Nh/ clusters

Khan, SD. Measuring phonological (dis)similarity: echo reduplication, lexical cooccurrence, and confusability. In preparation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Esposito, Christina M., Kevin Schäfer, & **SD Khan.** 2023. Phonation and aging in White Hmong. Poster and panel discussant, special session: the sounds of ageing. ICPhS 20, Prague, 10 Aug.

Khan, SD. 2023

Khan, SD. 2014. Consonant confusability

Khan, SD. 2006. Similarity avoidance in Bengali fixed-segment reduplication. Poster, Manchester Phonology Meeting 14, Manchester, 27 May.

Esposito, Christina M., **SD Khan**, & Alex Hurst. 2005. Breathiness in Indic languages. Poster, Acoustical Society of America 149, Vancouver, 17 May.

OLLOQUIA AND THER RESENTATIONS

Joshi, Kinjal & **SD Khan**. 2021. Exhaustive movement, exhaustive tone: a syntactic-prosodic investigation of Gujarati. Talk (virtual), LingOrg seminar series, University of Oslo, 22 Mar.

Khan, SD. 2021. Word-level intonation across Rajasthan and South Asia. Invited symposium talk (virtual), Central University of Rajasthan, 18 Mar.

Khan, SD. 2021. Word-level intonation across South Asian languages. Invited talk (virtual), Lab Lunch, University of Glasgow,

Khan, SD. 2009. Intonation and focus prosody in Bengali. Cornell, 19 Nov. / Reed College, 22 Apr.
Khan, SD. 2006. Bengali prosodic word phenomena. Prosem. on the Prosodic Word, UCLA, 5 Dec.
Khan, SD. 2005. Similarity avoidance in fixed-segment reduplication. Phono. Sem., UCLA, 31 May.
Khan, SD. 2005. Reduplicative constructions in Cantel Kiche. Phonology Sem., UCLA, 25 Mar.
Khan, SD. 2005. Morphological constraints on reduplicant shapes. Phonology Sem., UCLA, 1 Feb.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor	Reed College	2022-current
Distinguished Scholar, visiting	CUNY Graduate Center	2020-21
Associate Professor	Reed College	2016-22
Assistant Professor	Reed College	2013-16
Assistant Professor, visiting	Reed College	2012-13
Assistant Professor, visiting	Brown University	2010-12
Lecturer	UCLA	2010
Assistant Professor, visiting	Cornell University	2009
Adjunct Professor	Pitzer College	2009

TEACHING

Reed College

Ling 211: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (co-taught; Fa2012-14, 2016-19, 2021-23)
 Ling 312: Topics in Linguistic Analysis: Advanced Phonology (Fa2012)
 Ling 320: Phonetics (Fa2013, 2023; Sp2013, 2015, 2017-20, 2022-24)
 Ling 321: Phonology (Fa2013-14, 2016-19, 2021-22)
 Ling 322: Research Topics in Phonetics & Phonology (Sp2015, 2018; Fa2021, 2023)
 Ling 331: Laboratory Phonology (Sp2014)
 Ling 336: Ling. Field Methods (Amharic: Fa2012; Luo: Fa2016; Malayalam: Fa2018; Sp2024)
 Ling 337: Methods of Design and Analysis (Fa2017, 2019, 2022-23)
 Ling 350: Languages of South Asia (Sp2014, 2017, 2020, 2023)
 Ling 352: Intonation (Fa2014; Sp2013, 2019, 2022)

Brown University

CLPS 1310: Introduction to Phonological Theory (Sp2011, Fa2011)
 CLPS 1381: Topics in Phonetics and Phonology: Intonational Phonology (Fa2010, Sp2012)
 CLPS 1382: Sounds of the

UCLA

Ling 20: Introduction to Linguistics (Sp2010)

Ling 120A: Introduction to Phonology (Sp2007, TA for Bruce Hayes)

Ling 103: Introduction to Phonetics (Sp2006, TA for Patricia Keating)

Honors Collegium 56: Language as a Window to the Mind (Wi2006, TA for Susan Curtiss)

Ling 114: American Indian Linguistics (Sp2005, Fa2005, TA for Pamela Munro)

Ling 1: Study of Language (Wi2005, TA for Daniel Büring)

DVISING

Reed College senior theses

Eli Franz (2023): Correspondence relations in fixed-segment echo word reduplication

Anna Farrar (2022-23): Indexical transfer of the Beijing Smooth Operator into Montréal French

Satchel Petty (2022-23): Vowel dynamicism in biracial Japanese Americans

Max Wolf-Valdés (2022-23): Short-term acquisition of focus prosody via Spanish instruction

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Anqi Zhang, Brown University (2011-12): Harmonic Grammar analysis of Middle Egyptian

Independent study

Hyun Joon Seol, Cornell University (2009): Acoustic study of Korean tense consonant properties

Dissertation committee (external member)

Christine Prechtel, UCLA (2020-2023): Stress & tonal rhythm strength in Eng., Bengali, Uyghur

Purnima Thakur, City University of New York (2019-): Intonational phonology of Marathi

Sushant Devlekar, Mumbai University (2019-): Duration in Marathi

RESEARCH AND CONSULTING POSITIONS

Director, Reed College Laboratory of Linguistics (2013-15, 2016-20, 2021-current)

Transcriber, Plymouth University School of Psychology (2014)

Consultant, Talaria Intercultural Communication Workshop (2009-12)

Laboratory Assistant for Jody Kreiman, UCLA Head & Neck Surgery (2009, 2010)

Staff Research Associate for Patricia Keating, UCLA Linguistics (2008)

Fellowships & Awards Committee, Reed College (2021-22, Fulbright interviewer 2022-24)

Accessibility Committee, Reed College (2018-19)

Committee on Academic Support Services, Reed College (2017-18)

Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Reed College (2017-18)

Alcohol and Other Drugs Review Panel, Reed College (2017-18)

Library Board, Reed College (2014-15)

Institutional Review Board, Reed College (2013-15, 2016-17; chair 2019-20, 2021-22, 2023-24)

Colloquium Committee, UCLA Linguistics (2005)

Phonetics and phonology, SALA 34, Konstanz (2018)
Prosody, LSA 92, Salt Lake City (2018)
Morphology and phonology: Learning and Predictability, LSA 91, Austin (2017)
Phonological and phonetic change, LSA 90, Washington (2016)
Rhythm and intonation, LSA 90, Washington (2016)
Contact-induced change, LSA 89, Portland (2015)
Phonological theory, LSA 89, Portland (2015)
Psycholinguistics of suprasegmentals, LSA 88, Minneapolis (2014)

Organization member

International Phonetic Association (2015–lifetime)
Association for Laboratory Phonology (2015–current)
North East Indian Linguistics Society (2015–current)
SProSIG: Special Interest Group on Speech Prosody (2014–current)
Linguistics Society of America (2006–lifetime)
Acoustical Society of America (2005–current)

LANGUAGE KILLS

Native or near-native fluency: English, Bengali

Language study: Spanish, ASL, German, Mandarin, Arabic (MSA), Chickasaw

Linguistic research: K'iche', Upper Saxon, Luo, Amharic, Sylheti, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Thai

TECHNICAL KILLS

Laboratory equipment: electroglottography, aerodynamics (airflow), ultrasound, static palatography

Recording, sound editing, acoustic analysis, forced-choice experimental design, synthesis, and data analysis: Praat, Audacity, VoiceSauce, EggWorks, NORM, R, Aeroview, Dualview