

Education

- 2017-23 (expected) Ph.D. in Linguistics**
The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Dissertation running title: *The Syntax and Acquisition of Mandarin Passives*
Committee: Nina Hyams, Ethan Poole (co-chairs), Anoop Mahajan, and Victoria Mateu
- 2017-19 M.A. in Linguistics**
The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Thesis: *The Syntax and Acquisition of Mandarin Sluice-like Constructions*
Committee: Nina Hyams (chair), Jesse Harris, Anoop Mahajan, and Victoria Mateu
- 2013-17 B.A. in Chinese Linguistics**
Peking University
Thesis: *On Quasi-Possessive Object Constructions in Modern Chinese*
Advisor: Rui Guo

Summer schools

- July 2019** The 3rd Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing), Crete, Greece.
July 2017 The 3rd Linguistics Institute of China, Tianjin, China.

Areas of Interest

First language acquisition, theoretical syntax, Chinese languages, experimental syntax

Publications

Journals

- Liu, M.**, Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (to appear). The Syntax and Acquisition of Mandarin Sluice-like Constructions. *Tsinghua Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics*. Commercial Press, Beijing.

Conference Proceedings

- Liu, M.** (2022). Prevalence of Long Passives in Child Mandarin: Input and Intervention Effects. In *Proceedings of the 46th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development [BUCLD 46]*
- Liu, M.**, Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (2020). Late Intervention Effects in the Acquisition of Mandarin Sluice-like Constructions. In *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development [BUCLD 44]*, edited by Megan M. Brown and Alexandra Kohut (pp. 322-35).

Liu, M. (2019). English adaptation in Mandarin A-not-A constructions. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 4.1* (2019): 38-1.

Unpublished manuscripts

Liu, M. (2022). *Deriving Mandarin bei-passives*. UCLA Manuscript

Liu, M. (2020). *Adverbial clitics in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec*. UCLA Manuscript

Liu, M. (2020). *Dependent and independent pronouns in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec*. UCLA Manuscript

Conference Presentations

Liu, M. (2022). *Prevalence of long passives in child Mandarin: Input and intervention effects*. Poster presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 96), Washington DC.

Liu, M. (2021). *Prevalence of long passives in child Mandarin: Input and intervention effects*. Poster presented at the 46rd Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 46), Boston University (online).

Liu, M. (2021). *Rethinking raising vs. control analyses in Mandarin bei-passives*. Talk presented at the 33rd Meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-33), UChicago (Online).

Liu, M. (2021). *Mandarin Passives Revisited*. Talk presented at the Southern California Annual Meeting on Syntax (SCAMS 2020-2021), USC (Online).

Liu, M. (2021). *Adverbial Clitics in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec*. Poster presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2021), Online.

***Liu, M.,** Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (2019). *Late Intervention Effects in Mandarin Sluice Acquisition*. Talk presented at the 44th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 44), Boston, MA.

***Liu, M.,** Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (2019). *Sluicing in Child Mandarin: Effects of Lexical Ambiguity*. Talk presented at the 14th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition conference (GALA 14), Milan, Italy.

Liu, M. (2019). *Delayed Subject Advantages in Mandarin Sluicing Acquisition*. Talk presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 55), Chicago, IL.

Liu, M. (2019). *English Adaptation in Mandarin A-not-A Constructions*. Poster presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 93), New York, NY.

Liu, M. (2018). *Intervention vs. Locality: Delayed Subject Preferences in Mandarin Sluicing Acquisition*. Talk presented at the 2nd California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP 2018), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

Liu, M. (2018). *Object Movement in Relation to Duration phrase in Mandarin*. Talk presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL 26), University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI.

Liu, M. (2016). *Deriving the Verb Copying Construction in Chinese*. Talk presented at the 12th Academic Annual Conference of the Beijing Language Association. Beijing, China.

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Awards and Grants

2022-24	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS-2146647) (USD 15,001), National Science Foundation, <i>Intervention Effects in the Acquisition of Passives</i> (with co-PI: Nina Hyams)
Spring 2021	Research Fellowship (USD 3,678.57), UCLA Linguistics
Aug 2019	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (USD 6,000), UCLA
Aug 2017	First class award (CNY 2,000), Linguistics Institute of China
Oct 2016	May 4 th Scholarship (CNY 2,000), Peking University
Sep 2016	Academic Excellence Award, Peking University
Oct 2014	Leo KoGuan Scholarship (CNY 6,000), Peking University

Fieldwork

Jan-July 2020	Fieldwork on San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec Supervisor: Harold Torrence (UCLA) Fieldwork at UCLA on a Zapotec language spoken in San Cristóbal Lachirioag, Oaxaca, Mexico.
Summer 2016	Fieldwork on Tonggu Gan Supervisor: Mengbing Xiang (Peking University) Fieldwork on Gan, a non-Mandarin dialect of Chinese spoken in Tonggu, Jiangxi, China

Teaching and Advising

As Instructor (UCLA)

Summer 2020	Ling 130 – Language Development. <u>Responsibilities:</u> Course design, lectures (6h/week), discussion (1h/week), office hours (2h/week); grading homework, advising final projects, and grading final papers for 12 UCLA undergrads.
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As Teaching Assistant/Associate (UCLA)

Spring 2022	Ling 1 – Introduction to the Study of Language. (instructor: Harold Torrence)
Fall 2021	Ling 1 – Introduction to the Study of Language. (instructor: Giuseppina Silvestri)
Winter 2021	Ling 127 – Syntactic Typology and Universals. (instructor: Giuseppina Silvestri)
Fall 2020	Ling C140 – Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition. (instructor: Elise Bell)
Winter 2020	Ling 130 – Language Development. (instructor: Nicoletta Loccioni)
Fall 2019	Ling 120B – Syntax I. (instructor: Nicoletta Loccioni)
Spring 2019	Ling C135 – Neurolinguistics. (instructor: Victoria Mateu)
Winter 2018	Ling 1 – Introduction to the Study of Language. (instructor: Nina Hyams)
Fall 2018	Ling 130 – Language Development. (instructor: Victoria Mateu)

Mentoring Undergraduate Students

2021-2022	The Graduate-Undergraduate Mentorship Program at UCLA Receiving professional training on mentoring skills; Mentoring an undergraduate
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throughout the academic year by providing help and advice on study, research, college life, graduate school application, and career development.

Spring 2021 Corpus analysis of child Mandarin

Instructed 1 UCLA undergraduate research assistant to analyze corpus data from the Mandarin corpora on *CHILDES*.

Winter 2018 Acquisition of Mandarin sluicing constructions

Instructed 2 UCLA undergraduate research assistants to run comprehension experiments with Mandarin-speaking children and perform preliminary data analysis.

Fall 2018 Phonological adaptations of L2 English words in L1 Mandarin code-mixing

Instructed 2 UCLA undergraduate research assistants to build and run production experiments with Mandarin-L1 English-L2 adults and perform preliminary data analysis.

Services and Memberships

Journal Manuscript Reviewing

Journal of Second and Multiple Language Acquisition

Conference Reviewing

2018 The 2nd California Meeting on Psycholinguistics, University of Southern California

Departmental Services (Dept. of Linguistics, UCLA)

Present Climate Committee – Member
UCLA Language Lab – Member

Previous Colloquium Committee – Chair for 1 year
Job Search Committee on Language Acquisition – Student Member
Open House Committee – Member for 1 year
Colloquium Committee – Member for 2 years

Other Services and Memberships

Present Member of the Linguistics Society of America
2020-2021 Member of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
2018-2019 Member of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics
2016-2017 Organizer of the Linguistics Club at Peking University

Language Skills

Spoken Languages Mandarin/Standard Chinese – Native
English – Fluent
Southwestern Mandarin – Heritage
Spanish – Beginner

Research Languages Mandarin Chinese
San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec (fieldwork)
Gan Chinese (fieldwork)
Beijing Mandarin
Ancient Chinese

Computer Skills

Linguistics-Related CLAN – for corpus data analysis
R – for statistical analysis
Praat – for phonetic analysis
PClbex – experiment builder
PsychoPy – experiment builder

Other \LaTeX – for typesetting
Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint