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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Phonology, phonetics, semantics, Mandarin Chinese

## 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

Submitted.	Contrast preservation in Mandarin r-suffixation: a comparative study of Beijing and Liaoning.
2021	Negative yes/no questions in Mandarin: evidence for VERUM. Generals paper, 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

2022	Prenuclear glide in Mandarin Chinese: is it a segment? Poster presentation at LSA 96, Washington, D.C., United States.
	Prosodic evidence for syntax in biased questions in Mandarin. Poster presentation at LSA 96, Washington, D.C., United States. With Danfeng Wu.
	Numeral allomorphy of ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Mandarin Chinese. Poster presentation at LSA 96, Washington, D.C., United States. With Danfeng Wu.
2021	Negation scoping and focus in Mandarin biased questions: a VERUM account. Talk at 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 2021 Teaching assistant, 24.901 Language and Its Structure I: Phonology.  
Instructor: Donca Steriade
- 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

## **SKILLS**

Python, R, Praat, PCIBex, LaTeX.