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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; 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.** & Chodroff, E. (2022). The ManDi Corpus: A Spoken Corpus of Mandarin Regional Dialect. To appear in *Proceedings of Language Evaluation and Resources*.

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

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

- 01/2022 – present     *Intermediate 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 marking
- 10/2021 – 06/2022     *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 marking
- 10/2020 – 06/2021     *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 marking

## **Employment**

- 2018 – 2019 *Fundamentals in Linguistics* (as instructor)  
*Survive interview in English* (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 as 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 workshop organizing and report drafting
- 2014 – 2016   Undergraduate tutor for English major in Jiangnan University
- 2014 summer 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    *China Daily* Wuxi Sub-branch, Online English Editor
- 2014 summer    English interpreter for the *Wuxi Charity Gala* and related events
- 2014            Piano accompanist for the *New Year Night*, Jiangnan University
- 2013 summer    Volunteer teacher of English writing in Baoshan Primary School in Yulong, China

## **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

Test for English Major (China)—Band 4 & 8, Excellent

## **LANGUAGES**

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

## **SCRIPTING**

R, Praat

HTML, CSS (beginner)