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EDUCATION

2019 – present University of York, UK

PhD in Linguistics

Advisors: Eleanor Chodroff, Paul Foulkes

Doctoral project: the production and perception of Mandarin dialect tone systems

Research areas: acoustic phonetics, speech perception, tone perception, perceptual adaptation

2016 – 2017 University College London, UK

MA in Linguistics (with Distinction)

Advisor: Yi Xu

Dissertation: *The Neglected Tone in Chinese Word Recognition --An Account of Frequency Effect on Lexical Access*

2012 – 2016 Jiangnan University, China

BA in English Language and Literature (with Honors; GPA 3.95/4; 1/149)

Advisor: Minfen Yan

Thesis Title: *A Corpus-Based Study on Chinese EFL Learners' Use of MV-Around Constructions*

Award: The First Prize of Final Project for Bachelor's Degree in Jiangsu Province

Member of the Honors School of Jiangnan University

PRESENTATIONS

2022 **Liang Zhao** and Eleanor Chodroff. The ManDi Corpus: A Spoken Corpus of Mandarin Regional Dialects. Poster at *Language Evaluation and Resources (LREC 2022)*. Marseille, France.

2022 **Liang Zhao**, Shayne Sloggett, and Eleanor Chodroff. Top-down and bottom-up processing of familiar and unfamiliar Mandarin dialect tone systems. Poster at *Speech Prosody 2022*. Lisbon, Portugal.

2022 **Liang Zhao** and Eleanor Chodroff. Rapid adaptation to unfamiliar Mandarin dialect tone systems: Evidence from bottom-up tone processing. Talk at the *Colloquium of the British Association of Academic Phoneticians (BAAP 2022)*. York, UK. (virtual)

- 2021 **Liang Zhao** and Eleanor Chodroff. Integrated top-down and bottom-up processing in perception of non-native tone system. Talk at the 7th Postgraduate Academic Researchers in Linguistics at York conference (PARLAY 2021). (virtual)
- 2020 **Liang Zhao**, Philip Harrison, Paul Foulkes, and Eleanor Chodroff. One million km2: Broad coverage of Mandarin Chinese dialects using smartphone technology. Talk at *Australian Linguistic Society (ASL) workshop*. (virtual)

Lab presentations

- 2021 Zhao, L. Hybrid processing of unfamiliar tone system
Experimental Lab meeting at University of York, 15/November/2021 (in-person)
- 2020 Zhao, L. Remote speech data collection using smartphone recording applications
Experimental Lab meeting at University of York, 28/November/2020 (virtual)

PUBLICATIONS

Zhao, L. and Chodroff, E. (2022). The ManDi Corpus: A Spoken Corpus of Mandarin Regional Dialects. *Proceedings of the 13th Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC 2022)*, 1985–1990. [\[PDF\]](#)

Zhao, L., Sloggett, S., Chodroff, E. (2022). Top-Down and Bottom-up Processing of Familiar and Unfamiliar Mandarin Dialect Tone Systems. *Proceedings of Speech Prosody 2022*, 842-846, doi: 10.21437/SpeechProsody. 2022-171. [\[PDF\]](#)

Publication from undergraduate literature project:

Zhao, L. (2015). The Structure of Space in *Amsterdam* by Ian McEwan, *Overseas English*, 2015 (20). ISSN1009-5039.

Publication from the national innovation and research training program for college students (China):

Zu, Lingdan., Zhong, Wenxiu., **Zhao, L.**, & Li, Junpeng. (2015). The Problems and Solutions of Talent Cultivation in Undergraduate Education, *Northern Literature*, 2015 (12). ISSN0476-031X. (in *Chinese*)

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

01/2023 – 06/2023 *Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology* (TA offer accepted)
GTA in the Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York
Involved in leading lab practical sessions and marking

- 01/2022 – 06/2022 *Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology* (Module convener: Dr. Eleanor Chodroff)
 GTA in the Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York
 Involved in leading lab practical sessions and marking
- 10/2021 – 06/2022 *Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology* (Module convener: Dr. George Bailey)
 GTA in the Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York
 Involved in leading seminars and marking
- 10/2020 – 06/2021 *Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology* (Module convener: Dr. George Bailey)
 GTA in the Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York
 Involved in leading seminars and marking

Employment

- 2018 – 2019 *Fundamentals in Linguistics* (as instructor)
 Survive Interview for Graduate School (as instructor)
 Full-time employment as curriculum developer at Offcn Education & Technology Co.,Ltd
 (Beijing Headquarter)
- 2016 – 2017 *Reading and Writing in Academic IELTS* (as instructor and group leader)
 Employment at the Global IELTS

Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship

- 2016 Lab assistant in the Department of Language Studies, Hebei University of Architecture
 Involved in lab workshop organizing and report drafting
- 2014 – 2016 Undergraduate tutor for English major in Jiangnan University
- 2014 Teaching assistant in the *Conversational English Summer School* held by Honors School,
 Jiangnan University

AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIP

- 2022 IPA Student Award
- 2022 Student Travel Grant from *Speech Prosody 2022*
- 2015 - 2016 National Scholarship, twice awarded by *the Ministry of Education*, China
- 2016 Merit Student of Jiangsu Province
- 2015 Merit Student of Wuxi City
- 2015 Pacemaker to Merit Student of Jiangnan University
- 2013 – 2014 Merit Student of Jiangnan University, twice awarded
- 2013 – 2016 The First Prize Scholarship of Jiangnan University

INTERNSHIP & OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015 summer	<i>China Daily</i> Wuxi Sub-branch, Online English Editor
2014 summer	English interpreter for the <i>Wuxi Charity Gala</i> and related events
2014 winter	Piano accompanist for the <i>New Year Night</i> , Jiangnan University
2013 summer	Volunteer teacher of English writing in Baoshan Primary School in Yulong, China

CERTIFICATES

Certificate for Music Performance (Piano)—Grade 10/10, issued by *Chinese Musicians' Association*
IELTS—Overall Band: 8 (Listening: 8.5, Reading: 9, Writing: 7, Speaking: 7)
Shanghai English-Chinese Interpretation Accreditation—Advanced level
Standard Mandarin Proficiency Test Certificate—Upper level, Grade A
Test for English Major (TEM4 & TEM8, China)—First Grade

LANGUAGES

Standard Mandarin (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

SCRIPTING

R, Praat
HTML, CSS (beginner)