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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of Southern California</b><br>Ph.D. in Linguistics (Expected: July 2021)   | <i>August 2015 - Present</i><br><i>Los Angeles, USA</i>  |
| <b>University of Southern California</b><br>M.A. in Linguistics<br>Thesis: <i>Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence</i>                                     | <i>August 2015 - May 2017</i><br><i>Los Angeles, USA</i> |
| <b>East China Normal University</b><br>M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics.<br>Thesis: <i>A diachronic phonological study of 'zi' rime change in northern Henan Province</i> | <i>August 2012 - June 2015</i><br><i>Shanghai, China</i> |
| <b>Tianjin Normal University</b><br>B.A. in English Language and Literature  | <i>August 2008 - June 2012</i><br><i>Tianjin, China</i>  |

## NON-DEGREE

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| <b>Fudan Intensive Summer Teaching, Fudan University</b><br>Speech and Hearing Sciences | <i>August 2014</i><br><i>Shanghai, China</i> |
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## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLE

- 2021** Yang, Yifan, Rachel Walker, Alessandro Vietti & Armin Chiochetti. Ladin, Varieties of Val di Fassa. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*. doi:10.1017/S0025100320000262.

### SUBMITTED

- In revision Yang, Yifan. Rapa Nui: a case for correspondence in reduplication. Ms. University of Southern California. (re-submitted)

### BOOK CHAPTER

- 2016** Zhang, Jisheng and Yifan Yang. 晋豫边界鹤壁地区“子”变韵的音系理据 [Phonological evolution of 'zi' rime change on the boundary of Shanxi and Henan Province: A case study of Hebi area]. In Wei Zheng (ed.), 《边界方言语音与音系演变论集》 [The Phonetic and Phonological Evolution of the Dialects on Dialectal Boundaries]. Shanghai: 中西书局 [Zhongxi Book Company]. (In Chinese)

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2018** Yang, Yifan. Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. In Gallagher, Gillian, Gouskova, Maria, and Sora Yin (eds.), Supplemental Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.

- 2017** Yang, Yifan and Wei Wei. Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface, In Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, and Yosuke Sato (eds.), *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI* (Vol.1). Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 2014** Yang, Yifan. Phonetic analysis and special pattern of nasal rime change in Qixian Chinese. *Proceedings of 2014 International Conference on Phonetic Research and Language Learning & English Phonetic Conference in China (ICPRLL&EPCC2014)*. pp.89-92.
- 2014** Yang, Yifan. Evolutionary process of zi rime change in north Henan Province: perspectives of linguistic geography. *Proceedings of The 14th International Symposium of Chinese Languages and Linguistics (ISCLL-14) and The 10th Anniversary of the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica*. pp.376-89.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019** Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplication. Poster presented at *The 2019 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2019). October 2019, Stony Brook, NY
- 2019** Variation of sibilants in three Ladin dialects. Poster presented at *The 3rd Phonetics and Phonology in Europe Conference* (PaPE 2019). June 2019, Lecce, Italy. (Co-authors: Yang, Yifan, Rachel Walker, & Alessandro Vietti.)
- 2019** Cumulative markedness in three-consonant clusters. Talk presented at *The 14th Old World Conference on Phonology* (OCP-14). January 2019, Verona, Italy. (Co-authors: Walker, Rachel & Yifan Yang.)
- 2018** Backcopying driven by Surface Correspondence. Talk presented at *The Workshop on Phonological Variation and its Interfaces*. November 2018, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2017** Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. Poster presented at *The 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2017). September 2017, New York City.
- 2017** Non-concatenative effects of mora affixation: A case study of Huozhou Chinese. Talk presented at *The 11th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics* (TEAL-11). June 2017, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017** Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface. Talk presented at *GLOW in Asia XI*. February 2017, Singapore. (Co-authors: Yang, Yifan & Wei Wei.)
- 2016** Realize nonconcatenative allomorphs in Harmonic Serialism: A case study of diminutive formation in Huozhou Chinese. Talk presented at *The 7th International Conference on Formal Linguistics* (ICFL-7). December 2016, Tianjin, China.
- 2016** The realization of mutation in Chinese dialects. Poster presented at *The 2016 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP2016). October 2016, Los Angeles.
- 2014** Phonetic analysis and the special pattern of nasal rime change in Qixian Chinese. Talk presented at *The 2014 International Conference on Phonetic Research and Language Learning & English Phonetic Conference in China* (ICPRLL&EPCC2014). October 2014, Changsha, China.
- 2014** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in northern Henan Province: perspective of linguistic geography and markedness. Talk presented at *The Third International Symposium on Chinese Language and Discourse* (ISCLD-3). June 2014, London.

- 2014** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in north Henan Province: perspectives of linguistic geography. Talk presented at *The 14th International Symposium of Chinese Languages and Linguistics* (IsCLL-14). June 2014, Taipei, Taiwan.

## TEACHING

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### TEACHER TRAINING

**Teaching Practicum** *Aug 2016 - Dec 2016*  
Department of Linguistics, USC.

**Teacher's Education Program** *Sep 2009 - May 2012*  
School of Education, Tianjin Normal University.

- *Core curriculum:* Pedagogy ◊ Educational Psychology ◊ Developmental Psychology ◊ Technologies in Education ◊ Micro-teaching ◊ Teaching Methods and Strategies.

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

**Language and Society** *Fall 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016; Spring 2019, 2018*  
(Undergraduate General Education) *University of Southern California*

- Prepared materials for discussion sections ◊ Taught discussion sections ◊ Graded assignments and exams ◊ Provided academic assistance to students.
- Main topics: the history of English ◊ dialect ◊ diglossia ◊ language shift ◊ language preservation and revitalization ◊ pidgin and creole ◊ bilingualism ◊ accents of American English ◊ African American Vernacular English ◊ language relativity ◊ language change ◊ language and gender.
- Instructors: Prof. Sandra Disner / Prof. Andrew Simpson.

**Language and Mind** *Spring 2017*  
(Undergraduate General Education) *University of Southern California*

- Prepared materials for lab sections ◊ Provided guidance to students on softwares and experimental methods for language study ◊ Graded assignments and exams ◊ Provided other academic assistance to students.
- Main topics: vocal tract anatomy ◊ phonetic transcription ◊ acoustic analysis ◊ speech perception ◊ experiment design ◊ phonology ◊ morphology ◊ reading ◊ dyslexia ◊ sign language ◊ language and the brain, aphasia, and bilingualism ◊ speech technology ◊ child speech production.
- Instructors: Prof. Sandra Disner and Prof. Toben Mintz.

**Introduction to Linguistics** *Sep 2013 - Jan 2014*  
(Undergraduate course) *East China Normal University*

- Graded assignments and exams ◊ Provided general academic assistance to students.
- Main topics: phonetics ◊ phonology ◊ morphology ◊ syntax ◊ semantics ◊ pragmatics
- Instructor: Prof. Jisheng Zhang.

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

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**Moenat Ladin — Moena, Trentino Province, Italy** *October 2019*

- Investigated the phonotactics of Moenat Ladin.
- Funded by Graduate Student Travel Grant, USC Department of Linguistics.

**Huozhou Chinese — Huozhou, Shanxi Province, China***July 2019*

- Investigated the morpho-phonological patterns in Huozhou Chinese ◊ Recorded natural speech and elicited words for acoustic analyses.
- Funded by Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, USC Graduate School.

**Brach, Cazet, and Moenat Ladin — Fassa Valley, Trentino Province, Italy***June 2018*

- Investigated the phonetic and phonological properties of Ladin, a threatened language ◊ Focused on the comparisons among three sub-varieties ◊ Recorded both spontaneous speech and elicited words for acoustic analyses.
- Funded by Summer Travel Grant, USC Department of Linguistics.

**Yanggu Chinese — Yanggu, Shandong Province, China***July 2017*

- Investigated the sound inventory and morpho-phonological processes of Yanggu Chinese ◊ Recorded elited words for acoustic analyses, with a focus on diphthongs and glides.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship***August 2019*

The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.

**Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship***May 2019*

The Graduate School of USC.

**Student Presenter Travel Grant***February 2017*

GLOW in Asia XI, National University of Singapore.

**Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship***August 2015*

The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.

**Merit Graduate of Shanghai***June 2015*

Shanghai Municipal Education Commission.

**Merit Student***December 2014*

East China Normal University.

**National Scholarship***December 2014*

The Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

**Grants for Oversea Visiting and International Conference***May 2014*

Graduate School, East China Normal University.

**LANGUAGES**

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**Mandarin** Native proficiency**English** Fluent**French** Reading proficiency**Varieties of Mandarin (Huozhou, Yanggu, Tianjin) and Ladin:** Research knowledge.**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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Praat, R, Matlab, Python