

## EDUCATION

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**National Taiwan Normal University** Taipei, Taiwan  
M.A., Chinese as a Second Language Jun 2023  
Thesis: *An Error Analysis on Japanese CSL Learners' Usage of Chinese Potential Expressions and its Pedagogical Implications* (Advisor: Huichen S. Hsiao, Ph.D.)  
Thesis and Oral Examination Grade: A+

**University of California, Davis** Davis, CA  
B.A., Chinese, International Relations and Japanese Jun 2017  
Honors Thesis: *The Relationship Between Chinese Language and the Formation of Chinese-American Identity* (Advisor: Michelle Yeh, Ph.D.)  
*Highest Honors* in Chinese, *Honors* in International Relations, *Honors* in Japanese, *Phi Beta Kappa*  
Dean's List for 9 quarters

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**National Taiwan Normal University** Taipei, Taiwan  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Chinese as a Second Language* Sep 2019 – Present

- Participated in the design and implementation of two experimental research projects in cognitive linguistics and second language acquisition
- Performed testing and data collection using psychological assessment software such as *E-Prime* and *PsychoPy*
- Conducted comprehensive statistical analysis on research data, employing *Excel*, *SPSS* and *RStudio*, resulting in robust findings and insights
- Facilitated the submission of error-free materials in Chinese and English, contributing to 10+ accepted presentations and publications

**U.S. Consulate General, Melbourne** Melbourne, Australia  
*Virtual Student Federal Service Intern, Political and Economic Section* Sep 2020 – May 2021

- Monitored and analyzed daily content from Chinese state-owned news sources and social media, ensuring comprehensive coverage of China-US and China-Australia relations
- Conducted comparative analysis of media content, identifying discrepancies and trends in reporting between Chinese and English news outlets
- Wrote weekly summaries of pertinent findings reviewed by Political/Economic officers

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**National Taiwan Normal University** Taipei, Taiwan  
*Teaching Assistant / Center for General Education* Fall 2022, Spring 2023

- 0HUG248 Masterpieces of Chinese Literature: Classical and Modern

*Teaching Assistant / Dept. of Chinese as a Second Language* Fall 2021

- CLU0105 Chinese Linguistics

**Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF)** Taipei, Taiwan

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| <i>Intern Teacher</i>   | Fall 2021                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project in Nicaragua (Remote)</li> </ul>   |                                     |
| <b>Duke University</b>  | Durham, NC                          |
| <i>Intern Teacher</i>   | Spring 2021                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHINESE 102 First-Year Chinese II (Remote)</li> </ul>  |                                     |
| <b>University of Queensland</b>   | Brisbane, Australia                 |
| <i>Intern Teacher</i>   | Spring 2021                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHIN 3001 Written Chinese IIA (Remote)</li> </ul>  |                                     |
| <b>University of California, Davis</b>  | Davis, CA                           |
| <i>Tutor / Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures</i>   | Fall 2020, Winter 2021              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JPN 1, 2 Elementary Japanese (Remote)</li> <li>JPN 4, 5 Intermediate Japanese (Remote)</li> </ul>  |                                     |
| <i>Tutor / Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures</i>   | Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JPN 4, 5, 6 Intermediate Japanese</li> </ul>   |                                     |
| <i>Tutor / Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures</i>   | Fall 2014 – Spring 2017             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHN 1, 2, 3 Elementary Chinese</li> <li>CHN 4, 5, 6 Intermediate Chinese</li> <li>CHN 1BL, 2BL, 3BL Accelerated Written Chinese</li> <li>CHN 111, 112, 113 Modern Chinese: Reading &amp; Discussion</li> <li>CHN 120 Advanced Chinese</li> </ul> |                                     |
| <i>Reader / Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures</i>  | Winter 2017                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHN 107 Traditional Chinese Fiction (in English)</li> </ul>  |                                     |
| <b>HESS International Education Group</b>   | New Taipei City, Taiwan             |
| <i>Native-Speaking Teacher of English</i>   | Jul 2018 – Feb 2019                 |
| <b>Qingtian Senior High School</b>  | Qingtian County, China              |
| <i>Native-Speaking Teacher of English</i>   | Sep 2017 – Jun 2018                 |
| <b>NewStar Chinese School</b>   | Davis, CA                           |
| <i>Instructor of Mandarin Chinese</i>   | Sep 2016 – May 2017                 |
| <b>Davis Chinese School</b>   | Davis, CA                           |
| <i>Instructor of Mandarin Chinese</i>   | Sep 2016 – May 2017                 |
| <i>Teaching Assistant of Mandarin Chinese</i>   | Sep 2015 – May 2016                 |

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Yu, A.,** Lin, H.-Y., & Hsiao, H. S. (Submitted). A Study on Scalar Processing and Context in Mandarin Chinese.
- Wang, Y.-H., **Yu, A.,** & Hsiao, H. S. (2025). An Empirical Study on Scalar Structure in Mandarin: A Case Study on “Degree Adverb-Adjective” Structures. *Chinese Language and Discourse*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1075/cld.24032.wan>
- Yu, A.,** & Hsiao, H. S. (2024). A Preliminary Study on Japanese CSL Learners’ Acquisition of Mandarin Potential Expressions. In M. Dong, J.-F. Hong, P. Jin, & J. Lin (Eds.), *Chinese Lexical Semantics (CLSW 2023, Revised Selected Papers, Part II)*, pp. 423–434). Lecture Notes in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence), vol. 14515. Springer Nature. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-0586-3\\_32](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-0586-3_32)
- Hsiao, H. S., Wang, Y.-H., & **Yu, A.** (2024). A Study on Native Mandarin Speakers’ Homogeneity of Degree Adverbs and Adjectives. In M. Dong, J.-F. Hong, P. Jin, & J. Lin (Eds.), *Chinese Lexical Semantics (CLSW 2023, Revised Selected Papers, Part I)*, pp. 3–10). Lecture Notes in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence), vol. 14515. Springer Nature. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-0583-2\\_1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-0583-2_1)
- Yu, A.,** & Hsiao, H. S. (2022). An Error Analysis on Japanese CSL Learners’ Usage of Mandarin Potential Expressions: A Preliminary Study. In Association of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (Ed.), *Proceedings of The 2022 Annual International Conference of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language* (pp. 571-575). Association of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Yu, A.,** & Hsiao, H. S. (2024). A Contrastive Analysis on Negative Potential Expressions in Mandarin Chinese and Japanese: A Case Study on *Norwegian Wood*. Poster presented at *The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Chinese Linguistic Society of Japan*. November 2-3. Osaka: Kansai Gaidai University. (In Chinese)
- Yu, A.,** Lin, H.-Y., & Hsiao, H. S. (2024). A Study on the Scalar Processing of *youxie* ‘some’ in Mandarin Chinese and its Pedagogical Implications. Paper presented at *The 5<sup>th</sup> Cross-Strait International Conference on Chinese Language Teaching in the New Era*. October 18-19. Taipei: National Academy for Educational Research, Taipei Branch.
- Yu, A.,** & Hsiao, H. S. (2023). A Preliminary Study on Japanese CSL Learners’ Acquisition of Mandarin Potential Expressions. Paper presented at *The 24<sup>th</sup> Chinese Lexical Semantics Workshop (CLSW)*. May 19-21. Singapore: National University of Singapore.
- Hsiao, H. S., Wang, Y.-H., & **Yu, A.** (2023). A Study on Native Mandarin Speakers’ Homogeneity of Degree Adverbs and Adjectives. Paper presented at *The 24<sup>th</sup> Chinese Lexical Semantics Workshop (CLSW)*. May 19-21. Singapore: National University of Singapore.
- Wang, Y.-H., **Yu, A.,** & Hsiao, H. S. (2023). Using Scalar Inference of Native Mandarin Speakers to Investigate the Difficulties in Teaching the Adverb ‘*You Dian*’. Paper presented at the *2023 Chinese Language Teachers Association Annual Conference (CLTA)*. March 31-April 2. Washington, D.C.: Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel.
- Yu, A.** (2023). A Study on the Portrayal of Mental Health Coping Strategies Among First- and Second-Generation Korean Immigrants in *Kim’s Convenience*. Paper presented at *The 22nd East-West Center*

*International Graduate Student Conference (EWC IGSC)*. February 16-18. Honolulu, HI: East-West Center.

**Yu, A., & Hsiao, H. S.** (2022). An Error Analysis on Japanese CSL Learners' Usage of Mandarin Potential Expressions: A Preliminary Study. Paper presented at *The 2022 Annual International Conference of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (ATCSL)*. December 16-18. Taipei: National Taiwan Normal University. (In Chinese)

**Yu, A.** (2022). The Effects of Studying Abroad on Compliment Response Strategies Used by Chinese-Speaking International Students in English-speaking Nations. Paper presented at *The 21st East-West Center International Graduate School Conference (EWC IGSC)*. February 17-20. Honolulu, HI: East-West Center.

**Yu, A., Ho, W.-C., Lin, Y.-J., & Fu, C.-T.** (2022). Cross-Cultural Pragmatic Awareness and Heritage Language Education: A Case Study on Chinese Heritage Language (CHL) Learners in North America. Paper presented at *The 21st East-West Center International Graduate School Conference (EWC IGSC)*. February 17-20. Honolulu, HI: East-West Center.

**Yu, A.** (2021). Chinese Language and the Formation of Chinese-American Identity. Paper presented at *The 6th International Conference on Chinese as a Second Language Research (CASLAR-6)*. July 30-August 1. Washington, D.C.: The George Washington University.

## INVITED LECTURES

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**Yu, A.** (2021, February 7). *Theories of Kanji* [Virtual Workshop]. Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Davis.

**Yu, A.** (2020, October 30). *Japanese Pronunciation* [Virtual Workshop]. Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Davis.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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| Outstanding Leadership Award, Community Youth Center of San Francisco                 | 2023 |
| Graduate Student Paper Award, Association of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language    | 2022 |
| Outstanding Educational Ambassador, Ameson Education and Cultural Exchange Foundation | 2018 |
| Highest Honors for Senior Thesis Award, University of California, Davis               | 2017 |
| Departmental Citation in Chinese, University of California, Davis                     | 2017 |
| Departmental Citation in Japanese, University of California, Davis                    | 2017 |
| Citation for Outstanding Performance in Chinese, University of California, Davis      | 2017 |
| Citation for Outstanding Performance in Japanese, University of California, Davis     | 2017 |
| Departmental Citation in International Relations, University of California, Davis     | 2017 |
| Outstanding Senior in Chinese, University of California, Davis                        | 2017 |

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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| NSTC Subsidy for Graduate Students Attending International Conferences (NT\$20,000) | 2023 |
| NTNU Subsidy for Graduate Students Attending International Conferences (US\$30)     | 2022 |
| NTNU Fulfilling Dreams Scholarship (NT\$10,000)                                     | 2021 |

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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| Editor, Translator and Proofreader for Textbook <i>Light Taiwan</i> (In press) | 2024 |
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| Proofreader for 2023 Conference of World Chinese Language Association (WCLA)                 | 2023      |
| Staff at 8th International Workshop on Advanced Learning Sciences (IWALS)                    | 2022      |
| Staff at 8th International School Chinese Language Education Conference and Workshop (ISCLE) | 2021      |
| Staff at 2021 Conference of World Chinese Language Association (WCLA)                        | 2021      |
| Translator and Proofreader for Textbook <i>Key to the World: A Kaleidoscope of Taiwan</i>    | 2020      |
| Academic Peer Advisor, Dept. of EALC, University of California, Davis                        | 2015-2017 |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Community Youth Center of San Francisco</b>   | San Francisco, CA  |
| <i>Program Coordinator, Education Component</i>  | Oct 2023 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide instruction in English language development, social-emotional learning, job-readiness training and community service learning in Mandarin, Cantonese and English to over 100 English language learners attending San Francisco public high schools and community college</li> <li>• Provide one-on-one case management to approximately 20 students per school year, creating individualized education plans and connecting clients to internship opportunities</li> <li>• Coordinate with Program Manager to effectively manage program budget, ensuring the timely delivery of programmatic materials and stipends to participants</li> <li>• Co-coordinate and execute five annual large-scale community events in Chinatown, San Francisco</li> </ul> |                    |

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| <b>National Taiwan Normal University</b>   | Taipei, Taiwan      |
| <i>Educational Technology Intern, Chinese Language and Technology Center</i>   | Feb 2022 – Jun 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in beta testing and performed quality control for <i>COOL Chinese</i> digital learning products, including <i>eMPower</i>, <i>SmartReading-Mandarin</i>, <i>SmartPinyin</i> and <i>SmartWriting-Mandarin</i></li> <li>• Converted 20+ Chinese language textbooks into digital format using <i>COOL Chinese</i> products, including texts, exercises, grammar/vocabulary and quizzes</li> <li>• Administered diagnostic exams to Chinese language learners originating from 20+ countries to collect data for R&amp;D</li> <li>• Utilized software tools, including <i>Praat</i> and corpus databases, to meticulously craft and revise product contents</li> </ul> |                     |

## AFFILIATIONS

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| Member, The Chinese Linguistic Society of Japan | 2024 – Present |
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## SKILLS

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### Languages

Bilingual Proficiency: English, Taishanese

Fluent: Mandarin, Cantonese

Proficient: Japanese

Elementary: Southern Min, Korean, Spanish

### Software

SPSS, RStudio, Praat, E-Prime, PsychoPy