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Education

- 2016–Present **Ph.D.**, *University of Southern California*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
Developmental Psychology
- 2010–2013 **B.A. with High Honors**, *Smith College*, Northampton, MA, USA.
Psychology

Grants and Fellowships

- 2021-2023 NSF #BCS-2041372 “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Considering the effects of disfluent speech on children’s sentence processing capabilities and language development”
- 2020-2021 USC Psychology Department Doctoral Research Grant Award
- 2020 Gold Family Fellowship
- 2020 USC Doctoral Research Continuity Fund
- 2017-2019 USC Psychology Department Travel Grant for Conferences
- 2016-2021 Dornsife/Graduate School Ph.D. Fellowship
- 2013 Smith College International Experience Grant (Awarded for Honors Thesis Research)

Honors and Awards

- 2021 Paula Menyuk Award BUCLD 46
- 2018 Phi Kappa Phi (USC Chapter)
- 2013 Sigma Xi (Smith College Chapter)
- 2012 Psi Chi (Smith College Chapter)
- 2010–2013 Dean’s List (Smith College)

Publications

- Chiang, C.** & Mintz, T. H. (Under Review). Disfluencies activate alternative argument structures in toddlers during online sentence processing.

- Spencer, A. E., **Chiang, C.**, Plasencia, N., Biederman, J., Sun, Y., Gebara, C., . . . Zima, B. T. (2019). Utilization of child psychiatry consultation embedded in primary care for an urban, Latino population. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 30(2), 637.
- Chiang, C.**, Brixey, J., Gibson, J., & Dehghani, M. (2018, July). Improving predictions of polite and frustrated speech using linguistic features associated with different cognitive states in children. In C. Kalish, M. Rau, J. Zhu, & T. Rogers (Eds.), *Cogsci 2018* (pp. 1482–1487).
- Chiang, C.**, Geffen, S., & Mintz, T. H. (2018, April). Distinguishing questions and statements using sentence-initial prosodic cues. In A. B. Bertolini & M. J. Kaplan (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 42nd annual Boston University Conference on Language Development* (pp. 153–158).
- Murphy, J. M., Nguyen, T., Lucke, C., **Chiang, C.**, Plasencia, N., & Jellinek, M. (2018). Adolescent self-screening for mental health problems; demonstration of an internet-based approach. *Academic Pediatrics*, 18(1), 59–65.
- Murphy, J. M., Bergmann, P., **Chiang, C.**, Sturmer, R., Howard, B., Abel, M. R., & Jellinek, M. (2016). The PSC-17: subscale scores, reliability, and factor structure in a new national sample. *Pediatrics*, 138(3), e20160038.

Conference Presentations (Talks)

- Chiang, C.** & Mintz, T. H. (2021, November). Uh what did you say? Children’s parsing preferences are altered by experience with disfluent sentences. Talk to be presented at the 46th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Chiang, C.** & Mintz, T. H. (2020, November). Going against verb bias: toddlers shift parsing strategies when encountering disfluencies. Talk presented at the 45th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Chiang, C.**, Lu, Y., & Kaiser, E. (2019, October). Object-extracted relative clause processing: examining interactions between discourse status, representational complexity, and locality. Talk presented at the 3rd California Meeting in Psycholinguistics, Santa Cruz, CA.

Conference Presentations (Posters)

- Chiang, C.** & Mintz, T. H. (2020, September). *Examining the mechanisms of structural priming: considering the effects of disfluent sentences on the implicit learning account*. Poster presented at the 26th Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing Conference, Potsdam, Germany.
- Chiang, C.**, Lu, Y., & Kaiser, E. (2019, September). *Effects of discourse status, representational complexity, and locality on object-extracted relative clause processing*. Poster presented at the 25th Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing Conference, Moscow, Russia.

- Chiang, C.**, Brixey, J., Gibson, J., & Dehghani, M. (2018, July). *Improving predictions of polite and frustrated speech using linguistic features associated with different cognitive states in children*. Poster presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison.
- Chiang, C.**, Brixey, J., Gibson, J., & Dehghani, M. (2018, May). *Improving predictions of polite and frustrated speech using linguistic features associated with different cognitive states in children*. Poster presented at the 30th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science.
- Chiang, C.**, Geffen, S., & Mintz, T. H. (2017, November). *Distinguishing questions and statements using sentence-initial prosodic cues*. Poster presented at 42nd annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston.
- Spencer, A. E., **Chiang, C.**, Plasencia, N., Biederman, J., Gebara, C., Cronin, R., ... Jellinek, M. (2016, October). *Complexity of identifying ADHD and comorbidities in a disadvantaged, Latino population*. Poster presented at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry 63rd Annual Meeting, New York City.
- Spencer, A. E., **Chiang, C.**, Plasencia, N., & Biederman, J. (2015, November). *Characterization of patients referred to a child psychiatrist embedded in a community pediatrics clinic*. Poster presented at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry 62nd Annual Meeting, San Antonio.
- Chiang, C.** & de Villiers, J. (2014, July). *Understanding object and subject wh-questions in Mandarin: contrasting passive bei and ba form*. Poster presented at the International Congress for the Study of Child Language (IASCL) Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2020 **University of Southern California.**
Teaching Assistant for PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology
- Spring 2020 **University of Southern California.**
Teaching Assistant for PSYC 440: Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience
- Spring 2020 **University of Southern California.**
Teaching Assistant for PSYC 326: Behavioral Neuroscience
- Summer 2019 **University of Southern California.**
Guest Lecturer (Developmental Psychology) for USC Summer Program
- Spring 2019 **University of Southern California.**
Teaching Assistant for PSYC 301: Cognitive Processes
- Fall 2017 – **University of Southern California.**
Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant for PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology
- Fall 2012 – **Smith College.**
Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant for Research Methods

Fall 2012 **Smith College.**

Teaching Assistant for Physiology of Behavior (Clinical Neuroscience)

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer.

- 4th California Meeting in Psycholinguistics (2021)
- 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (2020)
- 3rd California Meeting in Psycholinguistics (2019)
- 41st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (2019)
- 2nd California Meeting in Psycholinguistics (2018)

Organizing Committee Member.

- 2nd California Meeting in Psycholinguistics (2018)

Research Mentorship

2017–Present **USC Undergraduate Mentees.**

- Ludi Yu (High School Student), 2021
- Samantha Rush, 2021
- Mira Bhasin, 2021
- Veronica Yu, 2021
- Ann Tarry, 2020, 2021
- Gillian Sawyer, 2020, 2021
- Cindy Qiu, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Colleen Krogh, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Michelle Wang (UCLA Undergraduate), 2019, 2020, 2021
- Rose Fajans, 2019, 2020
- Clarice Szeto, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Romy Dolgin (Harvard University Undergraduate), 2019
- Charlotte Kim, 2018, 2019
- Isabella Hauptman, 2017, 2018
- Nadia Kim, 2018
- Janice Koo (Smith College Undergraduate), 2017
- June Wai Lee (Smith College Undergraduate), 2017

Professional Memberships

American Psychological Association

Cognitive Science Society

Association for Psychological Science

■ Certifications

USC Center for Excellence in Teaching: Future Faculty Teaching Institute Training

■ Computer skills

Experimental Software: PyGaze, PsychoPy, OpenSesame, Habit, Praat, Linger

Statistical Software: R, Stata, SPSS

Programming Languages: JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Python

■ Languages

English: Native Proficiency

Chinese (Mandarin): Native Proficiency