

Yoonwon Jung

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Emotion, Language, Cross-Linguistic Semantics, Affective Computing

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cognitive Science 2023 – 2028 (Expected)
UC San Diego California, USA

Advisor: Benjamin Bergen, Ph.D.

M.A. Psychology 2020 – 2022
Seoul National University Seoul, Korea

Advisor: Sowon Hahn, Ph.D.

Thesis: “Social robots as companions for lonely hearts: The role of anthropomorphism and robot appearances”

B.A. Psychology 2016 – 2020
Seoul National University Seoul, Korea

Summa Cum Laude

Departmental First-Class Distinction (1/31)

Exchange Student Fall 2018
Boston College Massachusetts, USA

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Kim, JW., **Jung, Y.**, Lee, YK., & Hahn, S. (2023). The relationship between perspective-taking ability and psychological and emotional characteristics observed in a large emotion diary dataset: A cluster analysis. *Korean Journal of Health Psychology*, 28(1), 1-25, 10.17315/kjhp.2023.28.1.001. [\[pdf\]](#)

Conference Proceedings

Jung, Y., & Hahn, S. (2023). Social Robots As Companions for Lonely Hearts: The Role of Anthropomorphism and Robot Appearance. *2023 32nd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)*, 2520–2525. <https://doi.org/10.1109/RO-MAN57019.2023.10309617>.

Lee YK., **Jung, Y.**, Kang, K., & Hahn, S. (2023). Developing Social Robots with Empathetic Non-Verbal Cues Using Large Language Models. Late Breaking Report in *2023 32nd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)*. [\[pdf\]](#)

Jung, Y., Lee, YK., & Hahn, S. (2021). Web-scraping the Expression of Loneliness during COVID-19. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 43. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/53m546pq>.

Lee, YK., **Jung, Y.**, Lee, I., Park, JE., & Hahn, S. (2021). Building a Psychological Ground Truth Dataset with Empathy and Theory-of-Mind During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 43. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/950900w7>.

Unpublished Manuscripts

Jung, Y., Jung, S. & Hahn, S. The Effect of Emotional Clarity on Mental Health: The Mediating Role of Catastrophizing. [Under Review].

Jung, Y., Lee, Y. & Hahn, S. Age and gender differences in loneliness during the COVID-19: Analyses on large cross-sectional surveys and emotion diaries. [Unpublished manuscript]. PsyArXiv. [\[pdf\]](#)

Lee, YK., Lee, I., Park, J. E., **Jung, Y.,** Kim, J., & Hahn, S. A Computational Approach to Measure Empathy and Theory-of-Mind from Written Texts. [Unpublished manuscript]. arXiv:2108.11810. [\[pdf\]](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Oral Presentations

[**Presenter**] **Jung, Y.,** & Hahn, S. (2023). Social robots as companions for lonely hearts: The role of anthropomorphism and robot appearance. *2023 32nd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)*. Busan, Republic of Korea.

Poster Presentations

[**Presenter**] Lee YK., **Jung, Y.,** Kang, K., & Hahn, S. (2023). Developing Social Robots with Empathetic Non-Verbal Cues Using Large Language Models. *2023 32nd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)*. Busan, Republic of Korea. [\[pdf\]](#)

[**Presenter**] **Jung, Y.,** Jung, S., Hahn, S. (2023). The effect of emotional clarity on mental health: the role of emotion regulation. *The 13th International Conference on Cognitive Science*. Seoul, Republic of Korea. [\[pdf\]](#)

[**Presenter**] **Jung, Y.,** Lee, YK., & Hahn, S. (2021). Age and gender differences in loneliness during the COVID-19: Analyses on large cross-sectional surveys and emotion diaries. *The Annual Conference of Korean Cognitive Science Society*, Seoul, Republic of Korea (Virtual). [\[pdf\]](#)

[**Presenter**] **Jung, Y.,** Lee, YK., & Hahn, S. (2021). Web-scraping the Expression of Loneliness during COVID-19. *The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Vienna, Austria (Virtual). [\[pdf\]](#)

Lee, YK., **Jung, Y.,** Lee, I., Park, JE., & Hahn, S. (2021). Building a Psychological Ground Truth Dataset with Empathy and Theory-of-Mind During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Vienna, Austria (Virtual).

Workshops

[**Co-Organizer**] Large Language Models in the RoMan Age: Exploring Social Impact and Implications for Design and Ethics. (2024). Workshop in *2024 33rd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)*. Pasadena, USA.

TALKS

Incorporating Large Language Models in Robotic Systems: The Current Challenges and Opportunities in Human-Robot Interaction. Extended Abstract Presentation at *Large Language Models in the RoMan Age: Exploring Social Impact and Implications for Design and Ethics* workshop in *2024 33rd IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)*. Pasadena, USA.

Social Robots as Companions for Lonely Hearts: The Role of Anthropomorphism and Robot Appearance. Invited talk at the *Cogsci 2023 Seoul Local Meetup*. Jul. 2023. Virtual. [\[link\]](#)

Web-scraping & Topic Models. *Open Lab Talk by Human Factors Psychology Lab (Seoul National University).* Aug. 2021. Virtual. [\[link\]](#)

Loneliness & Web-scraping. *Open Lab Talk by Human Factors Psychology Lab (Seoul National University).* Jan. 2021. Virtual. [\[link\]](#)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Fellowship for International Ph.D. students, *KFAS (Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies).* 2023 – 2028 (Expected). \$13,000 / year

Fellowship for International Ph.D. program applicants, *KFAS (Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies).* 2022-2023. 5,000,000 won (\$5000)

SNU Social Sciences Research Grant for Graduate Students, *Seoul National University.* 2021. 3,000,000 won (\$3,000)

Social Science Research Grant for Undergraduates, *Seoul National University.* 2019. 1,500,000 won (\$1,500)

Special Research Grant for Undergraduates: Exploration on Value and Practice, *Seoul National University.* 2019. 3,000,000 won (\$3,000)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Biannual), *Seoul National University.* Spring 2021.

Summa Cum Laude, Departmental First-Class Distinction(1/31), *Seoul National University.* 2020.

Undergraduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Annual), *Yongin Human Resources Development Foundation.* 2016, 2018, 2019

Undergraduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Biannual), *Seoul National University.* Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

[Teaching Assistant] Large Language Models and Cognitive Science, *UC San Diego.* Spring 2025.

[Teaching Assistant] Bilingual Minds and Brains, *UC San Diego.* Winter 2025.

[Teaching Assistant] Introduction to Cognitive Science, *UC San Diego.* Spring-Fall 2024.

[Teaching Assistant] Hands on Computing, *UC San Diego.* Winter 2024.

[Teaching Assistant] Introduction to Psychology, *Seoul National University.* Spring 2021.

WORK EXPERIENCE

[Editorial Secretary] Korean Journal of Cognitive Science, *The Korean Society for Cognitive Science.* Jan. 2022 – Jan. 2023.

- Managed peer review and quarterly publication process
- Coordinated communication between authors, reviewers, and editorial board members.

[Intern] C.lab (Startup Incubation Program), *Samsung Electronics.* Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019.

- Supported the HAXBY team in developing an AI-based math learning assistance application.
- Assisted in-person user tests and identified limitations in functionality and interface design.

- Designed user experience (UX) flows for application pages, including personalized math support and user analytics dashboards for students and teachers.

SKILLS

Language

Korean Native proficiency

English Full professional proficiency (GRE: V163/Q170/W4.5)

Programming & Data Analysis

Python Preprocessing (pandas, numpy, nltk, spaCy), Web-scraping (beautifulsoup, selenium, requests), Machine learning & Deep learning (gensim, pytorch), Visualization (matplotlib), Building experiments (psychopy)

R Preprocessing (tidyverse), Statistical analyses (psych, sem, lme4), Visualization (ggplot2)

REFERENCES

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