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EDUCATION Ph.D., George Mason University, Linguistics, Expected: Fall 2018

> M.A., George Mason University, English, May 2012 B.A., Soochow University, Chinese, May 2009 B.A., Soochow University, Economics, May 2009

Research Research Assistant

Linguistics Program, George Mason University, Sept 2013-2017 EXPERIENCE

Teaching Mandarin instructor Aug 2012 to Aug 2013

EXPERIENCE International Center for Language Studies,

Washington, DC

Mandarin instructor Aug 2012 to Aug 2013

Business Culture & Language Centre,

Falls Church, VA

Publications & Conference Presentations

- 1. Gao, Zhiyan., Weinberger, Steven. "Which phonetic features should pronunciation Instructions focus on? An evaluation on the accentedness of segmental/syllable errors in L2 speech. "Research in Language, 16(2), 135-154, 2018
- 2. Weinberger, Steven., Nelson, Jill., Kunath Steve., Gao, Zhiyan., Luu Vu., Vo, Thao Vy., "Transcribing non-native speech: the development of a crowdsourcing tool to evaluate perceptions of accented speech." 11th International Conference on Native and Non-native Accents of English, 2017.
- 3. Gao, Zhiyan., Weinberger, Steven "Segmental characteristics of foreign accent." 11th International Conference on Native and Non-native Accents of English, 2017.
- 4. Gao, Zhiyan "Prosody-Morphosyntax Interaction in the Production of Mandarin Disyllabic Structures." Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, 2016.
- 5. Morrill, Tuuli., Gao, Zhiyan.. "Discriminability of non-native tonal contours in low-pass filtered speech." The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America Apr. 2016, 138(4)
- 6. Morrill, Tuuli., Gao, Zhiyan., McAuley, Devin. "Perceptual Grouping in Artificial Language Learning Across Native Language Backgrounds" Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, 2015.

Media Coverage LingSpace Liking business people vs. liking hurting people, Jan 2016

Awards & Grants

Presidential Scholarship $George\ Mason\ University\ 2013-2016$

Multidisciplinary Research Initiatives (Tier 2 funded proposal, group member)

George Mason University, 2016

Summer Assistantship Grant George Mason University 2014, 2016

People's Scholarship Soochow University 2009

Software

SKILLS

• Praat

• R, SPSS

• HTML, CSS, JavaScript

• Python, Psychopy, Amazon Mechanical Turk

 \bullet LaTeX

Language Skills Standard Mandarin Nantong Chinese Native Native

English

Full Professional Proficiency