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EDUCATION

DEGREE PROGRAM

- **University of Texas at Austin** **Austin, Texas**
Ph.D. student in Linguistics *08/2024 – Present*
 - Advisors: Junyi Jessy Li, David I. Beaver
- **University of Edinburgh** **Edinburgh, Scotland**
Master of Science in Speech and Language Processing *09/2022 – 08/2023*
 - Dissertation:
Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD)
 - Supervisor: Catherine Lai
 - First Class *with distinction*
- **Hanyang University** **Seoul, South Korea**
Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature *09/2020 – 08/2022*
 - Advisor: Ki Jeong Lee
 - GPA: 3.96/4.0, 99.5/100
 - *summa cum laude* honors
- **Zhejiang Normal University** **Zhejiang, China**
Bachelor of Arts in Translation and Interpreting (resigned) *09/2018 – 08/2020*
 - 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* Semantics, Pragmatics, Computational Linguistics
- Narrow* Questions (QUD, Biased Questions), Clausal Complements, Non-cooperative Discourse,
 Interpretability, Pragmatic ability of LLMs
- Languages* Mandarin, English, Korean

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.** 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

- 2025 **Anshun, Zheng.** *Nandao-Qs: When Surprise Sparks Inquiry*, 2025. Submitted to *the 43rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 43)* (Accepted)
- 2024 **Anshun, Zheng.** Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD), 2024. 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.

EXPERIENCE

AT ZHEJIANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Basic English (TA 2019-1,2)

Basic English Writing (TA 2018-2)

AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Graduate Research Assistant (with Junyi Jessy Li and David Beaver) 2024-present

△ Examine the LLMs' ability to recognize and perform non-cooperative discourse under legal contexts.

HONORS & AWARDS

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

SERVICES

Member of Associated Students of Linguistics (ASOL) at UT Austin	2024 – Present
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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 Junyi Jessy Li, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin, jessy@austin.utexas.edu
 Catherine Lai, Lecturer, University of Edinburgh, c.lai@ed.ac.uk
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 Taehong Cho, Professor, Hanyang University, tcho@hanyang.ac.kr