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Research Interests

Broad: Semantics, Pragmatics, Syntax

Narrow: Equatives and Similatives, Adjectives, (Not-)At-issueness, Information Structure

Education

- 2016- The University of Chicago, USA
PhD in Linguistics
Dissertation: *Incompleteness, anchoring, and at-issueness in Chinese*
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

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED

- 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*.

MANUSCRIPTS

- Resubmitted **Yenan Sun**. Decomposing *same*.
Submitted **Yenan Sun**. A bipartite analysis of *zhiyou* ‘only’ in Mandarin Chinese.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- To appear **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*.
- 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.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2021 **Yenan Sun.** Aspectual marking and (not-)at-issue updates in Mandarin Chinese. Poster to be presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 95).
- 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.
- 2019 **Yenan Sun.** Equating degrees or state-kinds, or both. Poster presented at the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium (Workshop on Semantic Universals), Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 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 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.

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2019 Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics (Instructor: Julian Grove)
- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant
Elementary Logic (Instructor: Ginger Schultheis)
- Winter 2020 Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Linguistics (Instructor: Patrick Muñoz)
- [Spring 2021] Instructor
Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics

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)