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## **Research Interests**

My work explores the intersection of machine learning and philosophical action theory, particularly how intelligent systems might learn to model intentional behavior. I am also focused on the syntax-semantics interface in contexts of language mutation and change, especially in online discourse. A third area of interest is the application of artificial intelligence in educational game design, with an emphasis on second-language acquisition and cognitive scaffolding through interactivity.

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## **Previous Positions**

### **Web Development Teaching Assistant**

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Lake Forest College

*July 2023 – May 2025*

### **Chinese Language Tutor**

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Lake Forest College

*July 2023 – May 2025*

### **Peer Writing Tutor**

College of Lake County

*August 2021 – January 2022*

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## **Education**

### **Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, USA**

B.A. with Distinction in Language and Logic (with Honors), Minor in Chinese

*Expected May 2025*

### **College of Lake County, Lake County, IL, USA**

Associate of Science (A.S.) with Distinction

*May 2023*

### **Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA, USA**

Chinese Immersion Program for Cybersecurity Students

*August 2024 (Non-degree study)*

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## **Work History**

### **Clinician**

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, Deerfield, IL

*June 2023 – December 2023*

### **BDC Agent**

Liberty Auto City, Libertyville, IL

*July 2022 – January 2023*

### **Catering Manager**

Cafe Zupas, Vernon Hills, IL

*March 2019 – August 2020*

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## **Extracurricular Involvement**

**Treasurer, Chinese Club, Lake Forest College**

*August 2024 – May 2025*

**Vice President, Collage Magazine, Lake Forest College**

*August 2023 – May 2024*

**Sprinter, Track and Field, Lake Forest College**

*August 2023 – May 2024*

**Founder, Lake County Chinese Meetup, Lake County, IL**

*May 2022 – August 2022*

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## **Publications and Creative Work**

《新眼通路》("New Eyes, Same Road")

Second Prize, Pittsburgh Chinese Cultural & Arts Association, 2024

"Genesis", *Willow Review*, College of Lake County, 2024

"Caught in a Webb", *Willow Review*, College of Lake County, 2024

"Instagram", *Willow Review*, College of Lake County, 2024

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## **Academic Papers**

*Toward a Unified Theory of Action* (2024)

*Examining Mutation Boundaries in Internet Language Through the Lens of Complexity Minimization* (2024)

*Symmetry Theory of Verification* (2024)

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## **Awards and Honors**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (2022)

Certificate of Academic Distinction, College of Lake County (2023)

Phi Beta Kappa (2025)

Senior Convocation Award for Self-Designed Major, Lake Forest College (2025)

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## **Professional Memberships**

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar (2023 – Present)

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## **Languages**

English: Native

Mandarin Chinese: Basic Fluency