



The conference featured a wide range of inspiring talks and workshops on speech production, perception, and bilingualism, all of which reaffirmed my commitment to exploring how we acquire new sounds in second language learning—a crucial yet often overlooked aspect in favor of communicative effectiveness alone.

Beyond the presentations, PaPE 2025 provided a great space to network with young scholars from across Europe as well as professors from the U.S. One highlight was meeting Dr. Ji Young Kim, who will be part of my dissertation committee, in person for the first time. Attending PaPE, allowed me to engage in productive discussions about my dissertation work and receive valuable feedback and a list of recent publications to consult as I continue developing my project.

Overall, attending PaPE 2025 was a formative experience that contributed to my professional development, expanded my academic network, and reaffirmed my goals as a scholar and educator in the field of phonetics and phonology. I am deeply grateful to be the recipient of the Carter Travel Award, which made my participation at PaPE possible.