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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Acoustic Phonetics, Time Series Analysis, Foreign Accent, Language Acquisition

EDUCATION

Ph.D., George Mason University, Linguistics, *Expected:* Summer 2018
M.A., George Mason University, English, May 2012
B.A., Soochow University,Chinese, May 2009
B.S., Soochow University,Economics, May 2009

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant
Linguistics Program,
George Mason University
Supervisors:

Jennifer Culbertson, Ph.D	Sept 2013 to May 2014
Tuuli Morrill, Ph.D	Aug 2014 to Aug 2016
Steven Weinberger, Ph.D	Sept 2016 to present

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Gao, Zhiyan** "Prosody-Morphosyntax Interaction in the Production of Mandarin Disyllabic Structures." *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, 2016.

2. 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)

3. Morrill,Tuuli., **Gao, Zhiyan.**, McAuley, Devin. "Perceptual Grouping in Artificial Language Learning Across Native Language Backgrounds" *Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting*, 2015.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

1. **Gao, Zhiyan**, Morrill, Tuuli., and Winsler, Adam. "Prosodic differences between social and private speech of children with autism."

2. **Gao, Zhiyan.**, Morrill, Tuuli "Acoustic correlates of Mandarin stress."

3. **Gao, Zhiyan.**, Weinberger, Steven "Segmental characteristics of foreign accent."

MEDIA COVERAGE

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

AWARDS

Presidential Scholarship *George Mason University* 2013-1016

People's Scholarship *Soochow University* 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Mandarin instructor	Aug 2012 to Aug 2013
	International Center for Language Studies, Washington, DC	
	Mandarin instructor	Aug 2012 to Aug 2013
	Business Culture & Language Centre, Falls Church, VA	

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Praat
- R, SPSS
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Python, Psychopy, Amazon Mechanical Turk
- LaTeX

LANGUAGE SKILLS	Standard Mandarin	Native
	Nantong Chinese	Native
	English	Full Professional Proficiency