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Research interests	(Broad)	Syntax, semantics and their interface, syntax-phonology interface, language variations, corpus linguistics
	(Narrow)	Focus, quantification, aspect, linearization, resumption, defocus, right dislocation, multidominance, (anti-)locality, A/A'-dependencies, definiteness, adverbial clauses
Research languages		Cantonese (heritage included), Mandarin, Vietnamese Akan, Bangla, Japanese, Korean, Yorùbá, other Sinitic languages

Education and qualifications

2020–2026 (expected)	Ph.D. in Linguistics, Yale University, U.S.A. Dissertation title (tentative): *Doubling down on Exclusivity: Issues on the Syntax-semantics Interface* Committee: Veneeta Dayal (chair), Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Raffaella Zanuttini, Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine (external)
2017–2019	M.Phil. in Chinese Language and Literature, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Hong Kong Thesis title: *The Incompleteness Effects of Cantonese Verbal Suffixes* (in Chinese) Committee: Bit-Chee Kwok (chair), Sze-Wing Tang (supervisor), Yam-Leung Lawrence Cheung, Po-lun Peppina Lee
2013–2017	B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature (First Class Honors), Minor in Linguistics, CUHK, Hong Kong Thesis title: *The Relationship of Syntax and Semantics of Quantificational Verbal Suffix -can and its Preverbal Counterparts in Cantonese* (in Chinese) Supervisor: Sze-Wing Tang
2014	Second Class Upper, Putonghua Proficiency Test

Publications (⋆=co-first authors)

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

Under review	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Differentiating between evidential bias and epistemic bias in questions: Evidence from Cantonese. *Language and Linguistics.* ***(Earlier version awarded LSHK Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics, 2024)***
Under review	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Defocus Rephrasing: right dislocation and syntax-prosody mismatches. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory.*
Under review	Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming⋆, and **Ka-Fai Yip**⋆. Partial Deletion on head chains: Discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *Linguistic Inquiry.*
In revision	Jason Bishop, Mei-Ying Ki, Chen Zhou, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Pragmatic skill modulates sensitivity to phonetic cues to prominence, especially pitch-based cues. *Laboratory Phonology.*
Accepted (minor revision)	Liu, Yuyang⋆, and **Ka-Fai Yip**⋆. Again, split aspect and finiteness in Chinese languages. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory.*
2025	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. A unified biclausal approach to right dislocation in Chinese. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 34: 631–674. DOI: 10.1007/s10831-025-09307-2
2025	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Inner aspect in Cantonese. *FLaP FIRST* 1(1):15–36. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.15461747
2025	Yik-Po Lai, Mei-Ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Oscar Wong, Kam Pang Wong, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Online Quiz Game "Cantonese Master Challenge": Gamifying Linguistics Popularization and Crowdsourced Data Collection. [in Chinese] *Journal of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities* 15: 83–116. DOI: 10.6853/DADH.202504_(15).0003

2024	Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Hyperraising, evidentiality, and phase deactivation. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 42(4): 1527–1578. DOI: 10.1007/s11049-023-09604-2
2022	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Converbs and adverbial clauses: a case study in Cantonese. *Studies in Chinese Linguistics* 43(2): 143–169. DOI: 10.2478/scl-2022-0006
2020	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Three discontinuous constructions of Cantonese verbal suffix *can*. [in Chinese] *Current Research in Chinese Linguistics* 99(1): 153–169.

Book chapters and conference proceedings (full papers peer-reviewed)

Accepted (minor revision)	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Olabode Adedeji. A quantifier-particle approach to exclusive focus particles in Yorùbá. *Contemporary African Linguistics: Selected Papers from the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.*
To appear	Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Separable verbs in Cantonese. *The Routledge Handbook of Cantonese Linguistics.*
To appear	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, Yaxuan Ji, Dicky Ko, Thomas Ho, and Benjamin K. Tsou. Converging and diverging variations in metaphorization of light verbs: A corpus study on four Chinese speech communities. In *Proceedings of the 39th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC).*
To appear	Mei-Ying Ki, Yik-Po Lai, Chaak-ming Lau, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Tonal representation for teaching and learning: from Graphical Cantonese Generator and CanTONEse to a unified data model. *When Cantonese Meets Digital Humanities,* The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Press.
To appear	Lai, Yik-Po, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Chaak-ming Lau, Kam-Pang Wong, Mei-Ying Ki, Oscar Hok-yuen Wong, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Public Digital Humanities Reflections on the "Cantonese Master Challenge". *When Cantonese Meets Digital Humanities,* The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Press.
2024	Jonathan Him Nok Lee, **Yip, Ka-Fai**, Mark Liberman, Jianjing Kuang. Some prosodic consequences of varied discourse functions in a Cantonese sentence-final particle. In *Proc. Speech Prosody 2024*, 632–636.
2022	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee. Modal movement licensed by focus. In Andrew Simpson, ed., *New Explorations in Chinese Theoretical Syntax: Studies in Honor of Yen-Hui Audrey Li*, 165–192. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
2020	Tsou, Benjamin K., and **Ka-Fai Yip**. A corpus-based comparative study of light verbs in three Chinese speech communities. In Minh Le Nguyen, Mai Chi Luong, and Sanghoun Song, eds., *Proceedings of the 34th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC)*, 302–311. Association for Computational Linguistics.
2020	Tsou, Benjamin K., Ka Po Chow, John Lee, **Ka-Fai Yip**, Yaxuan Ji, and Kevin Wu. Bilingual multi-word expressions, multiple-correspondence, and their cultivation from parallel patents: the Chinese-English case. In Minh Le Nguyen, Mai Chi Luong, and Sanghoun Song, eds., *Proceedings of the 34th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC)*, 589–602. Association for Computational Linguistics.

Conference proceedings (abstracts peer-reviewed)

To appear	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. A parametric view on exclusive focus particles. In *Proceedings of the 43rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-43).*
To appear	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Squid Tamar-Mattis. Diagnosing multidominance by focus association of 'only'. In *Proceedings of the 43rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-43).*
To appear	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Right dislocation as multidominance, and beyond. In *Proceedings of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 47.*
To appear	Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, **Ka-Fai Yip**, Gareth Junjie Yang. Linguistic and social aspects of sibilant palatalization in homeland and heritage Cantonese. In *Proceedings of the 36th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-36).*
2025	Fulang Chen, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Facilitator effects in Mandarin topicalization: Evidence for a crossing-based view of anti-locality. In Duygu Demiray, Roger Cheng-yen Liu, and Nir Segal, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-55), vol.1*, 115–128.

2025	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Agreeing with 'only'. In Nikolas Webster, Yağmur Kiper, Richard Wang, and Sichen Larry Lyu, eds., *Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-41)*, 616–626. Somerville: Cascadilla Proceedings Project
2024	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Only 'only' only: A distributed meaning approach to exclusive doubling. In Yao Zhang, Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao, Youngdong Cho, and Yifan Wu, eds., *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 34*, 480–501.
2024	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Two types of temporal adverbial clauses in Cantonese. In Robert Autry, Gabriela de la Cruz, Luis A. Irizarry Figueroa, Kristina Mihajlovic, Tianyi Ni, Ryan Smith, and Heidi Harley, eds., *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-39)*, 274–282. Somerville: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
2024	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Right dislocation, defocus, and variations in syntax-prosody mapping. In Hisao Tokizaki, ed., *Phonological Externalization volume 9*, 89-112. Sapporo: Sapporo University.
2024	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Defocus leads to syntax-prosody mismatches in right-dislocated structures. In Kutay Serova, and M. K. Snigaroff, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS-59)*, 557–571.
2024	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Agreement in imperative clauses: Evidence from object resumptive pronouns in Mandarin Chinese. In Shaunak Phadnis, Carla Spellerberg, and Brynne Wilkinson, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-54), vol.2*, 235–244.
2023	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, Ushasi Banerjee, and Margaret Chui Yi Lee. Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages? In Juhyae Kim, Burak Öney, Yao Zhang, and Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao, eds., *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 33*, 253–275.
2023	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Comfort Ahenkorah. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 29(1): 206–215.
2023	Lohninger, Magdalena, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. (In)dependence of features on composite probes. In Suet-Ying Lam, and Satoru Ozaki, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-53), vol.2*, 155–164.
2023	Liu, Yuyang, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. High vs. low 'again': Mandarin *you* vs. *zai* and Cantonese *-faan* vs. *-gwo*. In Wei William Zhou, Mineharu Nakayama, Marjorie K.M. Chan, & Zhiguo Xie, eds., *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics, vol. 7*, 94–104. Ohio State University.
2022	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Universal concord as syntactic agreement. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 28(1): 221–232.
2022	Chan, Sheila Shu-Laam, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Discontinuous predicates as partial deletion in Cantonese. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 28(1): 26–36.
2021	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan. Deriving separable verbs in Cantonese. In Wei William Zhou, John Bundschuh, Mineharu Nakayama, and Zhiguo Xie, eds., *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics, vol. 5*, 94–104. Ohio State University.
2021	Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Raising, phase unlocked. In Rachel Soo, Una Y. Chow, and Sander Nederveen, eds., *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-38)*, 274–282. Somerville: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
2020	**Yip, Ka-Fai**. Syntax-prosody mapping of right-dislocations in Cantonese and Mandarin. In Hisao Tokizaki, ed., *Phonological Externalization (Vol. 5)*, 73–90. Sapporo: Sapporo University.
2020	**Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee. Generalized Scope Economy. In Kaidi Chen, ed., *Proceedings of the 32nd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-32)*, 345–360. Storrs, CT: University of Connecticut.

Talks and presentations

Invited talks

2025	Parameterizing 'only' *Semantics Reading Group (SURGE)*, Rutgers University, October 20, 2025.
2025	Semantic dependency between focus particles in exclusive doubling *Syntax/Semantics Reading Group*, National University of Singapore, August 12, 2025.

2025	The structural matching effects in adverbial and converbal clauses Guest lecture for "Main Clause Phenomena and the Syntax of Chinese" at National Tsing Hua University, May 1, 2025.
2025	Against a syntactic approach to *wh*-rhetorical questions—with special focus on Cantonese (and Vietnamese) Colloquium at National Tsing Hua University, April 30, 2025.
2024	A parametric view on exclusive focus particles. Colloquium at Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, December 2, 2024.
2024	Defocus Rephrasing: right dislocation and syntax-prosody mapping *Linguistics Brown Bag*, Stony Brook University, April 10, 2024. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2024	Biclausal multidominant syntax of right dislocation in Chinese *Syntax Brown Bag*, New York University, March 1, 2024.
2023	Agreeing and non-agreeing resumptive pronouns in Sinitic languages *Georgetown Syntax Reading Group*, Georgetown University, November 9, 2023.
2023	Defocus and syntax-prosody mismatches in right-dislocated structures *LingLunch*, University of Connecticut, April 25, 2023. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2023	A compositional account of "only" doubling *LFRG*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 15, 2023.
2022	Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion *LingLunch*, University of Connecticut, April 26, 2022. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2021	Universal concord as syntactic agreement *Syntax Brown Bag*, New York University, October 22, 2021.
2021	CanTONEse (a self-learning mobile app for Cantonese tones) *School of Cantonese Studies 2021*, The Education University of Hong Kong, May 15–16, 2021. (with Mei-Ying Ki and Yik-Po Lai)
2020	Universal concord as syntactic agreement *Syntax+*, University of Southern California, October 5, 2020.

Refereed presentations

*(**FoCaL**=Forum on Cantonese Linguistics; **GLOW**=Generative Linguistics in the Old World; **LSA**=Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America; **LSHK-ARF**=Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum; **NACCL**=North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics; **NELS**=Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society; **PLC**=Penn Linguistics Conference; **SALT**=Semantics and Linguistic Theory; **SuB**=Sinn und Bedeutung; **WCCFL**=West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics; **WOC**=Workshop on Cantonese)*

2025	Converging and diverging variations in metaphorization of light verbs: A corpus study on four Chinese speech communities *The 39th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC 39)*, Vietnam Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics, December 5–7, 2025 (with Yaxuan Ji, Dicky Ko, Thomas Ho, and Benjamin K. Tsou)
2025	Exclusive focus in Akan and type flexibility [Poster] *NELS-55*, New York University, October 17–19, 2025 (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2025	Asymmetric reconstruction for binding but not for scope *SuB-30*, Goethe University Frankfurt, September 23–27, 2025 (with Yusuke Yagi)
2025	Exclusive focus in Akan and type flexibility *The 12th edition of the TripleA workshop for semantic fieldworkers (TripleA 12)*, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, September 10–12, 2025 (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2025	Acoustic analysis of sibilant palatalization variation in homeland and heritage Cantonese *New Ways of Analysing Variation Asia Pacific 8 (NWAV-AP-8)*, Nanyang Technological University, August 4–7, 2025 (with Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, and Gareth Junjie Yang)
2025	Are splitting verbs in Yorùbá discontinuous heads? [Poster] *The 56th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL-56)*, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, May 15–17, 2025 (with Olabode Adedeji)
2025	Diagnosing multidominance by focus association of 'only' *WCCFL-43*, University of Washington, April 25–27, 2025 (with Squid Tamar-Mattis)

2025	**A parametric view on exclusive focus particles** [Poster] *WCCFL-43*, University of Washington, April 25–27, 2025.
2025	**Biclausal multidominant syntax of right dislocation** *PLC-49*, University of Pennsylvania, April 5–6, 2025.
2025	**Backward association of exclusive particles and scope freezing** *GLOW-47*, Goethe University Frankfurt, March 24–28, 2025. (with Daniel Aremu and Olabode Adedeji)
2025	**Right dislocation as multidominance, and beyond** [Poster] *GLOW-47*, Goethe University Frankfurt, March 24–28, 2025.
2025	**Parametric variations in discontinuous predicates in Sinitic languages** *The Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL) 14*, University of Southern California, March 18–20, 2025. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2025	**Scalarity in exclusive doubling** *Workshop on the Syntax and Semantics of Scalarity*, University of Stuttgart, March 3–4, 2025.
2024	**Differentiating between evidential bias and epistemic bias in questions: Evidence from Cantonese**[*] *The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024. [*] ***Awarded LSHK Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics (2024)***
2024	**Cantonese exclusive focus marker *-dak* as perfective aspect** *The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024.
2024	**The dissection of Cantonese interjections: an exploration** *The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024. (with Mei-Ying Ki)
2024	**Why right dislocation must be biclausal** *LSHK-ARF-2024*, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, December 8, 2024.
2024	**Facilitator effects in Mandarin topicalization: Evidence for a crossing-based view of antilocality** *NELS-55*, Yale University, October 17–18, 2024. (with Fulang Chen)
2024	**Public Digital Humanities Reflections on the "Cantonese Master Challenge"** [in Chinese] *WOC-24*, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, July 6, 2024. (with Yik-Po Lai, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Kam Pang Wong, Mei-Ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Oscar Wong)
2024	**Teasing apart the prosodic effects of focus and of defocus: syntax-prosody mismatches in right dislocation** [Poster] *The 19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon-19)*, HIPCS, Hanyang University, June 27–29, 2024. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2024	**Variation of sibilant palatalization in homeland and heritage Cantonese** [Poster] *The 19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon-19)*, HIPCS, Hanyang University, June 27–29, 2024. (with Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, & Gareth Junjie Yang)
2024	**A tale of two types of exclusive doubling in Vietnamese** *The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS-33)*, National Tsing Hua University, June 15-17, 2024.
2024	**Only 'only' only: a distributed meaning approach to exclusive doubling** *SALT 34*, University of Rochester, May 28–30, 2024.
2024	**Exclusive focus particles in Yorùbá** *The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL-55)*, McGill University, May 2–4 2024. (with Olabode Adedeji)
2024	**Two types of subject resumption in Akan** *The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL-55)*, McGill University, May 2–4 2024. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2024	**Defending a biclausal approach to right dislocation** *NACCL-36*, Pomona College, March 23–24, 2024.
2024	**Linguistic and social aspects of sibilant palatalization in homeland and heritage Cantonese** *NACCL-36*, Pomona College, March 23–24, 2024. (with Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, & Gareth Junjie Yang)
2024	**Right dislocation, defocus, and variations in syntax-prosody mapping** *The 15th Workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure: Theory, Typology and History (Phex-15)*, Tokyo Woman's Christian University, February 24, 2024. (with Xuetong Yuan)

2024	Agreement in imperative clauses: evidence from object resumptive pronouns in Mandarin Chinese [Poster] *NELS-54*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 26–27, 2024. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2023	On the Rising-Falling boundary tone in Cantonese *The 27th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Ohio State University, November 30–December 2, 2023. (with Mei-Ying Ki)
2023	Sibilant palatalization in Hong Kong and Toronto Cantonese: a corpus study *The 27th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Ohio State University, November 30–December 2, 2023. (with Yanting Li & Xiao Dong)
2023	Online quiz game "Cantonese Master Challenge": gamifying linguistics popularization and crowdsourced data collection [in Chinese] *The 14th International Conference of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities*, National Cheng Kung University, December 1–3, 2023. (with Yik-Po Lai, Mei-Ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Kam Pang Wong, Oscar Wong)
2023	Jussive agreement with non-agreeing resumptive pronouns in Mandarin Chinese *16th edition of the Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 16)*, CRISSP of KU Leuven, Brussels, October 5–6, 2023. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2023	Are there "weak definites" in bare classifier languages? *SALT 33*, Yale University, May 12–14, 2023. (with Ushasi Banejee & Margaret Chui Yi Lee)
2023	Agreeing with 'only' *WCCFL-41*, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 5–7, 2023.
2023	Defocus leads to syntax-prosody mismatches in right dislocated structures *59th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 59)*, The University of Chicago, April 28–30, 2023. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2023	Agreeing with 'only' in Cantonese* *PLC-47*, University of Pennsylvania, March 18–19, 2023.　　　　　**Awarded PLC-47 Best Abstract Award*
2023	(In)dependence of features on composite probes [Poster] *NELS-53*, University of Göttingen, January 12–14, 2023. (with Magdalena Lohninger)
2023	Independence and what it allows you to do [Poster] *LSA-97*, Denver, January 5–8, 2023. (with Magdalena Lohninger)
2022	Doubling exclusive particles in Cantonese *LSHK-ARF-2022*, The Hong Kong Baptist University, December 3, 2022.
2022	"Definite" bare nouns as quasi-names in Cantonese *The 26th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Jinan University, November 26–27, 2022. (with Margaret Chui Yi Lee)
2022	High vs. low 'again': Mandarin *you* vs. *zai* and Cantonese *-faan* vs. *-gwo*. *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 5 (BEAL-5)*, The Ohio State University, October 28, 2022. (with Yuyang Liu)
2022	"Archival collections" vs "Computational corpora": The structure and concerns of text repositories built for disparate tasks *The Language Documentation and Archiving Conference (LD&A) 2022*, Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, October 5–7, 2022. (with Irene Yi, Amelia Lake, Kassandra Haakman, Sarah Babinski, Sunkulp Ananthanarayan, Coralie Cram & Claire Bowern)
2022	Doubling exclusivity in Cantonese *NACCL-34*, Indiana University Bloomington, September 24–25, 2022.
2022	Rethinking the internal syntax of adverbial clauses and operator movement *GLOW in Asia XIII*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 4–7, 2022. (with Zhuo Chen)
2022	On the positions of 'again': Comparing Cantonese *-faan, -gwo* with Mandarin *you, zai* *WOC-22*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 25, 2022. (with Yuyang Liu)
2022	Processing discontinuous predicates in Cantonese *FoCaL-5*, City University of Hong Kong, June 4, 2022. (with Carmen Kin Man Tang, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan)

2022	Over Forty Thousand Responses to the Online Quiz Game "Cantonese Master Challenge": The Public Understanding of Cantonese Linguistics [in Chinese] *FoCaL-5*, City University of Hong Kong, June 4, 2022. (with Yik-Po Lai, Kenith Chan, Mei-Ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Kam Pang Wong, Oscar Wong)
2022	Separable verbs as partial deletion in Cantonese *The 28th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-28)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 20–22, 2022. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan)
2022	MSC variations in metaphorization among Pan-Chinese speech communities *The 28th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-28)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 20–22, 2022. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
2022	Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion *PLC-46*, University of Pennsylvania, March 18–20, 2022. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2022	Adverbial clauses with and without operator movement *LSA-96*, Washington, DC, January 6–9, 2022. (with Zhuo Chen)
2022	Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion [Poster] *LSA-96*, Washington, DC, January 6–9, 2022. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2021	Converbs and adverbial clauses: a case study in Cantonese *The 25th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Chinese, December 18–19, 2021.
2021	Partial deletion at word-level: discontinuous predicates in Cantonese *The Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 14 (BCGL-14)*, CRISSP of KU Leuven, December 16-18, 2021. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan)
2021	Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion *SYNC 2021*, CUNY Graduate Center, December 4, 2021. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2021	Two kinds of resumption in Cantonese *LSHK-ARF-2021*, City University of Hong Kong, December 4, 2021.
2021	Adverbial clauses with and without operator movement *The 9th International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-9)*, Fudan University, November 5–7, 2021. (with Zhuo Chen)
2021	Universal concord as syntactic agreement *The 13th Workshop on Formal Linguistics (WFL-13)*, Auditório do Instituto de Letras, Universidade de Brasília, September 14–17, 2021.
2021	Hyper-raising, evidentiality, and phase deactivation *The 13th Workshop on Formal Linguistics (WFL-13)*, Auditório do Instituto de Letras, Universidade de Brasília, September 14–17, 2021. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2021	Differential metaphorization and grammaticalization in Chinese light verbs *The 54th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE-54)*, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, August 30–September 3, 2021. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
2021	Concord as syntactic agreement: evidence from intervention effects [Poster] *Colloquium on Generative Grammar 30 (CGG-30)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, June 30–July 2, 2021.
2021	Where is the dividing line between spoken and written Cantonese data source: from the LIVAC perspective [in Chinese] *WOC-21*, The Education University of Hong Kong, June 26, 2021. (with Benjamin K. Tsou and Yaxuan Ji)
2021	Converbs and adverbial clauses: a case study in Cantonese *NACCL-33*, The University of Chicago, June 24–25, 2021.
2021	MSC variations in metaphorization among Pan-Chinese speech communities *NACCL-33*, The University of Chicago, June 24–25, 2021. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
2021	Separable verbs as partial deletion in Cantonese *NACCL-33*, The University of Chicago, June 24–25, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2021	Differential metaphorization and grammaticalization: a case study of Chinese light verbs *Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) 14: Metaphor and Space*, Vilnius University, June 23–26, 2021.

2021	Syntax-prosody mapping of right dislocation: a comparative study of Cantonese and Mandarin* *The 7th International Conference on Prosodic Grammar (ICPG-7)*, Beijing Language and Culture University and Tianjin University, April 17–18, 2021. *Awarded Young Scholar Award for Prosodic Grammar, First Place*
2021	Two types of temporal adverbial clauses in Cantonese [Poster] *WCCFL-39*, The University of Arizona, April 8–11, 2021.
2021	Universal concord as syntactic agreement *PLC-45*, University of Pennsylvania, March 19–21, 2021.
2021	Verbal "infixation" as partial deletion: a case in Cantonese verbs *PLC-45*, University of Pennsylvania, March 19–21, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2021	Two types of temporal adverbial clauses in Cantonese *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 4 (BEAL-4)*, The Ohio State University, March 5, 2021.
2021	Deriving separable verbs in Cantonese *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 4 (BEAL-4)*, The Ohio State University, March 5, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2021	Separable verbs, syllable deletion, and micro-variations *The 11th Workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure (Phex-11)*, Sapporo University, February 13, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	Indirect evidence as a licensing condition of hyperraising in Cantonese and Vietnamese *The Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 13 (BCGL-13)*, CRISSP of KU Leuven, December 16–18, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	On the position of perfective aspect *LSHK-ARF-2020*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 11–12, 2020.
2020	A preliminary study on metaphorization of Chinese verbs: comparing Hong Kong, Macau and Beijing [in Chinese] *LSHK-ARF-2020*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 11–12, 2020. (with Benjamin K. Tsou and Yaxuan Ji)
2020	CanTONEse: a self-learning mobile app for Cantonese tones *The 24th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, University of Macau, November 13–14, 2020. (with Mei-Ying Ki and Yik-Po Lai)
2020	Bilingual multi-word expressions, multiple-correspondence, and their cultivation from parallel patents: the Chinese-English case *PACLIC Workshop on Multiword Expressions in Asian languages (MWEA 2020)*, VNU University of Science, October 26, 2020. (with Benjamin K. Tsou, Ka Po CHOW, John LEE, Yaxuan JI and Kevin WU)
2020	A corpus-based comparative study of light verbs in three Chinese speech communities *The 34th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC-34)*, VNU University of Science, October 24–26, 2020. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
2020	Generalized Scope Economy *NACCL-32*, University of Connecticut, September 18–20, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	Hyperraising and evidentiality *The 22nd Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-22)*, Gyeongsang National University, Korea, August 12–14, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	Generalized Scope Economy *The 22nd Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-22)*, Gyeongsang National University, Korea, August 12–14, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	Syllable deletion and morphological length in Cantonese verbs *FoCaL-3*, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, June 27, 2020. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	How to identify intonations on sentence-final particles? *WOC-20*, Hong Kong Baptist University, June 6, 2020. (with Jonathan Him Nok Lee)
2020	Zero-coded passives in Cantonese *The 5th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-5)*, The Ohio State University, April 18, 2020. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)

2020	The prosodic syntax of right dislocation in Cantonese *The 5th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-5)*, The Ohio State University, April 18, 2020.
2020	Raising, phase unlocked *WCCFL-38*, The University of British Columbia, March 6–8, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2020	Syntax-prosody mapping in clausal domains: right dislocation in Mandarin and Cantonese *The 10th workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure: Universals and Variables (Phex 10)*, The University of Tokyo, February 15, 2020.
2019	Sentence-initial root modals and focus *LSHK-ARF-2019*, The Education University of Hong Kong, December 7, 2019. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2019	The prosodic syntax of right dislocation in Cantonese [in Chinese] *LSHK-ARF-2019*, The Education University of Hong Kong, December 7, 2019.
2019	Verbs of saying in Chenghai Min [in Chinese] *The 5th Inter-Regional Forum on Dialectal Grammar (IRF-5)*, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, June 15–16, 2019. (with Jia Jin)
2019	Attitude verbs, uncertain propositions and hyper-raising *FoCaL-2*, The Education University of Hong Kong, June 1, 2019. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2019	Re-classifying Cantonese verbal suffixes [in Chinese] *FoCaL-2*, The Education University of Hong Kong, June 1, 2019.
2019	Subordinate affixes in Cantonese and intervention effects *The 27th Annual Conference of International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-27)*, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Japan, May 10–12, 2019.
2018	A preliminary study on subordinate affixes in Cantonese [in Chinese] *The 23rd International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Jinan University, Guangzhou, December 15–16, 2018.
2018	Two subclasses of verbs of thinking in Cantonese *LSHK-ARF-2018*, City University of Hong Kong, December 1, 2018. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2018	Complex sentence formation of Cantonese affix *can* [in Chinese] *The 8th International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-8)*, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, November 24–25, 2018.
2018	Cantonese verbal suffix *dak* and intentionality *The 4th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-4)*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 23–24, 2018.
2017	Three discontinuous constructions of Cantonese verbal suffix *can* [in Chinese] *The 22nd International Conference on Yue Dialects*, The Education University of Hong Kong, December 8–9, 2017.
2017	A study of Cantonese intentional verbal suffix *dak* [in Chinese] *LSHK-ARF-2017*, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 2, 2017.
2015	Properties of Cantonese classifier *zan* [in Chinese] *The 20th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 11–12, 2015.

Other presentations

2025	Linguistics at Yale and Research on Vietnamese VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Linguistics and Vietnamese Studies, December 7, 2025.
2024	Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns in imperatives *The CUHK-UChicago Forum on Comparative Linguistics*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 5, 2024. (with Xuetong Yuan)
2023	CHAIN FAITHFULNESS: restricting Partial Copy Deletion on discontinuous constituents [Poster] *Syntax near NYU*, New York University, November 17, 2023. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
2022	On Cantonese yes-no question particle *aa4*: evidential bias and confirmation [Poster] *Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia*, Yale University, April 29–30, 2022.

2021	Tones are colourful and animate: the self-learning mobile app CanTONEse
	International Conference on Technology-Enhanced Language Learning and Teaching & Corpus-based Language Learning and Teaching 2021 (TeLLT & CoLLT 2021), The Education University of Hong Kong, July 7–9, 2021.
	(with Mei-Ying Ki and Yik-Po Lai)
2021	Exclusive focus in Yoruba
	The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) 2021, University of Connecticut, May 1, 2021.
2020	Facilitating the self-learning of Cantonese: an innovative e-approach
	Teaching and Learning Innovation Expo 2019/20, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 28–30, 2020.
	(with Pit Shun Lai and Yik-Po Lai)
2019	Universal Concord: evidence from Cantonese pseudo affixal quantifier *-can*
	[Poster] *2019 LSA Linguistic Institute*, University of California, Davis, July 7, 2019.

Teaching experience

2022–2025 Teaching Fellow, Yale University

- LING2630	Semantics I	(Fall 2025, Instructor: Prof. Simon Charlow)
- LING280	Advanced Morphology	(Fall 2024, Instructor: Prof. Jim Wood)
- LING275/CGSC275/PHIL280	Pragmatics	(Spring 2024, Instructor: Prof. Laurence R. Horn)
- LING217/EDST237/PSYC317	Language and Mind	(Fall 2023, Instructor: Prof. Maria Piñango)
- LING116/CGSC216/PSYC116	Cognitive Science of Language	(Spring 2023, Instructor: Prof. Robert Frank)
- LING253	Syntax I	(Fall 2022, Instructor: Prof. Raffaella Zanuttini)

2020 Teaching Assistant, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

- MILE5304	Chinese Lexicology	(Spring 2020, Instructor: Prof. Benjamin K. Tsou)

2018 Teaching Assistant, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- CHLL2131	Intro to Chinese Phonology	(Fall 2018, Instructor: Prof. Bit-Chee Kwok)

Other study experience

Jun–Jul 2023	2023 LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of Massachusetts Amherst, U.S.A.
Jun–Jul 2019	2019 LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of California, Davis, U.S.A.
Jul–Aug 2017	Summer Institute, 2017 Core Course (First Grade), Linguistics Institute of China, Tianjin Normal University, China

Other research experience

(**CUHK**=*The Chinese University of Hong Kong*)

Jul–Aug, Dec 2024, Jan 2025	Fieldwork at Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, Dalat)
	- Project: Exclusive doubling in Vietnamese from a comparative perspective
Feb–Jun 2020, Jul 2021	Research Assistant, ChiLin (HK) Limited *(Supervisor: Benjamin K. Tsou)*
	- Project: A corpus-based comparative study of light verbs in Chinese speech communities
	- Project: Differential metaphorization and grammaticalization in Chinese light verbs
Oct 2019– Jul 2020	Junior Research Assistant, Department of Chinese Language and Literature, CUHK
	- Assisting online learning of Mandarin and Cantonese *(Supervisor: Sze-Wing Tang)*
Jul, Dec 2018– May 2019	Research Assistant (postgraduate student), CUHK
	- Developing the self-learning app *CanTONEse* for learning Cantonese tones
	- Designing a self-assessment test on Cantonese
Jun–Aug 2014	Student helper, Human-Computer Communications Laboratory, CUHK
	- To transcribe and assess data of interviewees having central dysarthria

Grants and honors

*(**CUHK**=The Chinese University of Hong Kong)*

2020–	Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship (tuition and stipend)
2024–2025	MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship (USD 8860) - Project: Exclusive doubling in Vietnamese from a comparative perspective
2024	LSHK Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics, Linguistic Society of Hong Kong The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024.
2022–2025	MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant, Yale University
2024–2025	Council on East Asian Studies Conference Fund, Yale University
2023	Linguistic Society of America Summer Program Award, Yale University
2023	PLC-47 Best Abstract Award The 47th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-47), University of Pennsylvania, March 18-19, 2023.
2021	Young Scholar Award for Prosodic Grammar, First Place The 7th International Conference on Prosodic Grammar (ICPG-7), Beijing Language and Culture University and Tianjin University, April 17-18, 2021.
2017–2019	Postgraduate Studentship, CUHK
2017	Undergraduate "Independent Research" Paper Award (Language and Linguistics) Department of Chinese Language and Literature, CUHK
2014	Gold Award, Best Essay Award (In Dialogue with Nature) General Education, CUHK

Academic service

Conference organization

2018–2025	Organizing committee, The Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL) - FoCaL-1: The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 31 May, 2018 - FoCaL-2: The Education University of Hong Kong, 1 June, 2019 - FoCaL-3: The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, 27 June, 2020 - FoCaL-4: Hong Kong Baptist University, 29 May, 2021 - FoCaL-5: City University of Hong Kong, 4 June, 2022 - FoCaL-6: The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 10 June, 2023 - FoCaL-7: Hong Kong Shue Yan University, 22 June, 2024 - FoCaL-8: University of Hong Kong, 21 June 2025
2024	Organizing committee, The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-55) Yale University, 17–18 October, 2024
2023	Organizing committee, The 27th International Conference on Yue Dialects The Ohio State University, 30 November–2 December, 2023
2023	Organizing committee, Stony Brook, Yale, NYU, CUNY Linguistics Conference (SYNC-23) Yale University, 4 March, 2023
2022	Organizing committee, The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) 2022 Yale University, 12 November, 2022
2018	Student organizer, The 11th Cross-Strait Symposium on Modern Chinese Language The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 7–8 Dec, 2018
2017	Student helper, The International Symposium on Chinese in the Maritime Silk Road The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 7–8 Apr, 2017

Reviewing

Journals	*Folia Linguistica* (2025)
	Glossa: a journal of general linguistics (2025)
	Journal of East Asian Linguistics (2021, 2024)
	Language and Linguistics (2024, 2025)
	Linguistic Inquiry (2024)
	Tsing Hua Journal of Chinese Studies (2025)
	Yale Undergraduate Research Journal (2021)
Conferences	*Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE)* (2024, 2025, 2026)
	International Conference on Yue Dialects (2023)
	International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese (2025)
	NELS (2024, 2025)
	PLC (2024, 2025, 2026)
	SYNC (2021, 2023, 2024, 2025)
	WOC (2025)

Skills

Languages

Cantonese	Native	English	Fluent
Mandarin	Near-native	Japanese	Course work
Vietnamese	Research & fieldwork		

Technical

Linguistics	Audacity, Praat	Statistics	R, SPSS
	AntConc, ELAN, jEdit, Python	Other	LaTex, Microsoft Word & Excel
	PCIbex		