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## EDUCATION

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### DEGREE-CONFERRING PROGRAMS

- 2025- DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in *Linguistics*  
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2025 MASTER OF ARTS in *Linguistics, Distinction*  
University of Hong Kong
- 2024 BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES in *Political Science* and *Linguistics*, *First Class Honour*  
University of Hong Kong

### NON-DEGREE TRAININGS

- 2023 University of California, Berkeley, Undergraduate Visiting Student

## PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Resubmitted **Du, B.**, Alexandra A. The co-variance of acoustic cues and lip gestures in the production of the Mandarin sibilant contrast. Submitted to *Laboratory Phonology*
- 2024 Do, Y.\* , Van Hoey, T., Yu, X., **Du, B.**, Tan, L. Implicit and explicit learning of vowel harmony patterns in phonotactics and alternations. *Linguistics Vangard*, 10(1), 93-104.

### PROCEEDINGS

- 2024 **Du, B.**, Pfiffner, A., Johnson, K. Visible articulatory variation as a cue to sound change: Lip rounding and lip protrusion variability in the Mandarin sibilant merger. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, 30(2).

### OTHER MANUSCRIPTS

- 2025 **Du, B.** *The Referential Structure Hypothesis in Mandarin Chinese: Discourse coherence and anaphoric choices in pronoun resolution*. Master of Arts Thesis in Psycholinguistics, University of Hong Kong, HK.
- 2023 **Du, B.** *The backfire effect in the perception and judgement of congruent and incongruent interpretation of political propaganda*. Undergraduate Thesis in Political Psychology, University of Hong Kong, HK.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND POSTERS

- 2024 **Du, B.**, Pfiffner, A., Johnson, K. The role of visible articulatory variation in the Mandarin sibilant contrast and merger. Paper presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of Linguistic Society of America (LSA2024), New York City, NY.
- 2023 Havenhill, J, **Du, B.** The role of visual cues in sound change: A cross-modality perceptual account for the typological rarity of labial palatalization. Poster presented at the 185th Meeting of Acoustical Society of America (ASA185), Sydney, Australia.

- 2023 **Du, B.**, Pfiffner, A., Johnson, K. Consonant and vowel rounding: same acoustics, different visuals. Poster presented at the 185th Meeting of Acoustical Society of America (ASA185), Sydney, Australia.
- 2023 **Du, B.**, Pfiffner, A., Johnson, K. Visible articulatory variation as a cue to sound change: Lip rounding and lip protrusion variability in the Mandarin sibilant merger. Paper presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 51 (NWAY51), Queens College CUNY, New York City, NY.
- 2023 **Du, B.** Acoustic distance effect on the perception of sibilants mergers between retroflexes and alveolars in Taiwan Mandarin. Poster presented at the 184th Meeting of Acoustical Society of America 2023 (ASA 184), Chicago, IL.
- 2023 **Du, B.** An audio-visual account for synchronic sound changes towards sibilants merger in Taiwan Mandarin. Paper presented at the Seventh Annual Berkeley Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium 2023, University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- WORKSHOPS
- 2023 **Du, B.** Introduction to Advanced R Programming with RMarkdown. The Sociolinguistic Lab at UC Berkeley.

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

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2025	Ladefoged Scholarship, UCLA Linguistics Department	US\$1,500
2025	Del Amo Award, UCLA Division of Humanities	US\$44,000
2025	Departmental Award, UCLA Linguistics Department, <i>Summer Funding incl.</i>	US\$30,500
2023	Down Funder Student Travel Funding, Acoustics Society of America	US\$1,000
2023	Departmental Undergraduate Research Grant, UC Berkeley Linguistics Department	US\$600
2023	Ms Cecilia Vong Prize of Linguistics, HKU Linguistics Department	HK\$1,000
2022	Globalink Research Award, Mitacs	CA\$12,000
2022	HKU Transdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant	HK\$10,000
2022	Leung Kau Kui Research and Teaching Endowment	HK\$10,000
2022	K.K.Ho Prize, HKU Faculty of Social Sciences	US\$2,560
2022	Dean's Honor List, HKU Faculty of Social Sciences	
2021	Dean's Honor List, HKU Faculty of Social Sciences	
2020	Dean's Honor List, HKU Faculty of Social Sciences	
2019	Soong Ching-ling Foundation Scholarship	US\$ 30,700

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Fall 2024 POLI 3148: Data Science in Politics and Public Administration (Instructor: Haohan Chen)
- Spr 2026 POLI 3148: Data Science in Politics and Public Administration (Instructor: Haohan Chen)

## SKILLS

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LANGUAGES	English, Mandarin, Cantonese Serudung Murut, Kalabakan Murut (Fieldwork) Korean (Experimental)
SCRIPTING	Python, SQL, R, Praat, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Markdown, HTML

## MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICES

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2023-	Acoustical Society of America	Student member
2021-	Linguistic Society of America	Student member
2025-	The Association for Laboratory Phonology	Student member
2023	Mitacs	Globalink Research Ambassador
2022	Undergraduate Mentoring Program	Mentor
2021-23	Chinese Culture Committee at R.C.Lee Hall	Chariperson
2020-21	Social Service Fund, HKUSU	External Secretary
2021	Pad for Hope Foundation	Teaching Assistant
2020	University Service Centre of CUHK 中國研究服務中心	Student Helper