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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE **Research Assistant**
Linguistics Program, George Mason University, Sept 2013-2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Mandarin instructor	Aug 2012 to Aug 2013
	International Center for Language Studies, Washington, DC	
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	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 - LaTeX

LANGUAGE SKILLS		
	Standard Mandarin	Native
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	English	Full Professional Proficiency