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EDUCATION

2019 - now 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)

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 Top-down and bottom-up processing of familiar and unfamiliar Mandarin dialect tone systems [poster]

Liang Zhao, Shayne Sloggett, and Eleanor Chodroff

Speech Prosody 2022, SProSIG of ISCA, 23-26/May/2022, Lisbon, Portugal

2022 Rapid adaptation to unfamiliar Mandarin dialect tone systems: evidence from bottom-up tone processing [slides]

Liang Zhao & Eleanor Chodroff

BAAP 2022, Colloquium of the British Association of Academic Phoneticians

04-08/April/2022, York, UK

- 2021 Integrated top-down and bottom-up processing in perception of non-native tone systems
[[slides](#)]
Liang Zhao and Eleanor Chodroff
PARLAY Conference @University of York, 29/September/2021 (virtual)
- 2020 One million km2: Broad coverage of Mandarin Chinese dialects using smartphone technology
[[slides](#)]
Liang Zhao, Philip Harrison, Paul Foulkes, and Eleanor Chodroff
Australian Linguistic Society (ASL) workshop presentation, 14-15/December/2020 (virtual)

Lab presentations

- 2021 Hybrid processing of unfamiliar tone system [[slides](#)]
Experimental Lab meeting @University of York, 15/November/2021 (in-person)
- 2020 Remote speech data collection using smartphone recording applications
Experimental Lab meeting @University of York, 28/November/2020 (virtual)

PUBLICATIONS

Under review

Zhao, L & Chodroff, E (2022). The ManDi Corpus: A Spoken Corpus of Mandarin Regional Dialect. Submitted to *LREC*. <https://osf.io/69fx5/>.

Zhao, L, Sloggett, S, & Chodroff, E. (2022). Top-down and bottom-up processing of familiar and unfamiliar Mandarin dialect tone systems poster. *Proceedings of Speech Prosody*. (paper accepted)

The Structure of Space in Amsterdam, *Overseas English*, 2015 (20). ISSN1009-5039. (*Chinese*)

The Problems and Solutions of Talent Cultivation of Undergraduate Education, *Northern Literature*, 2015 (12). ISSN0476-031X. (*Chinese*)

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

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

Employment

2018 - 2019 *Fundamentals in Linguistics* (as instructor)
Survive interview in English (as instructor)
Full-time employment as curriculum developer at Offen Education & Technology Co.,Ltd
(Beijing Headquarter)

2016 - 2017 *Reading and Writing in Academic IELTS*
Employment as the part-time IELTS tutor at the Global IELTS

Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship

2016 Lab Assistant at the Hebei University of Architecture, Department of English Language
Involved in lab equipment maintenance 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

INTERNSHIP & OTHER ACTIVITIES

07/2015 *China Daily* Wuxi Sub-branch, Online English Editor

07/2014 English interpreter for the *Wuxi Charity Gala* and related events

01/2014 Piano accompanist for the *New Year Night*, Dept of Foreign Language Studies, Jiangnan
University

07/2013 Volunteer teacher of English writing in Baoshan Primary School in Yulong, Yunan province,
China

HONOURS

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

CERTIFICATES

Certificate for Music Performance (Piano)—Grade 10, by *Chinese Musicians' Association*

Standard Mandarin Proficiency Test Certificate—Upper level, Grade A

Shanghai English-Chinese Interpretation Accreditation—Advance level

SCRIPTING

R, Praat

HTML & CSS (beginner)