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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**

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**

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

2015 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 – *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)  
Employment as the curriculum developer at Offcn 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**

03/2016 Lab Assistant at the Hebei University of Architecture, Department of English Language  
Involved in lab equipment maintenance and report drafting

2014 – 2016 Class tutor to freshmen of English major in Jiangnan University

07/2014 Teaching assistant in the *Conversational English Training Program* 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 Department 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, etc.

## **LANGUAGES**

Standard Mandarin (native), English (advanced)

## **PROGRAMMING**

R, Praat, HTML & CSS (beginner-level)