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## EDUCATION

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 **Danfeng Wu**. Island violations in stripping constructions. *Glossa* 7(1). DOI: [10.16995/glossa.7895](https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.7895)
- 2021 **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)
- 2021 **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.

- Danfeng Wu.** Prosodic evidence for an ellipsis-based approach to *either...or...* sentences. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 39*.
- 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.
- 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

- submitted **Danfeng Wu.** Elided material is present in prosodic structure. *Glossa*. [link]
- in prep **Danfeng Wu.** Allomorphy of numerals ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. [link]
- in prep **Danfeng Wu.** Prosody of corrective *but* sentences.
- in prep **Danfeng Wu.** Phrasing and prominence: A case study of the post-focal context in English. [link]

#### PRESENTATIONS

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#### REFEREED

- 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.
- 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. Keynote talk at *32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 32)*, Queen Mary University of London, UK.
- 2023 **Danfeng Wu.** TBD. Talk at *Oberseminar English Linguistics (Syntax–Semantics)*, the University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 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.** TBD. 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. Job talk, University College London, UK.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Job talk, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Job talk, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- Danfeng Wu.** Syntax and prosody of coordination. Job 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. Job 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)  
Design the curriculum and teach lectures to first-year linguistics majors
- Michaelmas 2023–Hilary 2024 (Oct–Mar) **Prelims Syntax**, University of Oxford (teaching assistant)  
Instructor: Sandra Paoli  
Teach problem-solving tutorials to first-year linguistics majors
- Michaelmas 2023 (Oct–Dec) **Prelims Morphology**, University of Oxford (teaching assistant)  
Instructor: Hannah Davidson  
Teach problem-solving tutorials to first-year linguistics majors
- Hilary 2023 (Jan–Mar) **Prelims Semantics and Pragmatics**, University of Oxford (teaching assistant)  
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

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| Fall 2019   | <b>Linguistics for Researchers in Computer Science, Cognitive Science, and Related Fields</b> (24.S94), MIT (course organizer and teaching assistant)<br>Instructors: Adam Albright, Athulya Aravind, Martin Hackl and David Pesetsky<br>Proposed the course idea at the faculty meeting, designed the syllabus with the instructors, advertised the course, and gave the introductory lecture |
| Spring 2019 | <b>Advanced Phonology</b> (24.962), MIT (teaching assistant)<br>Instructors: Adam Albright and Donca Steriade<br>Held office hours   |
| Spring 2018 | <b>Introduction to Linguistics</b> (24.9000), MIT (teaching assistant)<br>Instructor: Kai von Fintel<br>Led a section, held office hours, and graded assignments   |
| Summer 2017 | <b>Introduction to Syntax</b> , LSA Summer Institute, Lexington, KY (teaching assistant)<br>Instructor: David Pesetsky<br>Held office hours and graded assignments   |

#### *ADVISING AND MENTORING*

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| 2023        | Advisor for Katy Jenkinson, Chenxi Xia and Yutong Zhang on Graduate Syntax Coursework 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<br>Mentored international undergraduate students at Columbia University, led and supervised mentoring relations between upperclassmen and freshmen |

#### *LANGUAGE TEACHING*

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| 2012 – 2014 | Chinese Mandarin teacher, Mumbai, India<br>Designed class structure and teaching materials, proposed the class idea to management at Mahindra Ltd., and taught its employees |
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#### **SERVICE**

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##### *REVIEWER*

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| Articles  | <i>Glossa</i> (x5), <i>Journal of Linguistics</i> (x2), <i>Natural Language &amp; Linguistic Theory</i> , <i>Studies in Chinese Linguistics</i> (x2) and <i>Syntax</i> |
| Abstracts | <i>LingO</i> , <i>NELS</i>   |

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

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| 2024        | Co-organizer of <i>Does ChatGPT know language as humans do?</i> , workshop on NLP and linguistics at Magdalen College, University of Oxford |
| 2022 – 2023 | Co-organizer of <i>You're on Mute</i> online seminar series on ellipsis   |
| 2022 –      | Co-creator and organizer of <i>Syntax / Semantics Workshop</i> at the University of Oxford  |
| 2018 – 2019 | Co-organizer of Comp Lang reading group at MIT  |

## OUTREACH

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| 2023 | Teach outreach lessons in linguistics to disadvantaged school students in the UK |
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## UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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| 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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|-------------|---|
| 2023        | Academic Grant (Workshop on NLP and linguistics, with Rahul Santhanam), Magdalen College [£2,623] |
| 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 – October 2023