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**Areas:** language acquisition, psycholinguistics, language and cognition, learning and memory

## I. Academic & Professional Qualifications

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|------|--|
| 2015 | Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Maryland<br>Dissertation: Verb learning under guidance; Supervisor: Jeffrey Lidz |
| 2009 | B.A. in Linguistics, Chinese University of Hong Kong   |

## II. Academic & Professional Experience

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| 2023-Pres. | Principal Investigator & Coordinator Designate<br><a href="#">Language &amp; Cognition Lab</a> , Hong Kong Baptist University |
| 2020-Pres. | Assistant Professor<br>Department of English Language & Literature, Hong Kong Baptist University                              |
| 2019-2020  | Research Assistant Professor<br>Brain and Mind Institute, Chinese University of Hong Kong                                     |
| 2018-2019  | Postdoctoral Associate<br>School of Philosophy, University of Southern California   |
| 2015-2018  | Postdoctoral Associate<br>Department of Language & Hearing Sciences, Boston University  |

## III. Grants

### *i. External*

Total Amount: HKD833,584 (USD106,875)

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|-----------|--|
| 2024-2026 | <a href="#">Hong Kong University Grants Committee (UGC)</a> , <a href="#">General Research Fund (GRF)</a><br><i>The role of sleep in learning words and rules in early childhood</i><br>As Principal Investigator; HKD683,584; <a href="#">Project No. 12608923</a>      |
| 2021-2023 | <a href="#">Hong Kong University Grants Committee (UGC)</a><br>Special Grant for Strategic Development of Virtual Teaching and Learning<br><i>Virtual Board: Hybrid Delivery and Display for Enhanced Teaching and Learning</i><br>As Principal Investigator; HKD150,000 |

## **ii. Internal**

Total Amount: HKD838,998 (USD107,569)

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|------------|--|
| 2023-2024  | Hong Kong Baptist University, Tier 2 Start-up Grant, competitively awarded<br><i>Input tailoring in parent-child real-time interaction</i><br>As Principal Investigator; HKD250,000  |
| 2021-2023  | Hong Kong Baptist University, Arts Faculty Research Impact Fund<br><i>Promoting public recognition of the role of sleep in children's language development</i><br>As Principal Investigator; HKD50,000   |
| 2020-Pres. | Hong Kong Baptist University, Start-up Grant for New Academics,<br>Non-project specific, awarded upon employment<br>As Principal Investigator; HKD100,000  |
| 2020-2022  | Chinese University of Hong Kong, Knowledge Transfer Project Fund<br><i>Sleep to remember—Promoting early language development by making best use of sleep</i><br>As Principal Investigator, reassigned to a new PI following a career move; HKD400,000 |
| 2016-2017  | Boston University, Dudley Allen Sargent Research Fund Faculty/Postdoc Competition<br><i>Comprehension of 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> person pronouns in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder</i><br>As Principal Investigator; US\$5,000     |

## **IV. Awards & Fellowships**

### **i. Awards**

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| 2024 | Awardee, Faculty/School Performance Award in Early Career Research<br>Faculty of Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University  |
| 2023 | Nominee, President's Award for Outstanding Performance in Teaching<br>Hong Kong Baptist University   |
| 2017 | Awardee, <a href="#">Peter Jusczyk Best Paper Award</a> , Society of Language Development<br>Awarded paper: He & Lidz (2017). Verb Learning in 14- and 18-Month-Old<br>English-Learning Infants. [See V-i-1] |
| 2016 | Awardee, Travel Award, 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders   |
| 2015 | Awardee, <a href="#">Lasnik Award</a> for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student<br>University of Maryland   |
| 2014 | Awardee, Student Award, Society of Language Development  |

### **ii. Fellowships & Scholarships**

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| 2009-2014 | Graduate Fellowship, Linguistics, University of Maryland, US\$20,000/year   |
| 2011-2013 | Language Science Fellowship, University of Maryland, US\$5,000/year   |
| 2005-2009 | <a href="#">Full Scholarship</a> *, Chinese University of Hong Kong,<br>HKD100,000/year (living allowance + tuition).<br>*Granted to top students from each province based on college entrance exam results.<br>(The webpage reflects the present context, which may vary from 2005.) |

## V. Publications

Notations:

- (1) **bold**: highlighting Dr. He herself;
- (2) underlined: indicating the corresponding author;
- (3) [ ]: indicating the highest journal quartile based on SJR or JIF

### i. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

14. He, A. X., Song, H., Jin, K., Lee, H., & Arunachalam, S. (2015). When less is more: Evidence from Korean-learning children's verb acquisition. *Journal of Child Language*. Published online, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305000925100366> [Q1]
13. Artis, J., Luyster, R. J., Carroll, L., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (2025). Personal pronoun comprehension in addressed and non-addressed situations in autistic and nonautistic preschoolers. *Journal of Cognition and Development*, 26 (4). <https://doi.org/10.1080/15248372.2025.2470236> [Q1]
12. Shi, H., **He, A. X.**, Song, H-J., Jin, K-S., & Arunachalam, A. (2024). Learning verbs in English and Korean: The roles of word order and argument drop. *Language Learning and Development*, 20(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2023.2165926> [Q1]
11. **He, A. X.** & Arunachalam, S. (2024). Event end-state encoding in 13-month-olds—Completed and non-completed events are different. *Language and Cognition*, 16(3). <https://doi.org/10.1017/langcog.2023.54> [Q1]
10. **He, A. X.**, Luyster, R. J., & Arunachalam, S. (2022). Parental tuning of language input to autistic and nonspectrum children. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 13. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.954983> [Q2]
9. **He, A. X.** (2021). Optimal input for language development: Tailor nature to nurture. *Infant and Child Development*, 31(1). <https://doi.org/10.1002/icd.2269> [Q2]
8. **He, A. X.**, Huang, S., Waxman, S. R., & Arunachalam, S. (2020). Two-year-olds consolidate verb meanings during a nap. *Cognition*, 198, 104205. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2020.104205> [Q1]
7. **He, A. X.**, & Wittenberg, E. (2020). The acquisition of event nominals and light verbs. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 14(2), e12363. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lnc3.12363> [Q1]
6. **He, A. X.**, Kon, M. & Arunachalam, S. (2020). Linguistic context in verb learning: Less is sometimes more. *Language Learning & Development*, 16(1), 22-42. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2019.1676751> [Q1]
5. Wellwood, A., **He, A. X.**, & Farkas, H. F. (2019). Events and processes in language and mind. *Baltic Yearbook for Cognition, Logic, and Communication*, 13. <https://doi.org/10.4148/1944-3676.1122>
4. de Carvalho, A., **He, A. X.**, Lidz, J., & Christophe, A. (2019). Prosody and function words cue the acquisition of word meanings in 18-month-old infants. *Psychological Science*, 30(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797618814131> [Q1]
3. **He, A. X.**, Luyster, R., Hong, S. J., & Arunachalam, S. (2018). Personal pronoun usage in maternal input to infants at high/low risk for autism spectrum disorder. *First Language*, 38(5). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0142723718782634> [Q1]
2. **He, A. X.** & Arunachalam, S. (2017). Word learning mechanisms. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews*

on *Cognitive Science*, 8(4).

<https://doi.org/10.1002/wcs.1435> [Q1]

1. **He, A. X.** & Lidz, J. (2017). Verb learning in 14- and 18-month-old English-learning infants. *Language Learning and Development*, 13(3).

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2017.1285238> [Q1]

This paper was the recipient of that year's **Peter Jusczyk Best Paper Award**.

## ***ii. Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings***

3. **He, A. X.** & Wellwood, A. C. (2022).

“Most” is easy but “least” is hard: Novel determiner learning in 4-year-olds.

*Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society 44.*

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/5hh4m526>

2. Arunachalam, S., & **He, A. X.** (2018).

Children's acquisition of nouns that denote events.

*Proceedings of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development.*

<http://www.lingref.com/buclid/42/BUCLD42-03.pdf>

1. Wellwood, A., **He, A. X.**, Lidz, J. & Williams, A. (2015).

Participant structure in event perception: Towards the acquisition of implicitly 3-place predicates.

*Proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium.*

<https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol21/iss1/32/>

## ***iii. Manuscripts In Progress***

5. Shukla, V., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (under review). Tuning of unscripted parent narratives directed to autistic and non-autistic children: An exploratory eye-tracking study.

4. **He, A. X.**, & Li, R. (under review). Noun and verb (re)learning: A comparative perspective on acquisition and aphasia.

3. **He, A. X.** & Arunachalam, S. (in prep). When a *gorp* is not an object: Children's acquisition of simple event nominal.

2. **He, A. X.** & Meng, H. (in prep). A tale of two parents: Comparing maternal and paternal input in storytelling.

1. **He, A. X.** (in prep). Napping on new words and rules: Age-related differences in sleep-dependent language learning.

# **VI. Talks & Presentations**

## ***i. Invited Talks***

14. **He, A. X.** (Dec 2024). Navigating the word-learning maze: Cues in the lab and cues in real life. Research Seminar at the Department of Chinese & Bilingualism Studies, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

13. **He, A. X.** (Apr 2022). I (don't) know what “pilk” means! How young children surprise us in learning novel word meanings. Research Seminar at Department of English Language & Literature, Hong Kong Baptist University.

12. **He, A. X.** (Mar 2021). Recognizing the role of sleep in early language acquisition. [Brain and Mind Everywhere—A Virtual Symposium](#). Annual symposium at the Brain and Mind Institute, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

11. **He, A. X.** (Feb 2021). Decipher a novel verb and keep it in your memory: Investigating children's language acquisition with and beyond linguistics. Hong Kong University Linguistics Seminar.
10. **He, A. X.** (May 2019). *Gleebest* of the *blicks* are doing a *gorp!* — Inferring word meanings from the syntax. [Semantics Babble](#), research group at University of California, San Diego.
9. **He, A. X.** (Apr 2019). How do young learners orient themselves in the word learning maze? Developmental Brown Bag, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
8. **He, A. X.** (Apr 2019). Parse to learn while learning to parse: Verb learning and language processing in 3-year-olds. Language Processing Lab, PI: Elsi Kaiser, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Southern California.
7. **He, A. X.** (Mar 2019). How do young children “decipher” the meanings of “tough words”? Research seminar at the Dept. of Linguistics and Modern Languages, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China.
6. **He, A. X.** (Dec 2017). Tackling those tough words: acquisition of verbs, abstract nouns, and pronouns. Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences Colloquium Series, Boston University.
5. **He, A. X.** (Nov 2017). What do we learn from acquisition of “tough” words? – Bringing linguistic, cognitive and social development together. Developmental Science Colloquium, Boston University.
4. **He, A. X.** (May 2017). Towards optimal input: Information and processing load in verb learning. Communication Sciences & Disorders Research Day, Boston University.
3. **He, A. X.** (Apr 2016). The role of sentence parsing, event analysis, and their relation in verb learning. Language and Cognition workshop, Harvard University.
2. **He, A. X.** (June 2015). Guided verb learning. Project on Child Development Laboratory, PI: Sandra Waxman, Northwestern University.
1. **He, A. X.** (Oct 2013). Assessing event perception in adults and prelinguistic children: A prelude to syntactic bootstrapping of verb learning. Language Science Center, PI: Colin Phillips, University of Maryland.

## ***ii. Refereed Conference Talks***

24. **He, A. X.**, & Meng, H. (April 2025). A tale of two parents: Comparing mothers' and fathers' language input in narratives. International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics ([ICTEAP-5](#)). Tokyo, Japan.
23. **He, A. X.**, & Wellwood, A. (July 2022). “Most” is easy but “least” is hard: Novel determiner learning in 4-year-olds. Cognitive Science Society ([CogSci](#)) Meeting. Toronto, Canada.
22. Wellwood, A. & **He, A. X.** (June 2021). Aspects of comparing adjectives. Canadian Linguistic Association ([CLA](#)) Meeting. Virtual.
21. **He, A. X.**, Luyster, R., & Arunachalam, S. (Apr 2021). Parent tuning to children's language processing speed. Society for Research in Child Development ([SRCD](#)) Meeting. Virtual.
20. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (July 2020). Online comprehension of parents' referential expressions in children with and without ASD. International Association for the Study of Child Language ([IASCL](#)). Virtual.
19. Clancy, H., **He, A. X.**, Luyster, R., & Arunachalam, S. (Nov 2019). “It's in your box!”—Personal pronoun comprehension in children with ASD. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
18. Wellwood, A., Pietroski, P. & **He, A. X.** (July 2019). Graded plurals and indeterminacy. Society for Philosophy & Psychology ([SPP](#)) Meeting. San Diego, California, USA.

17. Wellwood, A., & **He, A. X.** (June 2019). Evaluating comparatives with superordinate mass nouns. Canadian Linguistic Association ([CLA](#)) Meeting. Vancouver, Canada.
16. Clancy, H., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Apr 2019). Personal pronoun comprehension in children with ASD. Linguistics and Cognitive Science Student Conference. Newark, Delaware, USA.
15. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Nov 2018). Sleep consolidates syntactically-derived verb meanings in 2-year-olds. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
14. Arunachalam, S., & **He, A. X.** (Nov 2017). Children's acquisition of nouns that denote events. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
13. **He, A. X.**, Waxman, S. R., & Arunachalam, S., (Oct 2017). Two-year-olds consolidate verb meanings during a nap. Cognitive Development Society ([CDS](#)) Meeting. Portland, Oregon, USA.
12. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (July 2017). How we conceptualize the ends of events (and what it might mean for verb acquisition). International Association for the Study of Child Language ([IASCL](#)). Lyon, France.
11. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Jan 2017). How much information is too much: Informativity and processing cost in verb learning. Linguistic Society of America ([LSA](#)) Meeting. Austin, Texas, USA.
10. de Carvalho, A., Dautriche, I., **He, A. X.**, Lidz, J., & Christophe, A. (May 2016). The acquisition of word meanings: interactions between parsing and learning. International Congress of Infant Studies ([ICIS](#)). New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
9. **He, A. X.** & Lidz, J. (May 2016). When one cue is better than two: trade-off between processing load and informativity in verb learning and verb extension tasks. International Congress of Infant Studies ([ICIS](#)). New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
8. Perkins, L., **He, A. X.**, Williams, A., Dudley, R., Björnsdóttir, S. & Lidz, J. (Mar 2016). Can intransitive clauses name 2-participant events? A new test of participant-to-argument matching in verb learning. Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY; currently known as [HSP](#)): Workshop on event structure. Gainesville, Florida, USA.
7. **He, A. X.**, & Lidz, J. (Jan 2016). What infants learn about a verb depends on its subject. Linguistic Society of America ([LSA](#)) Meeting. Washington DC, USA.
6. de Carvalho, A., **He, A. X.**, Lidz, J. & Christophe, A. (Nov 2015). 18-month-olds use the relationship between prosodic and syntactic structures to constrain the meaning of novel words. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
5. de Carvalho, A., **He, A. X.**, Dautrichel, I., Lidz, J. & Christophe, A. (Sept 2015). Phrasal prosody helps infants to access the syntactic structure of sentences and to constrain the acquisition of novel word meanings. Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition Conference ([GALA](#)). Nantes, France.
4. **He, A. X.**, & Lidz, J. (Nov 2014). Development of the verb-event link between 14 and 18 months. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
3. **He, A. X.**, Wellwood, A., Lidz, J. & Williams, A. (July 2014). When participant structure and argument structure do not match: Participant structure construction in adults and prelinguistic infants. International Association for the Study of Child Language ([IASCL](#)). Amsterdam, Netherlands.
2. **He, A. X.**, Meng, X., Williams, A. & Lidz, J. (May 2014). Thematic interpretation and cross-linguistic variations: Evidence from English- and Mandarin-learning children. International Association of Chinese Linguistics ([IACL](#)) & North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics ([NACCL](#)) Joint Meeting. College Park, Maryland, USA.
1. Wellwood, A., **He, A. X.**, Lidz, J. & Williams, A. (Mar 2014). Participant structure in event perception: Towards the acquisition of implicitly 3-place predicates. Penn Linguistics Conference ([PLC](#)).



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

### ***iii. Referred Conference Posters***

22. Shukla, V., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Oct 2023). Attention to illustrations in autistic and non-autistic children following spontaneous parent narratives: An exploratory eye-tracking study. *Many Paths to Language (MPal)*. Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics. Nijmegen, Netherlands.
21. Artis, J., Luyster, R., Carroll, L., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (June 2023). First- and second-person pronoun comprehension in autistic and non-autistic children. *Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD)*. Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
20. Shukla, V., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (June 2023). Parental tuning of narratives directed to autistic and non-autistic children: An exploratory eye-tracking study. *Meeting on Language in Autism (MoLA)*. Duke Institute for Brain Sciences. Durham, North Carolina, USA.
19. Shula, V., **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (June 2022). Comprehension of unscripted parent narratives in autistic children: An explanatory eye-tracking study. *Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD)*. Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
18. Arunachalam, S., **He, A. X.**, & Song, H. (Nov 2020). When less is more: Evidence from verb learning in Korean 4- and 5-year-olds. *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*. Virtual.
17. Shi, H., **He, A. X.**, Song, H., & Arunachalam, S. (Nov 2020). Korean and English verb learning in transitive frames. *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*. Virtual.
16. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Mar 2019). Can you do a “gorp” for five minutes? Learning nouns that denote event concepts. *International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics (ICTEAP-2)*. Beijing, China.
15. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (June-July 2018). Exploring the conceptual origin of a linguistic behavior: Event endstate representation in infancy. *International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS)*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
14. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Mar 2018). Verb learning mediated by sentence processing—Understanding both the learning process and the learning outcome. *Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY; currently known as HSP)*. Davis, California, USA.
13. Williams, A., Perkins, L., **He, A. X.**, Björnsdóttir, S., & Lidz, J. (Nov 2017). A new test of one-to-one matching between arguments and participants in verb learning. *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*. Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
12. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Oct 2017). Eye gaze reveals where verb learners trip. *Cognitive Development Society (CDS) Meeting*. Portland, Oregon, USA.
11. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Oct 2017). Event nominal acquisition benefits from linguistic context. *Cognitive Development Society (CDS) Meeting*. Portland, Oregon, USA.
10. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Aug 2016). How event endstates are conceptualized in adults and infants. *Cognitive Science Society (CogSci) Meeting*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
9. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (June 2016). How much information is too much when introducing new verbs: Insights from typically-developing 3-year-olds. *Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD)*. Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
8. **He, A. X.**, Kim, N., Hong, S. J., Luyster, R. & Arunachalam, S. (June 2016). Pronouns in maternal input to infants at high- vs. low-risk for autism spectrum disorder. *Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD)*. Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
7. **He, A. X.**, & Arunachalam, S. (Mar 2016). How event endstates are conceptualized in adults and

infants. Conference on Human Sentence Processing: Workshop on event structure ([CUNY](#); currently known as [HSP](#)). Gainesville, Florida, USA.

6. **He, A. X.**, Meng, X., Williams, A. & Lidz, J. (July 2014). Thematic interpretations and cross-linguistic variations: Evidence from English- and Mandarin-learning children. International Conference of Infant Studies ([ICIS](#)). Berlin, Germany.

5. **He, A. X.**, Wellwood, A., Lidz, J. & Williams, A. (July 2014). Verb learning and the perception of three-participant events in infants and adults. International Conference of Infant Studies ([ICIS](#)). Berlin, Germany.

4. **He, A. X.**, Meng, X., Williams, A. & Lidz, J. (July 2014). Thematic role assignment in resultative constructions in English- and Mandarin-learning children. International Association for the Study of Child Language ([IASCL](#)). Amsterdam, Netherlands.

3. **He, A. X.**, Wellwood, A., Lidz, J. & Williams, A. (Jan 2014). Assessing event perception in adults and prelinguistic children: A prelude to syntactic bootstrapping. Linguistic Society of America ([LSA](#)) Meeting. Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

2. **He, A. X.**, Wellwood, A., Lidz, J. & Williams, A. (Nov 2013). Assessing event perception in adults and prelinguistic children: A prelude to syntactic bootstrapping. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

1. **He, A. X.** & Lidz, J. (Nov 2011). Mapping intransitive verbs onto self-propelled actions. Boston University Conference on Language Development ([BUCLD](#)). Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

## VII. Teaching

### *i. As Instructor at Hong Kong Baptist University*

Average rating of teaching effectiveness: 4.82 out of 5

2024-2025 S2	ENGL4027: Exploring Bilingualism and Bilingual Education (3 credits, major elective)
2024-2025 S1	ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language (3 credits, major required)
2023-2024 S2	ENGL4007: Advanced Topics in Linguistic Theory—Issues in Child Language Acquisition (3 credits, major elective)  ENGL4027: Exploring Bilingualism and Bilingual Education (3 credits, major elective)
2023-2024 S1	ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language (3 credits, major required)  ENGL2006: Language, Culture and Society (3 credits, major required)
2022-2023 S2	ENGL4007: Advanced Topics in Linguistic Theory—Issues in Child Language Acquisition (3 credits, major elective)  ENGL4027: Exploring Bilingualism and Bilingual Education (3 credits, major elective)
2022-2023 S1	ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language (to English majors; 3 credits, major required)  ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language; (to English & Education double majors; 3 credits, major required)
2021-2022 S2	ENGL4007: Advanced Topics in Linguistic Theory—Issues in Child Language Acquisition (3 credits, major elective)



- 2021-2022 S1 ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language  
(to English majors; 3 credits, major required)  
ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language;  
(to English & Education double majors; 3 credits, major required)
- 2020-2021 S2 ENGL4007: Advanced Topics in Linguistic Theory—Issues in Child Language Acquisition  
(3 credits, major elective)
- 2020-2021 S1 ENGL2005: Introduction to the Study of Language (3 credits, major required)

### ***ii. As Instructor at Boston University***

Average rating of teaching effectiveness: 4.50 out of 5

- 2017-2018 S2 SH524: Normal Language Acquisition (4 credits, major required)
- 2016-2017 S2 SH524: Normal Language Acquisition (4 credits, major required)
- 2015-2016 S2 SH524: Normal Language Acquisition (4 credits, major required)

### ***iii. As Teaching Assistant at University of Maryland***

Recipient of a graduate student teaching award [See IV-i-2015]

- 2014-2015 S2 LING240: Language and Mind
- 2014-2015 S1 LING444: Child Language Acquisition
- 2012-2013 S2 LING240: Language and Mind
- 2012-2013 S1 LING200: Introduction to Linguistics
- 2011-2012 S2 LING240: Language and Mind
- 2011-2012 S1 LING444: Child Language Acquisition
- 2010-2011 S2 LING200: Introduction to Linguistics
- 2010-2011 S1 LING200: Introduction to Linguistics

## **VIII. Research Mentorship**

### ***i. Doctoral Students***

The university requires the completion of co-supervision for a doctoral candidate until graduation to qualify for the role of chief supervisor.

- 2025-Pres. Chief supervisor of CHEN Yujing, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2025-Pres. Co-supervisor of LI Zhuoran, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2025-Pres. Co-supervisor of ZHOU Shenyan, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2023-Pres. Co-supervisor of XIANG Penghui, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2022-Pres. Co-supervisor of WANG Teng Marco, Hong Kong Baptist University

### ***ii. Undergraduate Theses***

- 2021-Pres. Chief supervisor of 24 honors projects, Hong Kong Baptist University  
1 project presented at the *Hong Kong Polytechnic University Undergraduate Conference*

*on Applied Linguistics and Language Studies*, by On Lam TAM, 2024.

2019-2020 Chief supervisor of 1 thesis, Chinese University of Hong Kong

### ***iii. Research Assistants***

2020-Pres. Supervisor of >20 research assistants, [Language & Cognition Lab](#), Hong Kong Baptist University

2018-2019 Mentor of >5 research assistants, The Meaning Lab, University of Southern California

2015-2018 Mentor of >10 research assistants, Child Language Lab, Boston University

2009-2015 Mentor of >15 research assistants, Project on Children's Language Learning, University of Maryland

## **IX. Service to Hong Kong Baptist University**

Acronyms: JUPAS, [Joint University Programmes Admissions System](#); JEE, [Joint Entrance Examination](#); RAE, [Research Assessment Exercise \(RAE\)](#)

### ***i. Department Level***

2023-Pres. Coordinator Designate, [Language & Cognition Lab](#)

2023-Pres. Member, Research Postgraduate Studies Committee

2020-Pres. Coordinator for Departmental Annual Surveys

2023-2024 Contributor to RAE2026 Impact Case, UoA31 English Language and Literature

2024 Member, Selection panel for part-time lecturer

2023 Member, Research Postgraduate Studies Committee

2023 Member, Search committee for tenure-track faculty recruitment

2023 Member, Selection panel for non-JUPAS undergraduate admission

2023 Member, Assessment Panel for PhD Candidature

2022 Video promoter, e-Promotion for Mainland JEE admissions exercise

2022 Member, Selection panel for non-JUPAS undergraduate admission

2021 Staff representative, Staff/student consultative committee meeting

2021 Member, Selection panel for JUPAS undergraduate admission

2021 Member, Selection panel for non-JUPAS undergraduate admission

2021 Member, Assessment panel for postgraduate applicants

### ***ii. Faculty Level***

2025-2026 Arts and Social Sciences Specialist Panel (ASSP) Observer for AY2024/25 and 2025/26

2024-Pres. Member, Faculty Development Committee

2024-Pres. Member, Master of Arts in Language Studies Program Management Committee

2024 Faculty of Arts representative, e-promotion talks for Mainland JEE admission exercise

2024 Contributor, [Arts Fanfare](#) 12<sup>th</sup> issue

2023                      Commentator, Faculty of Arts Postgraduate Research Day  
 2021-2023              Member, Selection panel for non-JUPAS undergraduate admission (Faculty-level)

### ***iii. University Level***

2020-2021              Member, Research Ethics Committee

## **X. Service to Profession**

### ***i. Member of Editorial Board***

2021-Pres.              *Infant and Child Development* [Q2]

### ***ii. Reviewer for journal manuscripts***

2015-Pres.              *Child Development* [Q1]  
                               *Developmental Psychology* [Q1]  
                               *First Language* [Q1]  
                               *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* [Q1]  
                               *Infant and Children Development* [Q2]  
                               *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology* [Q1]  
                               *Journal of Cognition and Development* [Q1]  
                               *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research* [Q1]  
                               *Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research* [Q1]  
                               *Language* [Q1]  
                               *Language Acquisition* [Q1]  
                               *Language and Cognition* [Q1]  
                               *Language Learning* [Q1]  
                               *Language Learning and Development* [Q1]  
                               *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience* [Q1]  
                               *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* [Q1]  
                               *Language and Linguistics Compass* [Q1]  
                               *PloS One* [Q1]  
                               *Psychological Science* [Q1]

### ***iii. Reviewer for book sections***

2016                      *Trends in Language Acquisition Research, Semantics in Language Acquisition*

### ***iv. Reviewer for grant proposals***

2022                      Technology and Business Development Fund (TBF), Chinese University of Hong Kong

### ***v. Reviewer for conference abstracts***

2016-21, 24, 25 Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)  
 2021                      Asia-Pacific Babylab Constellation (ABC)  
 2019                      Congress of International Association of the Study of Child Language (IASCL)  
 2016-2019              Cognitive Science Society (CSS) Meeting

## ***vi. Organizer of academic events***

2021            Member, Organizing Committee for [Asia-Pacific Babylab Constellation \(ABC\)](#):  
Language and Cognition in typical and atypical development

## **XI. Outreach & Impact**

### ***i. Media Coverage***

2024            Hong Kong Wen Wei Po  
Featuring research on the role of sleep in language development  
[Report](#) • [Video](#)

2023            Hong Kong Baptist University Faculty of Arts, [Arts Fanfare](#) 12<sup>th</sup> issue (upcoming)

2022            Hong Kong Baptist University News, [Exploring language development in children](#)

### ***ii. Outreach Events & Activities***

2024-Pres.      WeChat featured column “Language and Cognition Mystery Files”  
(WeChat public account ID: lang-cog)  
Role: Founder, chief curator, and contributing author  
Audience: general public  
Goal: promoting knowledge of language and cognition, nurturing an informed community  
Highlights: 26 original articles, over 500 followers, 94K reads and 300 thumb-ups

2022            Online workshop “[Better sleep, smarter brain](#)”  
Role: Convener  
Audience: parents, educators, and clinicians  
Goal: promoting knowledge on the role of sleep in learning and development  
Funding: Arts Faculty Research Impact Fund [see III-ii]  
Highlights: >300 participants, over 85% rating its helpfulness above 4 out of 5

2016-2019      WeChat featured column “Cognitive Science” (WeChat public account ID: cogsci)  
Role: Founder and contributing author  
Audience: general public  
Goal: promoting knowledge of language, psychology, and cognitive science  
Highlights: 99 articles, 4.6K followers, 100K reads and 2K thumb-ups