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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Phonology, phonetics, semantics, Mandarin Chinese

EDUCATION

2017-2022   Ph.D. in Linguistics
(expected)   Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2013-2017   B.A. in Linguistics (*cum laude*)
               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.