
Elise Kim

Education

2024-present

University of California, Berkeley
PhD in Linguistics

2020-2024

Princeton University
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics
Honors: *summa cum laude*
Minor in Chinese Language
GPA: 3.99

Research Interests

Computational linguistics, NLP, historical linguistics, Chinese, idiomaticity, psycholinguistics, morphological processing

Research Experience

2023-2024

Senior Thesis

“An Investigation of the Online Processing of Semantically Opaque Chinese Lexical Items”

Adviser: Dr. Alex Gobel

- Used an online lexical decision task to investigate the degree of morphological processing and decomposition that occurs in native Mandarin Chinese speakers’ minds while reading semantically opaque idioms.

2022

Junior Year Independent Research Project

“Chinese Idioms as an Intermediary Between Modern and Classical Chinese: A Comparison of Morphological Distribution”

Adviser: Dr. John Merrill

- Performed computational and statistical analysis of corpus data of Classical, Modern, and idiomatic Chinese
- Quantified diachronic differences in morpheme distribution

2022

Research Assistant

Professor Florian Lionnet, Princeton University

- Analyzed and transcribed data, including spectrograms and oral and nasal airflow measurements, from New Caledonian languages to assist in study of complex and rare phonemes

Honors and Awards

2024

Senior Thesis Prize, Princeton Program in Linguistics

Awarded to the senior with the best thesis in the Linguistics program.

	2024	Leigh Buchanan Bienen & Henry S. Bienen Senior Thesis Prize Awarded to a senior in any department with the best thesis on an East Asian topic.
	2023	Phi Beta Kappa, Early Induction Academic honor society; early fall induction is offered to top 26 students (~2%) of senior class.
	2022	Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence Awarded to top ~3% of first or second year students for “outstanding academic achievement.” Decided by holistic review.
	2021	Shapiro Prize
	2021	Haarlow Prize Awarded to the two best undergraduate introductory humanities papers written each academic year. Decided by faculty committee.
Teaching and Advising Experience	2023, 2024	Instructor Inspirit AI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught foundational concepts in computer science, machine learning, AI, and programming to high school students.
	2022	Peer Academic Advisor Princeton University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised first-year students on navigating high school-college transition and clarifying post-graduation plans.
	2023-2024	Community Living Advisor (Resident Assistant) Princeton University
Service	2021-2024	President, Captain Princeton Taekwondo Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentor teammates, lead practices Organize travel logistics for competitions 5 times a year Hosted and planned the Princeton 2023 tournament, attended by ~700 competitors.
	2021-2023	Circulation Assistant East Asian Library, Princeton University
Summer Schools	2023	LSA Summer Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign Languages, Amazonian Languages, Computational Linguistics, Syntax of Contact
	2022	Princeton in Beijing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive Modern Chinese
	2021	Berkeley Intensive Ancient Greek

Languages

Mandarin Chinese Advanced

Classical Chinese Reading

Japanese Reading

Latin Reading

Ancient Greek Reading

Technical Skills

Programming Python, Java, Praat scripting