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## EDUCATION

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**University of Southern California**  
Ph.D. in Linguistics

*August 2015 - Present*  
*Los Angeles, USA*

**University of Southern California**  
M.A. in Linguistics

*August 2015 - May 2017*  
*Los Angeles, USA*

Thesis: *Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence*

**East China Normal University**  
M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics.

*August 2012 - June 2015*  
*Shanghai, China*

Thesis: *A diachronic phonological study of 'zi' rime change in northern Henan Province*

**Tianjin Normal University**  
B.A. in English Language and Literature

*August 2008 - June 2012*  
*Tianjin, China*

## NON-DEGREE

**Fudan Intensive Summer Teaching, Fudan University**  
Speech and Hearing Sciences

*August 2014*  
*Shanghai, China*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 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)

### SUBMITTED

- Under revision Yang, Yifan, Rachel Walker, Alessandro Vietti & Armin Chiochetti. Ladin, Fassa Valley dialects. Ms. University of Southern California, Free University of Bolzano, Uppsala University.

### 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

*Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016*

*(Undergraduate General Education)*

*University of Southern California*

- ◊ Prepared materials for discussion sections ◊ Led 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.
- ◊ Instructor: 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.

**Huozhou Chinese — Huozhou, Shanxi Province, China***July 2017*

- Conducted a preliminary study on the morpho-phonological patterns in Huozhou Chinese

**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.

**Zhongyuan Mandarin and Jin Chinese — Hebi, Henan Province, China***July 2013*

- Examined the distribution of an affix and a related phonological process in 21 villages of Hebi area, Henan Province ◊ Investigated language evolution from a dialect-geographical perspective.

**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.

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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**Intern***Feb 2014 - May 2014*

Career Development Center, New York University Shanghai.

**Translator***Feb 2013 - May 2013*Translation program of *Economics for Business (3rd Edition)*, Shanghai Business School.**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 (intermediate), Matlab (beginner), Python (beginner)