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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Phonology, phonetics, semantics, Mandarin

EDUCATION

2017-2022 (expected)	Ph.D. in Linguistics Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2013-2017	B.A. in Linguistics (<i>cum laude</i>) University of California, Los Angeles

PAPERS

In prep.	Contrast preservation in Mandarin r-suffixation: a comparative study of Beijing and Liaoning.
In prep.	<i>Bu</i> sandhi is blocked in biased questions in Mandarin: prosodic evidence for syntax. With Danfeng Wu.
2021	Negative yes/no questions in Mandarin: evidence for VERUM. Generals paper, MIT.
2020	Mandarin Chinese boundary tone. ms., MIT.
2020	/l~d/ free variation in Azerbaijani. ms., MIT.
2019	Prominence transition between syllables: a new account of stress. ms., MIT.
2017	Welsh vowel mutation: a new optimality theoretic analysis. ms., MIT.
2016	Khalkha Mongolian vowel harmony: an optimality theoretic analysis. Honors thesis, UCLA.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Negation scoping and focus in Mandarin biased questions: a VERUM account.
DGfS 2021, Freiburg, Germany (virtual).
- 2019 Contrast preservation in Mandarin r-suffixation. Poster presentation at MFM 27.
Manchester, United Kingdom.
- 2016 "Successful verb" marker *zhao* in northern Mandarin Chinese: passive sentence
construction. SCULC 2016, Los Angeles, CA, United States.

TEACHING

- Fall 2019 Teaching assistant, 24.961 Introduction to Phonology.
Instructors: Edward Flemming, Michael Kenstowicz
- Spring 2019 Teaching assistant, 24.9000 How Language works.
Instructor: Kai von Fintel

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2019 Obermayer Prize for Writing on the History of Innovation
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2017 Presidential Graduate Fellowship Award
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2017 Departmental Honors
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2017 Undergraduate Research Fellows Program
University of California Los, Angeles
- 2015 Kurnitz Writing Award, Third Place
University of California, Los Angeles

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

- 2015-2016 UCLA Speaker Variability Database
Supervisor: Patricia Keating
University of California, Los Angeles

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2020 Linguistics graduate student representative

	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2019-2020	Co-organizer, MIT Phonology Circle Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2019	Student co-organizer, NELS 50 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2018-2019	Co-organizer, MIT Ling-Lunch Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2016	Co-organizer, Southern California Undergraduate Linguistics Conference University of California, Los Angeles
2015	Volunteer, NACCL 27 University of California, Los Angeles

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2016	Intern, Scottish Parliament Edinburgh, UK
2016	News writer, Department of Electrical Engineering University of California, Los Angeles
2014	Intern, Great Sports Radio Shanghai, China
2014	Teacher, New Oriental Education & Technology Group Shanghai, China

LANGUAGES

Native:	Mandarin Chinese
Near-native:	English, Shanghainese
Intermediate:	Spanish, French
Beginner:	German, Mongolian