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EDUCATION

University College London <i>PhD in Psycholinguistics</i>	London, UK 2021 - 2025
Project: Prediction revision during language processing Supervisor: Dr. Wing-Yee Chow, Dr. Andrea Santi	
University College London <i>Master of Research in Speech, Language and Cognition</i>	London, UK 2019 - 2020
Project: Cognitive control and garden-path sentence comprehension Supervisor: Dr. Andrea Santi	
Nankai University <i>Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language and Culture (TCSOL)</i>	Tianjin, China 2015 - 2019
Project: Noun neighbor ratio and noun-verb distinction Supervisor: Dr. Quansheng Xia	

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Researcher <i>Philosophy and Social Science Laboratory of Reading and Development in Children and Adolescents</i> <i>Department of Psychology, South China Normal University</i> Advisor: Prof. Suiping Wang	2025 - present
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PhD Research (<i>Supervisor: Dr. Wing-Yee Chow</i>) <i>Division of Psychology and Language Sciences</i>	2021 - 2025 <i>University College London, London</i>
I conducted studies examining how comprehenders update predictions during real-time language processing when encountering informative cues.	
Designed and conducted experiments using EEG, eye-tracking, mouse-tracking, and pupillometry.	
Communicated research findings through journal publications and conference presentations.	
Research Assistant (<i>PI: Dr. Taomei Guo</i>) <i>State Key Laboratory of Cognitive Neuroscience and Learning</i>	Feb - June, 2021 <i>Beijing Normal University, Beijing</i>
I assisted with a project investigating the brain networks involved in processing positive and negative emotional words in the two language systems of bilinguals.	
Performed a systematic review and meta-analysis of fMRI studies.	
Collected fMRI data and analysed the data using extended unified Structural Equation Modeling.	

SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDING & AWARDS

<i>Scholarships & Funding</i>	
The Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) Conference Travel Grant (£120)	2024
Society for Human Sentence Processing Travel Grant (\$400)	2023
UCL Graduate & Overseas Research Scholarship (fees, maintenance, and research costs)	2021-2024
Oxford-Kaifeng Graduate Scholarship (fees and maintenance; declined)	2021-2024
Nomination of the 12th Zhou Enlai Scholarship, Nankai University (¥5,000)	2019
China National Scholarship, Nankai University (¥8,000 per year)	2016-2019

Awards

Chinese Student Awards, Great Britain China Educational Trust	2024
Best Student Poster Prize at the 30th AMLaP Conference	2024
Yuen Ren Chao Language Experiment Star, Nankai University	2022
Dean's List of top performing students, Faculty of Brain Sciences, UCL	2020

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Kuz, V., Cai, F., **Chen, K.**, Chen, J., Qi, X., Veall, C., ... & Santi, A. (2025). Further Argumentation for Conflict Adaptation Not Being Domain General: Response to Novick et al.(2025). *Languages*, 10(10), 262.
- Chen, K. K.**, Johansen, I.M., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024). Revising noun predictions based on English measure phrases: Evidence from visual-world eye-tracking. *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience*, 40(1), 87-102.

- Kuz, V., Cai, F., **Chen, K.**, Chen, J., Veall, C., Zheng, Y., Xu, Z., & Santi, A. (2024). Trial-Level and Contiguous Syntactic Adaptation: A Common Domain General Mechanism at Play?. *Languages*, 9(3), 73.
- Alrashdi, D. H., **Chen, K. K.**, Meyer, C., & Gould, R. L. (2023). A systematic review and meta-analysis of online mindfulness-based interventions for university students: An examination of psychological distress and well-being, and attrition rates. *Journal of Technology in Behavioral Science*, 9, 211–223.
- Dang, Q., Ma, F., Yuan, Q., Fu, Y., **Chen, K.**, Zhang, Z., Lu, C., & Guo, T. (2023). Processing negative emotion in two languages of bilinguals: Accommodation and assimilation of the neural pathways based on a meta-analysis. *Cerebral Cortex*, 33(13), 8352-8367.
- Chen, K.** & Xia, Q. (2020). Effects of noun neighbor ratio on grammatical class recognition of disyllabic compound nouns in Chinese. *Experimental Linguistics*, 9(2), 16-34.

Manuscript

- Chen, K. K.**, Xia, F., Wang, S., & Chow, W.-Y. (in preparation) Incremental prediction revision in response to consecutive informative cues
- Chen, K. K.**, Gao, J., & Chow, W.-Y. (2025, March 27-29). (in preparation) Prediction revision in the presence of a local competitor: Evidence from visual-world eye-tracking and individual differences
- Chen, K. K.**, Hu, N., Liu, Z., & Chow, W.-Y. (in preparation) Dissociating top-down preactivation and bottom-up priming in prediction revision
- Chen, K. K.**, Lu, C., Wang, X., Wu, Y., & Chow, W.-Y. (in preparation) Resolving different types of prediction violations during sentence comprehension: Insights from pupillometry and individual differences
- Chen, K. K.***, Huo, Y.*., Xu, J., Wang, Z., Xia, F., & Chow, W.-Y. (in preparation). Co-registration of mouse cursor and eye movements reveals comparable sensitivity of mouse and eye-tracking to prediction during language comprehension. (*=equal contribution)

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Talks

- Li, J.*., **Chen, K. K.***, Wang, A., Shen, Y., Luo, Y., Futrell, R. & Chow, W.-Y. (2025, November 12-14). The good-enough listener: A visual world paradigm reveals the interaction between prediction and bottom-up input. Talk at the 19th International Conference on the Processing of East Asian Languages, Guangzhou, China. (*=equal contribution)
- Chen, K. K.**, Xia, F., Wang, S., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024, September 5-7). Comprehenders use consecutive cues to update prediction incrementally: Evidence from eye-tracking and ERPs. Talk at the 30th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Chen, K. K.**, Xia, F., Wang, S., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024, June 19-20). Incremental prediction updating through consecutive cues: Evidence from ERPs. Talk at Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics, Oxford, UK.
- Chen, K. K.**, & Chow, W.-Y. (2023, December 1-3). Rapid semantic updating despite prediction errors: eye-tracking evidence from Mandarin Chinese. Talk at the 2nd Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Asia Conference, Hong Kong, China.

Poster Presentations

- Li, J.*., **Chen, K. K.***, Wang, A., Shen, Y., Luo, Y., Futrell, R. & Chow, W.-Y. (2025, September 12-14). The good-enough listener: A visual world paradigm reveals the interaction between prediction and bottom-up input. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Washington, US. (*=equal contribution)
- Chen, K. K.**, Hu, N., Liu, Z., & Chow, W.-Y. (2025, March 27-29). Dissociating top-down preactivation and bottom-up priming in prediction updating. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, College Park, MD.
- Chen, K. K.**, Gao, J., & Chow, W.-Y. (2025, March 27-29). Updating predictions in the presence of a local competitor: A visual-world study. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, College Park, MD.
- Chen, K. K.**, Lu, C., Wang, X., Wu, Y., & Chow, W.-Y. (2025, January 8-10). Resolving different types of prediction violations during sentence comprehension: Insights from pupillometry and individual differences. Poster presented at the Experimental Psychology Society Meeting, London, UK.
- Chen, K. K.**, Lu, C., Wang, X., Wu, Y., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024, September 5-7). Resolving different types of prediction violations during sentence comprehension: Insights from pupillometry and individual differences. Poster presented at the 30th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Chen, K. K.***, Huo, Y.*., Xu, J., Wang, Z., Xia, F., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024, September 5-7). Co-registration of mouse cursor and eye movements reveals comparable sensitivity of mouse and eye-tracking to prediction during language comprehension. Poster presented at the 30th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland. (*=equal contribution)
- Chen, K. K.**, Xia, F., Wang, S., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024, May 16-18). Incremental prediction updating through consecutive cues: Evidence from ERPs. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Ann Arbor, MI.

- Chen, K. K.***, Huo, Y.*., Xu, J., Wang, Z., Xia, F., & Chow, W.-Y. (2024, May 16-18). Co-registration of mouse cursor and eye movements reveals comparable sensitivity of mouse and eye-tracking to prediction during language comprehension. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Ann Arbor, MI. (*=equal contribution)
- Zhang, Y., Wang, Y., Frassinelli, D., Antúnez, M., Lim, D., Aneez, M., **Chen, K.**, & Vigliocco, G. (2023, September 6-9). Multimodal information contribution to language comprehension in naturalistic settings: EEG evidence. Poster presented at the 23rd meeting of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology, Porto, Portugal.
- Chen, K. K.**, & Chow, W.-Y. (2023, March 9-11). Updating predictions incrementally: Listeners are able to process new information following prediction errors. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Chen, K. K.**, Johansen, I.M., & Chow, W.-Y. (2022, September 7-9). Unexpected information triggers rapid prediction updating: Evidence from eye movements. Poster presented at the 28th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference, York, UK.
- Chen, K. K.**, Johansen, I.M., & Chow, W.-Y. (2022, March 24-26). Listeners rapidly update their predictions in response to unexpected information. Poster presented at the 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Santa Cruz, CA.
- Kuz, V., **Chen, K.**, Veall, C., & Santi, A. (2021, March 4-6). Cognitive control and ambiguity resolution: Beyond conflict resolution. Poster presented at the 34th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Philadelphia, PA.

INVITED TALKS

- Chen, K. K.** (2025, August 18). Prediction revision during language processing. Psycholinguistics Salon, College of Chinese Language and Culture, Nankai University, China. (in Chinese).
- Chen, K. K.** (2025, February 26). Prediction revision during language processing. Language and Learning Seminar Series, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, UK.
- Chen, K. K.** (2021, March 7). Predictive mechanisms in language comprehension. Psycholinguistics Salon, College of Chinese Language and Culture, Nankai University, China.

INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

- Chen, K. K.** (2024, April 23). The interplay of predictability, plausibility, and cognitive functions in sentence comprehension: A pupillometry study. Talk at the 2nd Chandler House Symposium, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London, UK.
- Chen, K. K.** (2023, June 14). Rapid semantic updating despite prediction errors: Evidence from Mandarin Chinese. Talk at PhD Day, Department of Linguistics, University College London, UK.
- Chen, K. K.** (2023, April 17). Overcoming prediction errors: Rapid updating in language comprehension. Talk at the 1st Chandler House Symposium, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London, UK.
- Chen, K. K.** (2022, May 27). Unexpected information triggers rapid prediction updating: Evidence from eye movements. Talk at Faculty of Brain Sciences Postgraduate Conference 2022, University College London, UK.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>Credit-bearing Courses</i>		
Bi/Multilingualism: Development and Cognition (BA, MA)		Term 2, 2024-25
<i>Teaching assistant, University College London</i>		
Designed and delivered one lecture, and collaborated on preparing and leading tutorials.		
Marked and provided feedback on final assessments (short questions).		
Experimental Linguistics Laboratory (BSc) Teaching assistant, University College London		Term 1, 2024-25
Collaborated on preparing an online experimental program for course activities.		
Created materials to demonstrate data analysis using R.		
Language and Communication (BSc) Teaching assistant, University College London		Term 2, 2023-24, 2024-25
Delivered one lecture.		
Marked and provided feedback on final assessments (academic posters).		
Intermediate Statistical Methods (BSc) Demonstrator, University College London		Term 1-2, 2021-22, 2022-23
Delivered weekly practical sessions and drop-in consultations.		
Marked and provided feedback on students' homework, coursework, and final exam.		
Neurolinguistics (BA, MA) Teaching assistant, University College London		Term 2, 2021-22
Delivered weekly tutorial sessions.		
Marked and provided feedback on midterm assessments (short questions).		
Chinese Traditional Idiom (MA) Lecturer, Nankai University		Term 1, 2018-19

Designed and delivered weekly lectures.

Marked and provided feedback on final assessments (presentations).

Short Courses, Workshops & Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Statistics for Linguists Using R | University College London

Summer, 2022-2024

Collaborated with a fellow PhD student in leading the summer short course.

Designed and delivered two lectures and tutorials, and provided drop-in consultations.

Pupillometry in Linguistic Research in Psycholinguistics: The Eye-tracking Method and its Applications in

Language Research, UCL Linguistics Autumn School | University College London

Autumn, 2023

Designed and delivered one lecture.

Advising

Masters Dissertation Project

Enoch Wan (2025), Caizhi Liu (2025), Jingyi Gao (2024), Cassie Liu (2024), Ningxin Hu (2024), Jiajian Xu (2023), Zunni Wang (2023), Fan Xia (2023)

Undergraduate Dissertation Project

Anne Wang (2025), Yuhan Shen (2025), Yijia Luo (2025), Qizhang Shi (2024), Yuxuan Wu (2024), Xinyi Wang (2024), Chen Lu (2024)

Undergraduate Psychology Scholarships Placements

Aisha Shabir (2024), Cheri Au (2022)

Undergraduate Psychology Year-2 Lab Project

Ian Feng (2022), Leonie Hellwich (2022), Yue Zheng (2022), Cheri Au (2022), Muge Karan (2022)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Organising

Online Psycholinguistics Reading Group | Organisor

Oct, 2023 - Dec, 2024

Psycholinguistics Lab Meeting | Organisor

Term 1, 2024-25

Research Students Psycholinguistics Talks and Reading Group | Co-organisor

Term 1, 2023-24

Reviewing

Ad-hoc Reviewing

Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science

Language Cognition and Neuroscience

Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology

Ad-hoc Collaborative Reviewing (under the guidance of Dr. Wing-Yee Chow)

Journal of Memory and Language

Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition

Language and Cognition

Linguistic Typology

PeerJ

SKILLS

Analytical tools: R, MatLab (EEGLAB, ERPLAB, SPM)

Research tools: Python (Psychopy), Experiment Builder, E-prime, Ibex Farm, PCIbex, Gorilla, Praat

Language skills: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

Training:

- Learning Pupillometry From Theory to Analyses Workshop, University of Konstanz, March 2024.
- Thirty-third EEGLAB Workshop, Aspet, France, July 2023.
- Generalised Additive Mixed Models (GAMMs) Workshop, University of Reading, December 2022.
- Sixth Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology (SMLP), Introduction to Bayesian Data Analysis, University of Potsdam, September 2022.
- Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL), University of York, June 2022.

Certificates:

- Probability Theory: Foundation for Data Science, University of Colorado, through Coursera, January 2022.
- Introduction to Calculus, The University of Sydney, through Coursera, November 2021.