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Research Interests

Broad: Semantics, Pragmatics, Syntax-Semantics interface, Chinese Linguistics
Narrow: Tense and Aspect, Degree semantics, Equatives and similatives, Information Structure

Education

2016-2022	The University of Chicago, USA PhD in Linguistics Dissertation: *Incompleteness Under Discussion* Committee: Chris Kennedy (chair), Itamar Francez, Ming Xiang, Anastasia Giannakidou
2012-2016	Nanjing University, China BA in Chinese Language and Literature

NON-DEGREE STUDY

2018	The North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information
2017	The European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information
2014	Visiting student in Linguistics at University of California, Berkeley

Employment

2022-	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR Assistant Professor, Department of Chinese Language and Literature

Teaching & Research Experience

Feb - July 2022	Research Assistant at The Chinese University of Hong Kong *Inner aspect le in Mandarin Chinese* (PI: Lawrence Y. L. Cheung)
2021	Instructor at the University of Chicago *Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics*
2019 - 2020	Teaching Assistant at the University of Chicago *Introduction to Linguistics* *Elementary Logic* *Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics*

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2022   **Yenan Sun**. Decomposing *same*. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 40(3): 911-931. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-021-09522-1

2021   **Yenan Sun**. A bipartite analysis of *zhiyou* 'only' in Chinese. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 30(4): 319-355. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10831-021-09228-w

2019   Eszter Ronai, **Yenan Sun**, Alan Yu & Ming Xiang. Integration of contextual-pragmatic and phonetic information in speech perception: An eye-tracking study. *Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology* 10(1): 20, pp. 1–15. DOI: http://doi.org/10.5334/labphon.186

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2020   **Yenan Sun**. *Only*-concord in Vietnamese: Support for a bipartite analysis and Undermerge. In *Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*: 183-192.

2020   **Yenan Sun**. *Same* as the parameter of an equation construction. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24*: 306-318.

2019   **Yenan Sun**. Equating degrees or state-kinds, or both. In *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*: 523-532.

2019   **Yenan Sun**, Jackie Yan-Ki Lai. The morphosyntax of Chinese adjectival reduplication: The role of RED. In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*: 203-210.

2019   **Yenan Sun**, Jackie Yan-Ki Lai. Revisiting the restrictive/appositive distinction in Mandarin relative clauses: The confound of demonstratives. In Patrick Farrell (eds.) *Proceedings of the 93th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America* 4, 28:1-14.

2018   **Yenan Sun**. Two strategies of *sameness*: Chinese *tong* and *xiangtong*. In *Proceedings of the 20th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar*: 369-380.

2018   Jackie Yan-Ki Lai, **Yenan Sun**. On Apparent Parasitic Gaps in Mandarin Chinese. In *Proceedings of the 20th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar*: 195-199.

2018   **Yenan Sun**. Two Kinds of Quantificational Domains: Mandarin *mei* with or without *dou*. In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*: 365-379.

EDITED VOLUMES

2019   Eszter Ronai, Laura Stigliano and **Yenan Sun** (eds.), *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. CLS.

Presentations

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2022   **Yenan Sun**. What is Under Discussion: A Pragmatic Perspective on Chinese Incompleteness. The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Department of Chinese Language and Literature. April 1.

2022   **Yenan Sun**. Revisiting incompleteness from a pragmatic perspective. Fudan University, China. Department of Chinese Language and Literature. Feb 24.

2021   **Yenan Sun**. What is under Discussion? A pragmatic perspective into incompleteness. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China. School of Humanities. Dec 9.

2020   **Yenan Sun**. Multidimensionality of Meaning: A pragmatic account towards Chinese incompleteness phenomena. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China. Nov 19.

2020   **Yenan Sun**. Incompleteness, anchoring, and at-issueness. Nanjing University, China. Nov 2.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022   **Yenan Sun**. Mantaining Mandarin *hen* as a weak intensifier. Poster presented at GLOW 45 (Workshop on Typological generalizations and semantic theory), London [virtual].

2022   **Yenan Sun**. Mantaining Mandarin *hen* as a weak intensifier. Talk given at Theoretical Linguistics at Keio (TaLK 2022), Toyko [virtual].

2021   **Yenan Sun**. Potentially incomplete sentences are imperfectives: A cross-linguistic perspective into Chinese incompleteness. Talk given at the 9th International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-9), Shanghai [virtual].

2021   **Yenan Sun**. (Potentially) incomplete sentences in Chinese are imperfective. Poster presented at the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 39), Tucson [virtual].

2021   **Yenan Sun**. Aspectual marking and (not-)at-issue updates in Mandarin Chinese. Poster presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 95), San Francisco [virtual].

2020   **Yenan Sun**. The interaction of aspect marking and QUD in Chinese. Talk given at the Annual Research Forum of the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong (ARF 2020), Hong Kong [virtual].

2020   **Yenan Sun**. Where does Mandarin *zhiyou* 'only' move? Not to CaiP! Poster presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 94), New Orleans.

2020   Jackie Yan-Ki Lai, **Yenan Sun**. When TPs Can(not) Move: The View from Cantonese. Poster presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 94), New Orleans.

2019   **Yenan Sun**. Equating degrees or state-kinds, or both. Poster presented at the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium (Workshop on Semantic Universals), Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2019   Jackie Yan-Ki Lai, **Yenan Sun**. When TPs Can(not) Move: The View from Cantonese. Talk to be given at the Arizona Linguistics Circle 13 (ALC 13), Tucson, AZ.

2019   **Yenan Sun**. Where does Mandarin *zhiyou* 'only' move? Not to CaiP! Talk given at the Arizona Linguistics Circle 13 (ALC 13), Tucson, AZ.

2019   **Yenan Sun**. *Only*-concord in Vietnamese: Support for a bipartite analysis and Undermerge. Poster presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 50), Boston, MA.

2019   **Yenan Sun**. Where is the parameter in the 'same' construction? Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 24), Osnabrück University, Germany.

2019   **Yenan Sun**, Jackie Yan-Ki Lai. Demonstratives and the Restrictive/Appositive Distinction in Mandarin Relative Clauses. Talk given at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 93), New York City.

2018   Peter Alrenga, Daniel Hardt, Line Mikkelsen, **Yenan Sun**. One and *(the) same. Talk given at the 9th Meeting of California Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP 11), Berkeley.

2018   **Yenan Sun**, Jackie Yan-Ki Lai. Two positions of reduplication morpheme (RED) in Chinese Adjectival Compounding. Poster presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 49), Ithaca.

2018   **Yenan Sun**. Two strategies of *sameness*: Chinese *tong* and *xiangtong*. Talk given at the 20th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 20), Seoul, Korea.

2018   Jackie Yan-Ki Lai, **Yenan Sun**. On Apparent Parasitic Gaps in Mandarin Chinese. Talk given at the 20th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 20), Seoul, Korea.

2018   Mingya Liu, **Yenan Sun**, Anastasia Giannakidou. Numeral *yi* 'one' as domain restrictor in Mandarin Chinese. Talk given at the 10th International Conference of the European Association of Chinese linguistics (EACL 10), Milan, Italy.

2018   **Yenan Sun**, Eszter Ronai, Alan Yu *&* Ming Xiang. The role of contextual-pragmatic information in speech perception: an eye-tracking study. Poster presented at the 31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY 31), UC Davis.

2018   **Yenan Sun**, Laura Stigliano, Eszter Ronai, Amara Sankhagowit, Anisia Popescu, Alan Yu, Ming Xiang. 2018. The role of contextual-pragmatic information in speech perception: an eye-tracking study. Poster presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 92), Salt Lake City.

2017   **Yenan Sun**. Two Kinds of Quantificational Domains: Mandarin *mei* with or without *dou*. Talk given at the 53rd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 53), Chicago.

2015   **Yenan Sun**. Is Chinese *mei* a quantifier? Talk given at the 4th Syntax and Semantics in China (SSiC 2015), Xi'an, China.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2019   **Yenan Sun**. *Only* with movement: Where does Mandarin *zhiyou* move? Talk given at the University of Chicago *Morphology and Syntax Workshop*, Chicago.

2018   **Yenan Sun**. Two strategies of *sameness*: Chinese *tong* and *xiangtong*. Talk given at the University of Chicago *Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop*, Chicago.

Grants *&* Awards

2021-2022   Mellon Foundation-University of Chicago Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UChicago

2020   Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics Award, UChicago.

Fall 2019   Division of the Humanities Conference Grant, UChicago.

Fall 2019   Graduate Council Travel Fund Grant, UChicago.

Fall 2019   Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics Award, UChicago.

Fall 2018   Division of the Humanities Conference Grant, UChicago.

Fall 2018   Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics Award, UChicago.

Summer 2018   Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics Award, UChicago.

| 2014 | National Scholarship (Top 3% at School of Liberal Arts), Nanjing University. |
| 2013 | Wu Hong Scholarship, Nanjing University. |

Service & Activities

| Organizer | 54th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 54) |
| Reviewing | 53rd, 54th, 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 53, CLS 54, CLS 55) |

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