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Education

University College London *2023 - 2025*
MPhil in Linguistics (expected 06.2025)

The University of Chicago *2019 - 2023*
B.A. in Linguistics (Honors), B.A. in Psychology
Thesis: A Discourse Approach to Wh-in-situ and Island: The Role of Focus Alternatives.
GPA: 3.9/4.0

Publications

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. The argument-adjunct asymmetry revisited: the role of focus alternatives in island effect. In L. Clemens, V. Gribanova & G. Scontras (eds.), *Syntax in Uncharted Territories: Essays in Honor of Maria Polinsky*. *2024*

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. Detecting the antecedent complexity on VPE resolution. In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*. *2024*

Conference Presentations

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. Detecting the Antecedent Complexity on VPE Resolution: Effects of Semantic Plausibility. Poster at the *36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, University of Pittsburgh, Mar 09-11 *2023*

Jiayuan Yue. Fragment Questions in Mandarin Chinese Arise from and Repair A-not-A Questions. Talk at the *46th Penn Linguistics Conference* (Undergraduate Session), University of Pennsylvania, Mar 18-20 *2022*

Ongoing Projects

Adaptation of predictive processing *2023 - Present*
Advised by: Wing Yee Chow
Using eye-tracking experiments, I study the role of speaker reliability in prediction. The goal is to examine whether listeners adapt their rate of predictive processing in the face of an unpredictable speaker.

Speaker knowledge and scalar implicature *2023 - Present*
Advised by: Richard Breheny
Expanding on existing secondary inference tasks, I investigate the speaker opinionatedness hypothesis (the epistemic step) in scalar diversity by probing

primary inference. Does the speaker's knowledge state affect the rate of scalar implicature made by the listener?

Focus alternatives and island effect *2022 - Present*
Advised by: Ming Xiang
The discourse account of island effects attributes the unacceptability of certain long distance dependencies to the conflict of its information status. I further elaborate this "conflict" as a difficulty in generating the proper set of focus alternatives in interpretation.

Research Experience

Language Processing Lab *2021 - Present*
Advised by Prof. Ming Xiang
- Programmed Ibex experiments and analyzed data
- Assisted in running EEG experiments
- Performed literature review and data coding
- Developed independent research projects

Language, Event, and Mind Lab *2022*
Advised by Prof. Monica Do
- Coded production data in an experiment about gesture and word order

Sapir Scholars Program *2021 - 2022*
Advised by Dr. Laura Stigliano
- Analyzed the source of topic-remnant elliptical questions (or fragment questions) in Mandarin Chinese and argues for a repairing effect of ellipsis
- Presented at PLC 46

Multilingualism and Decision-Making Lab *2019 - 2020*
Supervised by Dr. Leigh Grant
- Edited experiment materials and conducted Qualtrics experiment sessions
- Coded qualitative experiment results

Honors

The University of Chicago Dean's List *2020, 2021, 2022*

Skills

Experimental: Ibex, jsPsych, Prolific, Eye-tracking, EEG
Programming: R, Python
Languages: Mandarin (native), English (near native)