

[People](#)
[Programs](#)
[Research](#)
[Courses](#)
[News](#)
[Calendar](#)


Faculty

Adam Albright
Interim Section Head
(fall 2018)

Athulya Aravind
starting fall 2019

Luka Crnic

Michel DeGraff

Kai von Fintel
Section Head (on leave
fall 2018)

Edward Flemming

Suzanne Flynn

Danny Fox

Martin Hackl

Irene Heim

Sabine Iatridou
Graduate Program
Director

[Michael Kenstowicz](#)

Shigeru Miyagawa

Wayne O'Neil


David Pesetsky

Norvin Richards

Roger Schwarzschild



Michael Kenstowicz
Professor of Linguistics

 617-253-4457

 32-D960

 kenstow@mit.edu

 [CV](#)

Mailing Address

MIT Linguistics and Philosophy
77 Massachusetts Avenue, 32-D808
Cambridge, MA 02139, USA

Research Interests

Phonology, Phonetics, African and East Asian Languages

Selected Publications

- 2018: [The phonology and phonetics of laryngeal stop contrasts in Assamese](#), Hemanga Dutta and Michael Kenstowicz. Roberto Petrosino, Pietro Corrone, and Harry van der Hulst, eds. *From Sounds to Structures: Beyond the Veil of Maya*, DeGruyter Mouton, pp. 30–64.
- 2018: [Pitch accent in Korean](#), (with Chiyuki Ito), Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics, Mark Aronoff ed. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199384655.013.242.
- 2017: [A note on the phonology and phonetics of CR, RC, and SC consonant clusters in Italian](#), Linguistic travels in time and space: Festschrift for Liz Pearce, Wellington Working

Donca Steriade
Undergraduate Officer

Professors Emeriti

Noam Chomsky

James Harris

Jay Keyser

Kenneth Wexler

In memoriam

Ken Hale

Morris Halle

Papers in Linguistics Volume 23, Edited by Heidi Quinn, Diane Massam, and Lisa Matthewson.

- 2017: [The Lexical Accent of Surnames in Kyongsang Korean: A Study in Analogy](#) (With Hyangsook Sohn), to appear in Journal of Asian and African Studies, vol. 94.
- 2015: [Duration Reflexes of Syllable Structure in Mandarin](#) (With Fei Wu), *Lingua* 164, 87-99
- 2014: [Ablaut in Dinka nouns: a preliminary study](#) *Fleur de Ling*, Tulane University Working Papers in Linguistics 1, 83-91.
- 2014: [The base of Korean noun paradigms: evidence from tone](#) (With Youngah Do and Chiyuki Ito; to appear in *Korean Linguistics* 16
- 2014: [Accent Classes in South Kyongsang Korean: Lexical Drift, Novel Words, and Loanwords](#) (with Youngah Do and Chiyuki Ito, *Lingua* 148, 147-182.
- 2013: [The Adaptation of Contemporary Japanese Loanwords in Korean](#) (with Chiyuki Ito). *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 22.
- 2013: [Realize Morpheme](#). To appear in *Studies in Kaqchikel Grammar*, MIT Working Papers on Endangered and Less Familiar Languages 8.
- 2012: To appear in special issue on Loanword Phonology, *Catalan Journal of Linguistics*, [Cantonese Loanwords: Conflicting Faithfulness in VC Rime Constraints](#)
- 2011: [A Note on Phonological Phrasing in South Kyungsang](#)
- 2011: [Vocale Incerta, Vocale Aperta](#) A preliminary version of this paper was presented at the MIT Phonology Circle and the 40th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, University of Washington (March 2010).
- 2010: [Loanword Phonology and Enhancement](#). (with Kang, Young-Se et al.) eds. *Lectures on Universal Grammar and Individual Languages*. Seoul International Conference on Linguistics, pp. 104-112.
- 2009: [Reverse Engineering: Emphatic Consonants and the Adaptation of Vowels in French Loanwords into Moroccan Arabic](#). (with Nabila Louriz). *Brill's Annual of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics* 1. 41-74.
- August 2009: [On the Origin of Tonal Classes in Kinande Noun Stems](#). *Studies in African Linguistics* Volume 37, Number 2
- June 2009. [Mandarin Loanwords in Yanbian Korean II: Tones](#). (with Chiyuki Ito). *Language Research* 45.1, 85-109.
- December 2008. [Mandarin Adaptations of Coda Nasals in English Loanwords](#). (with Fengfan Hsieh and Xiaomin Mou). To appear in *Loan Phonology: Issues and Controversies* ed. by Andrea Calabrese & Leo Wetzels, Benjamins. 2009.
- 2008. "[Mandarin loanwords in Yanbian Korean 1: laryngeal features](#)" (with Chiyuki Ito). Submitted to *Phonological Studies* 13, Linguistic Society of Japan.
- July 2008. [Two Notes on Kinande Vowel Harmony](#). *Language Sciences*.
- March 2008. [Hybrid Loans: a Study of English Loanwords Transmitted to Korean via](#)

- [Japanese](#). (with Yoonjung Kang and Chiyuki Ito).
- November 2007. [Phonetic Knowledge in Tonal Adaptation: Mandarin and English Loanwords in Lhasa Tibetan](#). (with Feng-fan Hsieh)
 - September 2007. [Paradigmatic Uniformity and Contrast: Korean Liquid Stems](#). (with Hyangsook Sohn). To appear in *Phonological Studies 2008* vol. 11, Phonological Society of Japan.
 - January 2007. [Contrasts, Mergers, and Acquisitions in Kyungsang Accent](#). (with Hyesun Cho and Jieun Kim). To appear in *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics*.
 - July 2006. [Laryngeal features and tone in Kyungsang Korean: a phonetic study](#). (with Chiyoun Park). To appear in *Studies in Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology*.
 - May 2006. [The adaptation of Japanese loanwords into Korean](#). (with Chiyuki Ito and Yoonjung Kang). To appear in *Studies in Loanword Phonology (MITWPL 52)*, edited by Feng-fan Hsieh and Michael Kenstowicz.
 - 2005. [The phonetics and phonology of Korean loanword adaptation](#). To appear in S.-J. Rhee, ed. *Proceedings of First European Conference on Korean Linguistics*.
 - 2005. [Verbal tone in Buli: a morphosyntactic analysis](#). To appear in S. Kaji, ed. *Cross-linguistic Study of Tonal Phenomena*.
 - 2004. [Generative Phonology](#). To appear in *Encyclopedia of language & Linguistics*, 2nd Ed. Elsevier.
 - 2004. [Issues in loanword adaptation: a case study from Thai](#). (with Atiwong Suchato). Submitted to *Lingua*
 - 2004. [Tone loans](#). Paper from 78th LSA and 33rd ACAL.
 - 2003. [Tone in Buli](#). *Studies in African Linguistics* 31, 55-96 (with George Akanlig-Pare)
 - 2003. [Salience and similarity in loanword adaptation: a case study from Fijian](#). To appear in *Language Sciences*

Research Reports

- 2002. [Statistical generalizations in the distribution of stress in Italian and Spanish verbs](#). (with Kie Zuraw)
- 1994. [Two notes on Igbo vowels](#). (with Peter Ihiunu)

Earlier Papers

- 2003. [Salience and Similarity in Loanword Adaptation: a Case Study from Fijian](#).
- (with Hyang-Sook Sohn) 2001. "[Accentual Adaptation in North Kyungsang Korean](#)", Ken Hale: A life in language, Michael Kenstowicz (ed.), MIT Press.
- 2001. "[The role of perception in loanword phonology](#)". To appear in *Linguistique africaine*.
- (with Elsa Gómez-Imbert) 2000. "[Barasana Tone and Accent](#)", *International Journal of American Linguistics* 66, 419-63.

- 2000. "[Paradigmatic uniformity and contrast](#)". To appear in MIT Working Papers in Linguistics vol. xx
- (with Mahasen Abu-Mansour and Miklos Torkenczy) 2000. "[Two notes on laryngeal licensing](#)". To appear in Living on the Edge: Phonological Essays Commemorating the Radical Career of Jonathan Kaye, edited by Stefan Ploch and Geoff Williams.
- 1997. "[Sonority Driven Stress](#)"
- **The following papers are available at the [Rutgers Optimality Archive](#)**
- 1998. "Uniform Exponence: Exemplification and Extension"
- 1996. "Base-Identity and Uniform Exponence: Alternatives to Cyclicity"
- 1995. (with Thomas Green) "The Lapse Constraint"
- 1994. "Sonority-Driven Stress"
- 1994. "Syllabification in Chuckchee: a Constraint-based Analysis"

Older Publications

- 1997. "Base identity and uniform exponence: alternatives to cyclicity." In J. Durand & B. Laks, eds., Current Trends in Phonology: Models and Methods. Salford: University of Salford, 363-394
- 1997. (with Hyang-Sook Sohn) "Focus and phrasing in Northern Kyungsang Korean." In P-M. Bertinetto, ed., Certamen Phonologicum III. Torino: Rosenberg & Sellier, 137-156, 1997. Also in MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 30, 25-47
- 1997. "Quality-sensitive stress." Rivista di Linguistica 9.1, 157-188
- 1997. "Uniform exponence: extension and exemplification." In V. Miglio & B. Moren, eds., Selected papers from the Hopkins Optimality Workshop 1997, University of Maryland Working papers in Linguistics 5, 139-54, Revised version to appear in Bolletino della Societa Linguistica Italiana.
- 1994. [Phonology in Generative Grammar](#). Oxford: Blackwell Publications
- (with Degif Petros) "Reduplicative Identity in Chaha." Linguistic Inquiry 30, 573-586.
- "Paradigmatic uniformity and contrast." Submitted to MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 36
- 1993. [Evidence for Metrical Constituency](#). Ken Hale and Samuel Jay Keyser, eds., The View from Building 20, 257-273.

Publications

- Kenstowicz, Michael; Sohn, Hyangsook. To appear. [The Lexical Accent of Surnames in Kyungsang Korean: A Study in Analogy](#). To appear in Journal of Asian and African Studies, vol. 94, 2017.



MIT SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

About

Diversity Statement

Contact

Give

Links for department
members

Philosophy Section

MIT Department of
Linguistics and Philosophy
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Room 32-D808
Cambridge, MA 02139

Phone: +1-617-253-4141

Fax: +1-617-253-5017

