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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor

2025-present

Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University

Postdoctoral Fellow

2024-2025

Department of Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania

Advisors: Julie Anne Legate, Charles Yang

EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics

2024

Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

Dissertation Committee: Judith Degen (Chair), Michael C. Frank, Daniel Lassiter, Thomas Wasow

BA in Linguistics, Neuroscience, Integrated Science

2019

summa cum laude

Northwestern University

Thesis advisors: Masaya Yoshida, Shayne Sloggett

Linguistics Summer Session

2017

Universiteit Utrecht

The LSA Linguistics Institute

2017

University of Kentucky

RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Formal and Experimental) Syntax, Psycholinguistics,

PUBLICATIONS

*: Equal contributions

Lu, J.*, Pan, D.*, and Degen, J. *accepted*. Evidence for a Discourse Account of Manner-of-Speaking Islands. *Language*

Lu, J., Frank, M., and Degen, J. 2024. Which Islands Satiates: a Meta-Analysis. *Glossa Psycholinguistics* 3(1): X, 1-33

Lu, J., Merchan, J., Wang, L., and Degen, J. 2024. Can Syntactic Log-Odds Ratio Predict Acceptability and Satiation?. *Society for Computation in Linguistics* 7(1): 1019

Kim, N., and **Lu, J.**. 2024. Coordination of Unlike Categories Creates Grammaticality Illusion. *Korean Journal of English Language and Linguistics* 24(1): 52-61

Zhan, M., Chen, S., Levy, R., **Lu, J.**, and Gibson, E. 2023. Rational Sentence Interpretation in Mandarin Chinese. *Cognitive Science* 47(12): e13383.

Kim, N., Li, Z., and **Lu, J.**. 2023. Island-Sensitivity of Two Different Interpretations of *Why* in Chinese. *Frontiers in Psychology* 13: 1059823.

Lu, J., Wright, N., and Degen, J. 2022. Satiation Effects Generalize Across Island Types. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*: 2724-2730.

Lu, J., and Kim, N. 2022. The Puzzle of Argument Structure Mismatch in Gapping. *Frontiers in Psychology* 13: 907823.

- Kim, N., and **Lu, J.** 2022. Predictive Sentence Processing: Evidence from Passive Relative Clause Processing. *Korean Journal of English Language and Linguistics* 22(1): 70-85.
- Kim, N., and **Lu, J.** 2021. An Illusion of Grammaticality in Wh-Questions. *Korean Journal of Linguistics* 46(3): 607-618.
- Lu, J.**, Lassiter, D., and Degen, J. 2021. Syntactic satiation is driven by speaker-specific adaptation. *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*: 1493-1499.
- Lu, J.**, Thompson, C.K., and Yoshida, M. 2020. Chinese Wh-in-situ and Islands: a Formal Judgment Study. *Linguistic Inquiry* 51(3): 611-623

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- Lu, J.** *under review*. An Adjunction Analysis of Clause Chaining in Turkish.
- Lu, J.** 2022. An Adjunction Analysis of Clause Chaining in Turkish. Second PhD Qualifying Paper advised by Boris Harizanov (Chair), Vera Griбанова, and Dan Lassiter.
- Lu, J.** 2021. Satiation as Rapid Syntactic Adaptation. First PhD Qualifying Paper advised by Judith Degen (Chair), Boris Harizanov, and Dan Lassiter

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Lu, J.**, Legate, J.A., and Yang, C. 2025. Examining the bridge/non-bridge verb distinction in Mandarin Chinese. Poster to be presented at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP), College Park, Maryland.
- Lu, J.**, Papineau, B., Jeong, S., Hernandez, A., Goodwin, E., and Anttila, A. 2025. Interspeaker Variation in Copular Agreement with Disjoined Subjects: an Optimality-Theoretic Account. Talk to be presented at the 2025 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lu, J.**, Merchan, J., Wang, L., and Degen, J. 2024. Can Syntactic Log-Odds Ratio Predict Acceptability and Satiation?. Poster presented at the 2024 Meeting of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL), Irvine, California.
- Merchan, J., Wang, L., **Lu, J.**, and Degen, J. 2024. Can Language Model Surprisal Predict Acceptability and Satiation. Poster presented at the 2024 California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), Stanford, California.
- Yao, R., **Lu, J.**, and Degen, J. 2024. Perceived interpretability predicts satiability for Complex NP island but not Whether-island. Talk to be presented at the 2024 California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), Stanford, California.
- Lu, J.**, Pan, D., and Degen, J. 2024. Evidence for a Discourse Account of Manner-of-Speaking Islands. Talk presented at the 2024 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, New York City, New York.
- Pan, D., **Lu, J.**, and Degen, J. 2023. Discourse Foregrounding Ameliorates Manner-of-Speaking Islands. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP), Pittsburg, PA.
- Lu, J.**, and Degen, J. 2023. Which Islands Satiates: a Meta-analysis. Talk presented at the 2023 California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), Los Angeles, California.
- Pan, D., **Lu, J.**, and Degen, J. 2023. Can Manner-of-Speaking Islands be Rescued Through Discourse Foregrounding?. Short talk presented at the 2023 California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP). Los Angeles, CA.

- Lu, J.**, and Degen, J. 2023. Which Island-violating Sentences Sate: a Meta-analysis. Poster presented at the 2023 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Lu, J.**, and Kim, N. 2023. Coordination of Unlike Categories Creates Grammaticality Illusion. Poster presented at the 2023 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Lu, J.**, Wright, N., and Degen, J. 2022. Satiation effects generalize across island types. Poster presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, Canada.
- Wright, N., **Lu, J.** and Degen, J. 2022. What is the representational target of island satiation effects?. Poster presented at the 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP), Santa Cruz, California (Online due to COVID-19).
- Lu, J.** and Kim, N. 2022. Maximizing Parallelism in the Processing of Gapping: Evidence from Argument Structure Mismatches. Poster presented at the 2022 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, Washington, D.C.
- Lu, J.** 2021. Reducing conjunct islands to adjunct islands: Evidence from Turkish. Talk presented at the 2021 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, San Francisco, California (Online due to COVID-19).
- Lu, J.**, Lassiter, D., and Degen, J. 2021. Satiation of Island Constraints is Partially Syntactic Adaptation, Talk presented at the 2021 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, San Francisco, California (Online due to COVID-19).
- Lu, J.**, Walenski, M., and Thompson, C.K. 2019. EEG Evidence for Different Syntactic Expectations in Parsing Chinese Subject and Object-relative Clauses, Poster presented at the International Brain and Syntax Think Tank, Evanston, Illinois.
- Lu, J.**, Thompson, C.K., and Yoshida, M. 2019. Examining Argument-Adjunct Asymmetry of Island Effect in Mandarin Chinese, Poster presented at the 2019 Linguistics Society of America (LSA) annual conference, New York City, New York.
- Lu, J.**, Thompson, C.K., and Yoshida, M. 2018. Chinese Wh-in-situ and Islands: a Formal Judgment Study, Poster presented at the 2018 Annual Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Berlin, Germany.
- Lu, J.**, Walenski, M., and Thompson, C.K. 2018. EEG Evidence for Different Syntactic Expectations in Parsing Chinese Subject and Object-relative Clauses, Poster presented at 2018 Society of Neurobiology of Language (SNL) annual conference, Quebec City, Canada.
- Lu, J.** and Ward, G. 2018. *Verb Meaning and Subject-Position Zero-Pronoun Comprehension in Mandarin Chinese*, Talk presented at 2018 Southern California Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (SCULC), Los Angeles, California.
- Lu, J.** 2017. Processing Asymmetry in Mandarin Chinese Relative Clauses: A Literature Review and Suggestions for Future Studies, Poster presented at the 2017 Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (GLEEFUL), East Lansing, Michigan.

INVITED TALKS

Probing the Satiation of Island Effects

2025

Princeton University, New Jersey

From Input to Change:

How Input Shapes Linguistic Knowledge and Language Use

2025

Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Pomona College, California

Discourse Effects on the Manner-of-Speaking Island Speech and Sentence Processing Lab, University of California, Santa Cruz, California	2024
An Adjunction Analysis of Clause Chaining in Turkish Syntax and Semantics Circle (SSCircle), University of California, Berkeley, California	2023
Discourse Effects on the Manner-of-Speaking Island Language and Cognition Lab, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea	2023
Discourse Effects on the Manner-of-Speaking Island School of Foreign Studies, Nanjing University, China	2023

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Integrated Language Sciences and Technology (ILST) Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania	2025
Integrated Language Sciences and Technology (ILST) Small Grant, University of Pennsylvania	2025
Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (\$4,850), Stanford University	2023 - 2024
Centennial Teaching Assistant Award, Stanford University	2023
Departmental Research Grant (\$1,000), Stanford University Department of Linguistics	2020
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , Northwestern University	2019
Community Service Award, Northwestern University Integrated Science Program	2019
Fletcher Undergraduate Research Award, Northwestern University	2017
Abraham Demoz Prize in Linguistics, Northwestern University	2017
Academic Year Undergraduate Research Grant (\$1,000 each), Northwestern University	2017, 2019
GLEEFUL Conference Travel Award, Michigan State University	2017
Excellence in Mathematics by a First Year Student, Northwestern University	2016
Dean's List: 2015 Fall to 2019 Spring (12 Quarters), Northwestern University	2015 - 2019

SERVICE

Journal Reviewer

Canadian Journal of Linguistics (1), Glossa Psycholinguistics (1), Journal of Linguistics (2), Journal of Memory and Language (1), Language (1), Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (4), PLOS One (1), University of Georgia Working Papers in Linguistics (1).

Conference Reviewer

Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci) 2022 - 2025, California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 2021 - 2025, Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA) 2025, Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC) 2025, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 2022 - 2025.

Conference Organizing Committees

6th California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP 6)	2024
40th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 40)	2022

Departmental Service

QP Fest Committee, Stanford Department of Linguistics	2023
Undergraduate mentor TA, Stanford Department of Linguistics	2022 - 2024
Colloquium Committee, Stanford Department of Linguistics	2021 - 2022

Application reviewer and mentor, Stanford CSLI Summer Internship Program	<i>2021 - 2022</i>
Coordinator for Stanford Syntax and Morphology Circle (SMircle)	<i>2020 - 2022</i>
Social Committee, Stanford Department of Linguistics	<i>2019 - 2020</i>
Weinberg College Student Advisory Board, Northwestern University	<i>2018 - 2019</i>
Integrated Science Program Student Programming Board, Northwestern University	<i>2018 - 2019</i>
Coordinator for Syntax Club, Northwestern University Department of Linguistics	<i>2017 - 2019</i>

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

As Primary Instructor:

University of Pennsylvania

LING 2500: Introduction to Syntax *2024 Fall*

Stanford University

LINGUIST 196: Introduction to Undergraduate Research *2023 Winter, Fall*

LINGUIST 195A: Undergraduate Research Workshop *2023 Winter, Spring, 2024 Winter, Spring*

Northwestern University

GEN-LA 298: Alternative Science: Pseudoscience, Parascience, and Fringe Science *2018 Spring*

As Teaching Assistant:

Stanford University

LINGUIST 130B: Introduction to Lexical Semantics (Instructor: Cleo Condoravdi) *2024 Spring*

LINGUIST 121A: The Syntax of English (Instructor: Bonnie Krcjci) *2023 Spring*

LINGUIST 130: Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics (Instructor: Chris Potts) *2022 Winter*

LINGUIST 145: Introduction to Psycholinguistics (Instructor: Judith Degen) *2020 Fall*

Undergraduate Students Mentored:

Jonathan Merchan (Stanford University) *2023 Summer*

Lian Wang (Stanford University) *2023 Spring, Summer*

Ruoqing Yao (College of William and Mary, through the Stanford CSLI program) *2022 Summer*

Nicholas Wright (College of William and Mary, through the Stanford CSLI program) *2021 Summer*

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Advisor: Ted Gibson)	<i>2018</i>
Summer Research Intern	
Northwestern University (Advisor: Masaya Yoshida)	<i>2017-2019</i>
Research Assistant	
Northwestern University (Advisor: Cynthia K. Thompson)	<i>2016-2019</i>
Research Assistant	

SKILLS

Languages	Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), Turkish (research knowledge), Japanese (research knowledge), Samoan (research knowledge)
Programming Languages	Python, javascript, HTML, WebPPL
Softwares and Tools	L ^A T _E X, R, ELAN, Praat, OTSoft