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AREAS OF INTEREST

BROAD INTERESTS

- Theoretical and experimental syntax
- Syntax-Morphology interface
- Syntax-Semantics interface
- First language acquisition

SPECIFIC TOPICS

- Agreement
- Ellipsis
- Superlatives
- Acquisition of Superlatives

EMPLOYMENT

2017.10 – Postdoctoral Researcher
Graduate School on Nominal Modification
Institut für Linguistik, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

EDUCATION

- 2011–2017 **University of Connecticut**, Storrs, CT, USA
Department of Linguistics
Ph.D. in Linguistics
Dissertation title: *Feature Arithmetic in the Nominal Domain*
Committee: Susanne Wurmbrand (chair), Jonathan Bobaljik, Željko Bošković, Jon Gajewski, Jon Sprouse
- 2009–2010 **University College London**, London, UK
Department of Linguistics
M.A. in Linguistics
Thesis title: *On Focus and Topic Interaction in Mandarin Chinese*
- 2005–2009 **Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai**, China
Department of Foreign Languages
B.A. in English Language and Literature

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Department Fellowship for 2016 Fall Semester, Department of Linguistics, UConn
- 2015 Bursary to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain
- 2015 UConn 2015 Graduate Travel Award
- 2015 Fellowship for Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, University of Chicago
- 2015 University of Connecticut Provost's Commendation for Teaching Excellence
- 2014 Financial Support for GLOW in Asia X from National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
- 2012 Full Scholarship, North American Summer School on Logic, Language and Information

PUBLICATIONS (* = FIRST AUTHOR)

JOURNAL PAPERS

- SUBMITTED "The multi-valuation agreement hierarchy." *Glossa*.
- TO APPEAR "Fragment answers and movement." *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. DOI: 10.1007/s11049-017-9372-1. [\[link\]](#).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDING PAPERS

- TO APPEAR "On multi-valued Ns and Ts in number concord and agreement."
Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society.
- 2017 "Multi-value asymmetry in number agreement and concord."
University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Vol. 23. Proceedings of the 40th Penn Linguistics Conference.
- 2016 "No Clash Constraint in nominal RNR number agreement."
University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Vol. 22. Proceedings of the 39th Penn Linguistics Conference, Article 27.
- 2016 "The littlest linguists and their superlatives: a first experiment."
Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- 2015 "The third reading of the most expensive photo of Abby."
University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Vol. 21: Iss. 1, Proceedings of the 38th Penn Linguistics Conference, Article 29.
- 2015 "The 'Associative Reading' of DPs and the quantity vs. quality distinction."
Proceedings of The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages 2. (with *I-Ta Chris Hsieh)
- 2014 "Searching for absolute and relative readings of superlatives: a second experiment."
Proceedings of the 39th Boston University Conference on Language Development. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- 2013 "On the relative readings with NP internal focus of superlatives."
Proceedings of the 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, ed. Robert E. Santana-LaBarge, 409-418. Somerville, MA: Cascadia Proceedings Project.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- 2017 "Syncretism repair in English nominal right node raising." (with Troy Messick and Heidi Harley)
- 2015 "Number agreement in nominal right node raising." Generals Paper, University of Connecticut.
- 2014 "Syntactico semantics of superlatives." Generals Paper, University of Connecticut.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (* = FIRST AUTHOR)

- APR. 2018 "Interpretive restrictions on superlatives in full vs. fragment answers." the 41st GLOW, Budapest. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- MAR. 2018 "The agreement hierarchy and multi-valuation." Current Issues in Comparative Syntax, the National University of Singapore.

- FEB. 2018 "Relative readings of superlatives in full vs. fragment answers: An experimental investigation." Linguistic Evidence 2018, University of Tübingen. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- DEC. 2017 "Children can access absolute and relative readings of superlatives." the Australian Linguistic Society 2017, University of Sydney. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- OCT. 2017 "The multi-valuation agreement hierarchy." Resolving Conflicts Across Borders workshop & SinFonIJA 10.
- OCT. 2017 "Feature resolution, feature conflicts and the structure of either... or." Resolving Conflicts Across Borders workshop & SinFonIJA 10. (with *Peter Smith, Beata Moskal, Katharina Hartmann)
- SEPT. 2017 "Aiming high: children's knowledge of absolute and relative readings of superlatives." the 13th International Conference of the Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition. (*Lyn Tieu)
- AUG. 2017 "Cross-Domain Multi-Valuation as Agreement Hierarchy." the 19th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar.
- APR. 2016 "An asymmetry between multi-valued Ns and Ts." the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34.
- APR. 2016 "On multi-valued Ns and Ts in number concord and agreement." the 52nd Annual Meeting of Chicago Linguistics Society, University of Chicago.
- MAR. 2016 "Multi-value asymmetry in number agreement and concord." the 40th Penn Linguistics Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
- JAN. 2016 "A superlative argument for syntactic movement in fragment answer." LSA 2016 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- SEPT. 2015 "Fragment answers and movement - a superlative argument." 2015 Annual Meeting of Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB), University College London, London, UK.
- JUN. 2015 "Number agreement across borders in nominal RNR." Agreement Across Borders Conference (AAB), University of Zadar, Zadar, Croatia.
- JUN. 2015 "The 'associative reading' of DPs and the quantity vs. quality distinction." the Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages 2 (TripleA), University of Potsdam. (with *I-Ta Chris Hsieh)
- MAR. 2015 "No clash constraint in nominal RNR number agreement." the 39th Penn Linguistics Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
- NOV. 2014 "Beyond production: searching for absolute and relative interpretations of superlatives." BUCLD 39, Boston University. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- MAY 2014 "Investigating superlatives in the littlest linguists." GLOW in Asia X, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan (with *Lyn Tieu)
- MAR. 2014 "The littlest linguists and their superlatives." the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, University of Chicago. (with *Lyn Tieu)
- MAR. 2014 "The third reading of the most expensive photo of Abby." the 38th Penn Linguistics Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
- JUL. 2013 "Syntactic treatment of the relative reading with NP Internal focus in superlatives." the 19th International Congress of Linguists, Geneva, Switzerland.
- FEB. 2013 "On the relative reading with NP internal focus in superlatives." the 31st West Coast Conference

NON-REFERRED PRESENTATIONS

- FEB. 2017 "Multi-Valuation and the Agreement Hierarchy." Ling Lunch talk at MIT.
- JUL. 2016 "Multi-Valuation in Nominal Right Node Raising Constructions and its Implications." Invited talk at Ritsumeikan University, Japan.
- JUN. 2016 "Multi-Valuation in Nominal Right Node Raising Constructions and its Implications." Colloquium talk at National Tsinghua University, Taiwan.
- DEC. 2015 "Two Asymmetries in Agreement." the 5th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable.
- DEC. 2014 "The singular and the plural pattern(s) in nominal right node raising." the 4th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable.
- Nov. 2014 "Some notes on 'many'." UConn Ling Lunch. (with *I-Ta Chris Hsieh)
- Nov. 2013 "The relative reading with NP internal focus of superlatives in English-type languages." Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), MIT.
- DEC. 2013 "The littlest linguists and their superlatives." the 3rd UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable.
- DEC. 2013 "1 account for 2 generalizations of the 3rd reading of *best*." the 3rd UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable.
- DEC. 2012 "Superlatives." the 2nd UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable.
- APR. 2012 "Asymmetries between both and all." the 3rd University of Connecticut Language Fest.

MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

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| MEMBERSHIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Linguistics Association of Great Britain• the Linguistic Society of America |
| REVIEWING | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 NELS 48, Journal of Linguistics * 1• 2015 Natural Language and Linguistic Theory * 1• 2014 The Linguistic Review * 1• 2013 Natural Language and Linguistic Theory * 1 |
| SERVICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014 - 2015 President of UConn Linguistics Club• 2013 - 2014 Chair of the Colloquium Committee of UConn Linguistics Club• 2012 - 2013 Secretary of UConn Linguistics Club• 2012 - 2015 Organizing Committee of UConn Open Houses• 2012 - 2013 Organizing Committee of the 44th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society• 2012 - 2013 Coordinator of UConn Ling Lunch talk series• 2011 - 2013 Co-organizer of 1st - 3rd UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable |

TEACHING

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- SPRING 2017 The Science of Linguistics (Ling 2010Q; undergraduate level)
- FALL 2015 The Science of Linguistics (Ling 2010Q; undergraduate level)

WINTER 2014 Language and Mind (Ling 1010; undergraduate level)
FALL 2014 The Science of Linguistics (Ling 2010Q; undergraduate level)
FALL 2013 The Science of Linguistics (Ling 2010Q; undergraduate level)

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

SPRING 2015 Language and Mind (Ling 1010)
SPRING 2014 Language and Mind (Ling 1010)
FALL 2012 Language and Mind (Ling 1010)
SPRING 2013 Language and Mind (Ling 1010)

RESEARCHER EXPERIENCE

SUMMER 2016 Research Assistant for Professor Susi Wurmbrand, University of Connecticut
Project: NP ellipsis.
SUMMER 2015 Research Assistant for Professor Susi Wurmbrand, University of Connecticut
Project: quantifier scope in Mandarin Chinese.
SUMMER 2014 Research Assistant for Professor Susi Wurmbrand, University of Connecticut
Project: control and finiteness in Mandarin Chinese.
SUMMER 2013 Research Assistant for Professor Jon Gajewski, University of Connecticut
Project: Amazon mechanical turk and experimental methods.
SUMMER 2012 Research Assistant for Professor Susi Wurmbrand, University of Connecticut
Projects: ellipsis and binding.
SPRING 2011 Research assistant for Professor Ad Neeleman, University College London
Projects: causative constructions, perfective aspect in Hindi and Chinese, properties of adjectives in Mandarin Chinese

OTHERS

FOUNDER Lingalert.com