# Tianhu (Tony) Chen

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## Education

2016 - present

#### **Boston College**

Psychology B.A, Mathematics B.A, Computer Science (minor)

Advisor: Joshua K. Hartshorne

GPA: 3.95

## Experience

2020-present

## Social and Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Lab

• Analyses of neural network and brain based representations of face identity and expression

2020-present

#### **Morality Lab**

• Bayesian and reinforcement learning modeling of social learning and belief updating

2017-2020

#### Language Learning Lab

- Computational modeling of second language acquisition
- Linguistic analyses of large transformer-based language models

2019

#### **Laboratory for Neural Computation and Cognition**

• Neural network based inference algorithms for sequential sampling models.

2018-2019

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• Convolutional neural networks for predicting species coexistence in microbial communities.

### **Publications**

2021

**Chen, Tony**, Harthshorne, Joshua. K. (2021). More evidence from over 1.1 million subjects that the critical period for syntax closes in late adolescence. *Cognition*.

2021

Fengler, Alexander, Govindarajan, Lakshmi N., **Chen, Tony**, Frank, Michael J. (2021). Likelihood Approximation Networks (LANs) for Fast Inference of Simulation Models in Cognitive Neuroscience. *eLife*.

## Conference Abstracts

## **Talks**

2021

**Chen, Tianhu**, O'Donnell, Timothy J., and Hartshorne, Joshua. Verb Argument Structure and Semantics in Language Models. The 12th Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science.

2019

**Chen, Tianhu**, and Hartshorne, Joshua. Revisiting a Critical Period for Syntax in a Second Language: New Analyses Provide the Same Results. The 32nd CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing.

## **Posters**

2019

**Chen, Tianhu**, and Hartshorne, Joshua. More Evidence that the Critical Period for Syntax Ends at 17. The 44th Boston University Conference on Language Development.

## **Teaching**

2019

Teaching Assistant, Psychoactive Drugs, Brown University

# Membership

Member, Psi Chi

Member, Phi Beta Kappa