

# Yifan Wu

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## EDUCATION

2023-Present	<b>Ph.D. in Linguistics</b> Minor in Cognitive Science Member of Linguistic Meaning Lab, Computational Psycholinguistic Discussions	Cornell University
2019-2023	<b>B.A. in English</b> Summa Cum Laude (graduated with outstanding thesis award)	Xiamen University

## PUBLICATIONS

2025	<b>Yifan Wu</b> & Helena Aparicio. “First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down.” <i>Proceedings of the 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2025)</i> . (12.6% accept).
2025	<b>Yifan Wu</b> & Helena Aparicio. “Meaning adaptation in the discourse dynamics of imprecision.” <i>Proceedings of the 47th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2025)</i> . (13.8% oral).
2025	<b>Yifan Wu</b> & Helena Aparicio. “Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision.” <i>Proceedings of the 3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 2024)</i> , 3, 435-446. [ <a href="#">link</a> ] (14.7% oral).

## EDITED VOLUMES

2024	Yao Zhang, Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao, Youngdong Cho, and <b>Yifan Wu</b> (eds.). <i>Proceedings of the 34th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2024)</i> . University of Rochester.
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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS)

2025	“First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down.” The <i>11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag 2025)</i> , September. Talk (11.5% oral).
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- | “Meaning adaptation in the discourse dynamics of imprecision.” *The 47th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2025)*, July. Talk (13.8% oral).
- | “First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down.” *The 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2024)*, May. Poster (12.6% accept).
- 2024 | “Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision.” *The 3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 3)*, June. Talk (14.7% oral).
- | “Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision.” *The 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2025)*, May. Poster.

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- 2025 | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. “First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down.” *The 11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag 2025)*, September. Talk (11.5% oral).
- | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. “First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down.” *The 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2025)*, May. Poster (12.6% accept).
- | Ashlyn Winship, Zander Lynch, John R. Starr, **Yifan Wu**, Lucas Li, & Marten van Schijndel. “Experimentally extracting implicit instruments.” *The 4th Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations (PEER 2025)*, April. Talk.
- | Ashlyn Winship, Zander Lynch, John R. Starr, **Yifan Wu**, Lucas Li, & Marten van Schijndel. “Experimentally extracting implicit instruments.” *The 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2025)*, March. Poster.
- 2024 | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. “Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision.” *The 3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 2024)*, June. Talk (14.7% oral).
- | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. “Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision.” *The 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2024)*, May. Poster.

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025-2026	Cognitive Science Travel Award, Cornell University	(\$500)
2024-2025	Cognitive Science Research Award, Cornell University	(\$1, 000)
	Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University	(\$500)
	Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University	(\$500)
	Cognitive Science Travel Award, Cornell University	(\$400)
2023-2024	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University	(\$70, 000)
	Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University	(\$400)
	Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University	(\$500)
2023	Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award (top 1%), Xiamen University	
2022-2023	Erudite Scholarship, Yichun Zhang Scholarship, (top 1%), Xiamen University	
2022	Best Play Director Award, Xiamen University	
2020-2022	Research Innovation Scholarship, 1st-Class Scholarship, (top 3%), Xiamen University	

## TEACHING

### GTA at Cornell University:

2025	Spring	LING1101   COGST1101: <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>	Cornell University
2024	Fall	LING1101   COGST1101: <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>	Cornell University

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

2022	<b>Research Assistant</b> , PI: Dr. Wing Yee Chow, University College London (UCL) - Projects: Listener's update of predictions with unexpected information; Listener's use of phonological knowledge in language prediction
2022	<b>Research Assistant</b> , PI: Dr. Charles B. Chang, PAMLab, Boston University - Project: Intoxication in bilingual speech

## REVIEWING

2025	PLC 49, PEER
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## SERVICE

2024-Present	<b>Social Committee Chair</b> , Cornell Linguistics Circle
2024-Present	<b>Junior Editor</b> , the 34th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT34)
2025	<b>Organizer</b> , the 34th Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL34)
2025	<b>Open House organizer</b> , Department of Linguistics, Cornell University

2024	<b>Open House organizer</b> , Department of Linguistics, Cornell University
2023-2024	<b>Social Committee</b> , Cornell Linguistics Circle

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficient), Spanish (intermediate)

**Programming:** Python [pandas, NumPy, transformers, PyTorch]; R; C++; C; Git;

**Linguistics tools:** PCIBex, Praat, Gorilla, Eyetracker

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psycholinguistics, computational linguistics, semantics/pragmatics, language modeling, experimental and computational methods

**References available upon request.**