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## EMPLOYMENT

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2022 – Fellow by Examination (equivalent to postdoc)  
University of Oxford, Magdalen College

## EDUCATION

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2016 – 2022 Ph.D, Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Advisors: Edward Flemming, Danny Fox, David Pesetsky, Maziar Toosarvandani  
Dissertation: *Syntax and prosody of coordination*

2008 – 2012 B.A., Mathematics and Economics, Columbia University, *Magna cum Laude*

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

2017 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Lexington, KY

2015 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Chicago, IL

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Syntax-Semantics, Prosody, Pragmatics, Experimental Phonetics

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

accepted **Danfeng Wu.** Suppletion of numerals ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*. [link]

2022 **Danfeng Wu.** Island violations in stripping constructions. *Glossa* 7(1). DOI: [10.16995/glossa.7895](https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.7895)

2022 **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of *either* in *either...or...* sentences. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. DOI: [10.1007/s11049-021-09523-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-021-09523-0)

2022 **Danfeng Wu.** Why *\*if* or *not* but *✓whether* or *not*. *Linguistic Inquiry*. DOI: [10.1162/ling\\_a\\_00410](https://doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00410)

2019 Miyagawa, Shigeru, **Danfeng Wu** and Masatoshi Koizumi. Inducing and blocking labeling. *Glossa* 4(1): 141. 1–26. DOI: [10.5334/gjgl.923](https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.923)

## PROCEEDINGS

- to appear      **Danfeng Wu.** Semantic opposition coordination: An argument for question settlement. In *Proceedings of SuB 28*.
- Danfeng Wu.** Elided material is present in prosodic structure. In *Proceedings of CLS 59*.
- 2022            **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of negation in corrective *but* sentences. In *Proceedings of NELS 52*, ed. by Özge Bakay, Breanna Pratley, Eva Neu, and Peyton Deal, 241–254.
- 2021            **Danfeng Wu.** There is no post-focal de-phrasing in English. In *Proceedings of AMP 2020*, ed. by Ryan Bennett, Richard Bibbs, Mykel Loren Brinkerhoff, Max J. Kaplan, Stephanie Rich, Nicholas Van Handel, and Maya Wax Cavallaro.
- Danfeng Wu.** Prosodic evidence for an ellipsis-based approach to *either...or...* sentences. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 39*.
- 2020            **Danfeng Wu.** *Whether* can pied-pipe. In *Proceedings of NELS 50*, ed. by Mariam Asatryan, Yixiao Song, and Ayana Whitmal, 245–254.
- Danfeng Wu.** Durational cues to stress and phrasing are preserved post-focally in English. In *Proceedings of Speech Prosody 2020*, 240–244.
- Danfeng Wu** and Yadav Gowda. Focus and penultimate vowel lengthening in Zulu. In *Proceedings of Speech Prosody 2020*, 136–140.
- 2019            **Danfeng Wu.** Evidence from ellipsis suggests the low origination site of expletives *there* and *it*. In *Proceedings of CLS 54*, ed. by Eszter Ronai, Laura Stigliano, and Yenan Sun, 573–584.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of *either* in *either...or...* sentences. In *Proceedings of NELS 49*, ed. by Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky, 295–304.
- 2018            Shigeru Miyagawa, **Danfeng Wu** and Masatoshi Koizumi. A revised labeling approach to long-distance agreement. In *Proceedings of MT3*, 87–92.

## MANUSCRIPTS

- under revision      **Danfeng Wu.** Elided material is present in prosodic structure. *Glossa*. [link]
- submitted            **Danfeng Wu.** Semantic opposition coordination: An argument for good-questionhood. *Semantics and Pragmatics*.
- submitted            **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of negation in corrective *but* sentences: Evidence from syntax-semantics and prosody. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.
- invited paper        Daniel Altshuler, Setayesh Dashti and **Danfeng Wu.** Aspect and negation. *Annual Review of Linguistics*.
- in prep                **Danfeng Wu.** Phrasing and prominence: A case study of the post-focal context in English. [link]

## PRESENTATIONS

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### REFEREED

- 2024      **Danfeng Wu.** Why *not numeral NP* requires *but* but not *not many NP*. Talk at *Form and Meaning of Coordination*, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- Danfeng Wu.** Prosody of corrective *but* sentences in English. Poster at *Speech Prosody 2024*, Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands.
- Danfeng Wu.** The absolute and contextual forms of ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Poster at *WCCFL 42*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- 2023      **Danfeng Wu.** Semantic opposition coordination: An argument for question settlement. Talk at *SuB 28*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.
- Danfeng Wu.** Prosodic evidence for the recursive prosodic structure of corrective *but* sentences. Talk at *30th Manchester Phonology Meeting*, University of Manchester, UK.
- Danfeng Wu.** Elided material is present in prosodic structure. Talk at *CLS 59*, UChicago, Chicago, IL.
- Danfeng Wu.** Allomorphy of ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Poster at *GLOW 46*, University of Vienna, Austria. [cancelled due to visa issues]
- 2022      **Danfeng Wu.** Elided material is present in prosodic structure. Talk at *Societas Linguistica Europaea 55*, University of Bucharest, Romania.
- Danfeng Wu.** Bipartite syntax of negation in corrective *but* sentences. Talk at *LSA 96*, Washington, DC.
- Danfeng Wu** and Boer Fu. Prosodic evidence for syntax in biased questions in Mandarin. Poster at *LSA 96*, Washington, DC.
- Boer Fu and **Danfeng Wu.** Numeral allomorphy of ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Poster at *LSA 96*, Washington, DC.
- Sasha Calhoun, Jesse Harris, Andrew Hedding, Morwenna Hoeks, Beste Kamali, Amanda Rysling, Maziar Toosarvandani, **Danfeng Wu** and Mengzhu Yan. Competence meets performance: New perspectives on information structure. Organized session at *LSA 96*, Washington, DC.
- 2021      **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of negation in corrective *but* sentences. Talk at *NELS 52*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Danfeng Wu.** Prosodic evidence for an ellipsis-based approach to *either...or...* sentences. Poster at *WCCFL 39*, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
- Danfeng Wu.** Evasion strategies save apparent island violations in stripping. Poster at *LSA 95*, Virtual.
- 2020      **Danfeng Wu.** There is no post-focal de-phrasing in English. Poster at *AMP 2020*, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Danfeng Wu.** Durational cues to stress and phrasing are preserved post-focally in English. Virtual presentation at *Speech Prosody 2020*, Tokyo, Japan.

**Danfeng Wu** and Yadav Gowda. Focus and penultimate vowel lengthening in Zulu. Virtual presentation at *Speech Prosody 2020*, Tokyo, Japan.

Yadav Gowda and **Danfeng Wu.** Focus and prominence in Zulu. Talk at *ACAL 51*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. [cancelled due to the pandemic]

**Danfeng Wu.** Phrasal stress and phrasing are preserved in the absence of pitch accent: Evidence from post-nuclear de-accentuation in English. Talk at *CLS 56*, UChicago, Chicago, IL. [cancelled due to the pandemic]

**Danfeng Wu** and Yadav Gowda. Focus and penultimate vowel lengthening in Zulu. Talk at *GLOW 43*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

**Danfeng Wu.** *Whether* can pied-pipe. Talk at *LSA 94*, New Orleans, LA.

Yadav Gowda and **Danfeng Wu.** Clitic climbing and linear adjacency in Wolof. Talk at *LSA 94*, New Orleans, LA.

2019 **Danfeng Wu.** Why *\*if or not* but *✓whether or not*. Poster at *NELS 50*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

2018 **Danfeng Wu.** A copy-based approach to *either* in *either... or...* sentences. Poster at *NELS 49*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Shigeru Miyagawa, **Danfeng Wu** and Masatoshi Koizumi. A revised labeling approach to long-distance agreement. Poster at *MAPLL × TCP × TL × TaLK (MT3)*, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan.

**Danfeng Wu.** Evidence from ellipsis suggests the low origination site of expletives *there* and *it*. Talk at *CLS 54*, UChicago, Chicago, IL.

**Danfeng Wu.** English expletives *there* and *it* originate low: Evidence from ellipsis. Poster at *WCCFL 36*, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

Elise Newman and **Danfeng Wu.** A new analysis and prediction about Lubukusu agreeing complementizers. Talk at *LSA 92*, Salt Lake City, UT.

#### INVITED

2024 **Danfeng Wu.** TBD. Colloquium talk, University of Göttingen, Germany.

**Danfeng Wu.** Pied-piping by ‘whether’ across languages. Colloquium talk, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

**Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and semantics of *either...or...* sentences. Keynote talk at *32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 32)*, Queen Mary University of London, UK.

2023 **Danfeng Wu.** Allomorphy of numerals ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Talk at *Com(parative) Syn(tax) Discussion Group*, Leiden University, the Netherlands.

- Danfeng Wu.** Allomorphy of numerals ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Talk at *LingLunch*, Queen Mary University of London, UK.
- Danfeng Wu.** Allomorphy of numerals ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Talk at *Edinburgh Seminar on Morphological Theory (EdinMorph)*, the University of Edinburgh, UK.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Talk at *General Linguistics Seminar*, University of Oxford, UK.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Colloquium talk, University College London, UK.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Colloquium talk, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Colloquium talk, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Colloquium talk, Université de Montréal, Canada.
- 2022 **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of negation in corrective *but* sentences. Talk at *Syntax Reading Group*, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2021 **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax of corrective *but*. Talk at *Syntax and Semantics Circle*, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of *either...or...* sentences. Colloquium talk, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of *either...or...* sentences. Talk at *Syntax and Morphology Circle*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- 2020 **Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of *either...or...* sentences. Talk at *Syntax and semantics reading group*, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of *either...or...* sentences. Talk at *Syntax Colloquium*, Institut für Linguistik, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
- Danfeng Wu.** *Whether* can pied-pipe. Talk at *Syntax Brown Bag*, NYU, New York, NY.
- 2018 **Danfeng Wu.** Deriving Case Theory: Issues of [-N]/[+N], ECM. Talk at *Workshop on Case Theory and Labeling of Structures*, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### TEACHING

- Hilary 2024  
(Jan–Mar) **Prelims Semantics and Pragmatics**, University of Oxford (instructor)  
Designed the curriculum and taught lectures to first-year linguistics majors

Michaelmas 2023 **Prelims Syntax**, University of Oxford (teaching assistant)  
 – Hilary 2024 Instructor: Sandra Paoli  
 (Oct–Mar) Teach problem-solving tutorials to first-year linguistics majors

Michaelmas 2023 **Prelims Morphology**, University of Oxford (teaching assistant)  
 (Oct–Dec) Instructor: Hannah Davidson  
 Teach problem-solving tutorials to first-year linguistics majors

Hilary 2023 **Prelims Semantics and Pragmatics**, University of Oxford (teaching assistant)  
 (Jan–Mar) Instructor: Daniel Altshuler  
 Taught problem-solving classes to first-year linguistics majors

Fall 2021 **Topics in Syntax** (24.956), MIT (guest lecturer)  
 Instructors: Danny Fox, David Pesetsky  
 Gave a guest lecture on ellipsis

Fall 2020 **Language and Its Structure II: Syntax** (24.902), MIT (grader)  
 Instructor: David Pesetsky  
 Graded assignments

Fall 2019 **Linguistics for Researchers in Computer Science, Cognitive Science, and Related Fields** (24.S94), MIT (course organizer and teaching assistant)  
 Instructors: Adam Albright, Athulya Aravind, Martin Hackl and David Pesetsky  
 Proposed the course idea at the faculty meeting, designed the syllabus with the instructors, advertised the course, and gave the introductory lecture

Spring 2019 **Advanced Phonology** (24.962), MIT (teaching assistant)  
 Instructors: Adam Albright and Donca Steriade  
 Held office hours

Spring 2018 **Introduction to Linguistics** (24.9000), MIT (teaching assistant)  
 Instructor: Kai von Fintel  
 Led a section, held office hours, and graded assignments

Summer 2017 **Introduction to Syntax**, LSA Summer Institute, Lexington, KY (teaching assistant)  
 Instructor: David Pesetsky  
 Held office hours and graded assignments

#### *ADVISING AND MENTORING*

2023 – 2024 Advisor for Katy Jenkinson, Chenxi Xia and Yutong Zhang on Graduate Syntax Papers

2020 Advisor and mentor for Allie Amerman and Alyssa Solomon, undergraduate research assistants for an experimental project on the prosody of disjunction

2019 – 2020 Advisor and mentor for Aquila Simmons and Kitty Zeng, undergraduate research assistants for an experimental project on post-focal prosodic phrasing

2009 – 2012 International Group Chair, Columbia Mentoring Initiative

Mentored international undergraduate students at Columbia University, led and supervised mentoring relations between upperclassmen and freshmen

#### *LANGUAGE TEACHING*

2012 – 2014      Chinese Mandarin teacher, Mumbai, India  
Designed class structure and teaching materials, proposed the class idea to management at Mahindra Ltd., and taught its employees

#### **SERVICE**

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##### *REVIEWER*

Articles      *Glossa* (x5), *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *Journal of Linguistics* (x3), *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* (x2), *Studies in Chinese Linguistics* (x2), *Syntax*

Abstracts      *ConSOLE*, *LingO*, *NELS*

##### *CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION*

2024      Co-organizer of *Does ChatGPT know language as humans do?*, workshop on NLP and linguistics at Magdalen College, University of Oxford

2022 – 2023      Co-organizer of *You're on Mute* online seminar series on ellipsis

2022 –      Co-creator and organizer of *Syntax / Semantics Workshop* at the University of Oxford

2018 – 2019      Co-organizer of Comp Lang reading group at MIT

##### *OUTREACH*

2023 –      Teach outreach lessons in linguistics to disadvantaged school students in the UK

##### *UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE*

2023 –      Working group member on College Governance, Magdalen College, University of Oxford

2022 –      Undergraduate admissions for Linguistics & Philosophy and Linguistics & Psychology at Magdalen College and Brasenose College, University of Oxford

2018 – 2019      Graduate student representative at MIT

## FUNDING AND AWARDS

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2024	John Fell Research Fund, University of Oxford [£5,429] for project “Syntax-prosody interface in English and Spanish”
2023	Academic Grant, Magdalen College [£2,623]; Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics [£300] for Workshop on NLP and linguistics (co-applied with Rahul Santhanam)
2019	Ken Hale Grant (Experiment on English prosody), MIT
2019	Ken Hale Grant (Fieldwork on Zulu focus prosody), MIT
2019	Ken Hale Grant (Fieldwork on Wolof clitic climbing), MIT
2012	Kai-fu Lee Scholarship, Columbia University
2008 – 2011	Liu Xu Scholarship, Columbia University

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Chinese Mandarin: Native

Shanghainese: Native

French: Reading, Conversational

Technical skills: R, Praat, LaTeX

Wolof: Fieldwork

Zulu: Fieldwork

CV last updated – June 2024