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Research Interests

Phonetic theory, laboratory phonology, phonetic and phonological typology, phonetics-phonology interface, laryngeal phonetics and phonology, sound change, loanword adaptation.

Education

2020 - 2025 (anticipated) Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles.
Committee: Pat Keating (co-chair), Megha Sundara (co-chair), David Goldstein, Bruce Hayes, Kie Zuraw.
June 2024 C.Phil. in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles.
May 2020 M.A. in Linguistics, Wayne State University, Detroit.
Dec 2016 B.S.; M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Cummins College; Purdue University.

Non-degree training

July 2024 The Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete, Greece.
June - July 2023 LSA Summer Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Publications & manuscripts

Journal Articles

accepted Reconceptualizing VOT: Further Contributions to Marking 50 Years of Research on Voice Onset Time. *Journal of Phonetics*.
2022 **Narkar, Jahnvi** & Peter Staroverov. An acoustic study of voiceless stops in Indian English. *Journal of South Asian Linguistics*.

Conference Proceedings

2023 Narkar, Jahnvi. Acoustic Properties Of The Four-Way Laryngeal Contrast In Bengali Infant Directed Speech. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Prague 2023*.
2021 Narkar, Jahnvi. The Curious Absence of Aspiration in Indian English: The Role of Phonetics in Adaptation. *Proceedings of the 37th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.

Manuscripts

in prep Bootstrapping prosodic primitives from Infant Directed Speech (with Ann Aly, Stephanie Jakobson and Megha Sundara).

Conference Presentations

Refereed

- 2024 Eischens, Ben & **Jahnavi Narkar**. The production of phonation type in San Martín Peras Mixtec. The 4th Sound Systems of Latin America (SSLA 4), University of Washington, November 8-9, 2024.
- 2023 Narkar, Jahnavi. Acoustic Properties Of The Four-Way Laryngeal Contrast In Bengali Infant Directed Speech. Poster presented at the 20th ICPhS, Prague, 7-11 August, 2023. Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, England, 25-27 May, 2023.
- 2023 Narkar, Jahnavi. Laryngeal realist representations in Bengali. Poster presented at the 30th Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, England, 25-27 May, 2023.
- 2022 Narkar, Jahnavi*, Ekaterina Khlystova*, Ann M. Aly, Ji Young Kim & Megha Sundara. Evaluating the Learnability of Vowel Categories from Infant Directed Speech. Poster presented at the 182nd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Denver, CO, 23-27 May 2022.
- 2022 Narkar, Jahnavi* & Megha Sundara. The Four-way Voicing Distinction in Bengali Infant Directed Speech. Poster presented at the 182nd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Denver, CO, 23-27 May, 2022.
- 2020 Narkar, Jahnavi. The Curious Absence of Aspiration in Indo-Aryan Loans and Indian English. Talk at *(Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages 10*, held virtually by the Ohio State University, March 21-22, 2020.
- 2020 Narkar, Jahnavi. The Curious Absence of Aspiration in Indian English: The Role of Phonetics in Adaptation. Poster presented at *West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics 37*, The University of British Columbia, March 6-8, 2020.
- 2020 Narkar, Jahnavi. No Puffs Given: The Curious Absence of Aspiration in Indo-Aryan Loanwords and Indian English. Poster presented at *17th Old World Conference in Phonology*, University of Warsaw, February 5-7, 2020.
- 2020 Narkar, Jahnavi. Adaptation of English Stops in Indo-Aryan Languages: VOT about Aspiration? Talk at *The Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe 28*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, January 29-31, 2020.
- 2019 Narkar, Jahnavi. Adaptation of English Stops in Indo-Aryan Languages: The Problem of De-aspiration. Poster presented at *The 24th Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics & Phonology Conference*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, October 4-5, 2019.
- 2019 Narkar, Jahnavi. Adaptation of English Alveolar Stops in Indo-Aryan Languages. Talk at *The 16th Annual Workshop in General Linguistics*, University of Wisconsin - Madison, March 30-31, 2019.
- 2018 Narkar, Jahnavi. Half Rhymes in Popular Music: Similarity of Features and the P-map. Talk at *The 5th Annual Linguistics Conference at UGA*, University of Georgia, Athens, October 12-13, 2018.
- 2018 Narkar, Jahnavi. Half Rhymes in Popular Music: Similarity of Features and the P-map. Talk at *The 23rd Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics & Phonology Conference*, Northwestern University, Evanston, October 5-6, 2018.

Non-refereed

- 2023 Narkar, Jahnavi & Megha Sundara. Bootstrapping prosodic prominence from Infant Directed Speech. *UCLA Phonetics Seminar*, UCLA, October 23, 2023.
- 2021 Narkar, Jahnavi. Automating VOT measurement. *UCLA Phonetics Seminar*, UCLA, November 29, 2021.
- 2021 Narkar, Jahnavi. Phonetic interpretation of phonological gradience: A case study from Adonara. *Fieldwork, Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory in Indonesia*, held virtually by the University of Delaware, October 22-24, 2021.

Invited Talks

- 2019 Narkar, Jahnvi. Adaptation of English Alveolar Stops in Indo-Aryan Languages. *Annual Linguistics Student Research Colloquium*, Wayne State University, April 12, 2019.
- 2018 Narkar, Jahnvi. Half Rhymes in Popular Music: Similarity of Features and the P-map. *LING Lunch*, Purdue Linguistics Association, Purdue University, West Lafayette, November 14, 2018.

Awards & Scholarships

- 2023-24 Academic year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (\$20,000).
- Summer 2023 Graduate Summer Mentorship Program, UCLA (\$6000).
- Summer 2023 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship – *declined*.
- 2022-23 Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA (\$20,000).
- Winter 2022 Ladefoged Scholarship Award, UCLA (\$500).
- 2020-21 Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award, UCLA (\$14,500).
- Winter 2020 Humanities Center Travel Award, Wayne State University (\$300).
- 2018-19 Graduate Professional Scholarship, Wayne State University (\$18,000).

Research Experience

- Summer 2024 Research Assistant to Professor Ben Eischens, UCLA.
- Summer 2020 Research Assistant to Professor Pat Keating, UCLA Phonetics Lab, UCLA.
- Summer 2020 Research Assistant, Phonetics & Fieldwork Lab, Wayne State University.
- Summer 2019 Graduate Student Trainee, Linguistic Fieldwork and Documentation Training in Indonesia (NSF 1747801).
- Winter 2018 Research Assistant, Phonetics & Fieldwork Lab, Wayne State University.
- 2015-16 Research Assistant, Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University.
- Fall 2015 Volunteer, Phonetics and Phonology Lab, Purdue University.

Teaching & Supervision*Instructor*

- Summer 2024 Phonology II (LING 165A), UCLA.
- Winter 2020 Basic Concepts in Linguistics (LIN 2720), Wayne State University.

Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2024 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (LING 20), UCLA
- Spring 2024 Applied Phonology (LING 119A), UCLA
- Spring 2022 Language Development (LING 130), UCLA
- Winter 2022 Linguistics and Speech Pathology (LING 115), UCLA
- Fall 2021 Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 1), UCLA
- Winter 2024 Introduction to Applied Phonetics (LING 102), UCLA - *planned*

Guest lecturer

- Fall 2020 “Austronesian Languages and Linguistic Fieldwork” in Languages of the World (LIN 2730), Wayne State University.
- Winter 2019 “Indo-Aryan Languages” in Languages of Asia (LIN 5100), Wayne State University.

Research supervision & advising, UCLA

- 2021–24 14 undergraduate research assistants (individual durations between 1 and 2 quarters).

Skills

Languages

English, Marathi	Native
Hindi	Near-native
Konkani	Heritage
Standard Indonesian	Advanced
Spanish, Italian	Intermediate
Adonara	Fieldwork
Bangladeshi Bengali	Research

Technical Skills

Scripting & statistics	MATLAB, Minitab, Perl, Praat scripting, Python, R
Audio & data analysis	Audacity, Praat, Voicesauce
Fieldwork	ELAN, FLE _x
Typesetting	L ^A T _E X

Membership & Service

To the university

2022-	Member, Colloquium committee	UCLA
2022-2023	Vice President, Graduate Linguistics Council	UCLA
2021-22	Member, Social Media Committee, Department of Linguistics	UCLA
2019	Co-founder, Linguistics Club	Wayne State University

To the field

May 3-4, 2024	Session chair, International Symposium on Research and Teaching of Endangered and Marginalized Languages in East and Southeast Asia, UCLA
October 21-23, 2022	Volunteer, The 2022 Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP), UCLA
May 23, 2022	Session chair, 182 nd meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Denver CO
ad-hoc	Reviewer, Journal of South Asian Linguistics (JSAL)

Affiliations

2021-	Member, Linguistic Society of America
2021-	Member, Acoustical Society of America

Other Experience

Work

July 2016 - June 2019 Advanced Engineer General Motors, Detroit.

Publication

2020 Li, Huaxin, **Narkar, Jahnvi** & Reynolds, Craig. Welding of Dissimilar Materials with Features in Faying Surface. United States Patent Application Publication US2020/0324358 A1.