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EDUCATION

DEGREE PROGRAM

Ph.D., M.A., Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin, 2024-2029.

Advisors: Junyi Jessy Li, David I. Beaver

M.Sc. *with distinction*, Speech and Language Processing, University of Edinburgh, 2022-2023.

Dissertation: *Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD)*

Advisor: Catherine Lai

B.A. *summa cum laude*, English Language and Literature, Hanyang University, 2020-2022.

Advisor: Ki Jeong Lee

GPA: 3.96/4.0, 99.5/100

B.A. Translation and Interpreting, Zhejiang Normal University, 2018-2020.

GPA: 3.95/5.0, 91/100

NON-DEGREE PROGRAM

2024 The 8th NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies

2023 The 7th NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies

2021 Summer School in Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University

32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information

Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Computational Linguistics

Narrow CP Selection, Cartography, Finiteness, Ellipsis, QUD, Factivity, Variation Modeling

Languages Mandarin, English, Korean, Japanese, Thai

PUBLICATIONS

DISSERTATIONS

1. **Anshun, Zheng.** 2023. Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD), M.Sc. Thesis, *University of Edinburgh*, Edinburgh, Scotland. (*Distinction*)

PROCEEDINGS

2. **Anshun, Zheng.** (in preparation). CP Selection at the Syntax-Semantics Interface: A Case Study in Mandarin *think* “*xiang*”, 2024, In *Proceedings of the 23rd Meeting of the Texas Linguistics Society, TLS2024*
3. **Anshun, Zheng.** Dynamic Questions: Evidence from Mandarin *Think*–“*Xiang*”, 2023, In *Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB4), IWCS2023*, pages 40-49, Nancy, France. Association for Computational Linguistics.

PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Anshun, Zheng.** Dynamic Questions: Evidence from Mandarin *Think*–“*Xiang*”, 2023, *The 4th Workshop on Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB4), IWCS2023*, Université de Lorraine, June 20.

ABSTRACTS

- 2024 **Anshun, Zheng.** Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD), 2023. Submitted to *the 48th Penn Linguistics Conference* (Accepted)
- 2024 **Anshun, Zheng.** CP Selection at the Syntax-Semantics Interface: A Case Study in Mandarin *think* “*xiang*”, 2023. Poster presentation at the *Texas Linguistics Society 2024 (TLS2024)*, The University of Texas at Austin, February 23.
- 2023 **Anshun, Zheng.** CP Selection at the Syntax-Semantics Interface: A Case Study in Mandarin *think* “*xiang*”, 2023. Poster presentation at the 2023 LSK Young Scholar Symposium, Korea University, December 8.

TEACHING

AT ZHEJIANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Basic English (Teaching assistant 2019-1,2)

Basic English Writing (Teaching assistant 2018-2)

HONORS & AWARDS

Hanyang International Excellence Awards (HIEA) (≈\$12000), Hanyang University.	2021-2022
TOPIK Scholarship (≈\$400), Hanyang University.	2020
Hanyang International Scholarship Program (HISP) (≈\$1500), Hanyang University.	2020
The University Scholarship, Zhejiang Normal University (≈\$300).	2018-2020
Outstanding Student Leader, Zhejiang Normal University.	2018-2020.

SERVICES

Member of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)	2023-present
Member of The Association for Logic, Language and Information	2021-present
Member of UoE Meaning and Grammar Research Group (MGRG)	2022-2023

LANGUAGES & COMPUTING SKILLS

<i>Natural</i>	Mandarin, Chinese Wu (Native), English, Korean, Archaic Chinese (Advanced), Japanese, French (Intermediate), Thai, Latin (Elementary).
<i>Programming</i>	Python, JavaScript, R, \LaTeX , Praat, Html, SQLite.
<i>Frameworks and Packages</i>	PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Numpy, Pandas, Nltk, SpacCy, CHILDES, Penn Treebanks, JsPsych.

REFERENCES

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