# Yifan Wu

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## EDUCATION

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| 2023-Present | **Ph.D. in Linguistics** | Cornell University |

Minor in Cognitive Science
Member of Linguistic Meaning Lab, Computational Psycholinguistic Discussions

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| 2019-2023 | **B.A. in English** | Xiamen University |

Summa Cum Laude (graduated with outstanding thesis award)

## PUBLICATIONS

To appear    | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down." In *Proceedings of the 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT35)*.

2025    | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." In *Proceedings of the 3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM3)*, 3, 435-446.  [[link](link)]

Under review    | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Meaning adaptation in the discourse dynamics of imprecision."

## EDITED VOLUMES

2024    | Yao Zhang, Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao, Youngdong Cho, and **Yifan Wu** (eds.). *Proceedings of the 34th Semantics (SALT34).* University of Rochester.

## CONFERENCE TALKS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACT)

2024    | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM3),* Jun. Plenary Talk.

## CONFERENCE POSTERS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACT)

| 2025 | \| **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down." The *35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT35),* May. Poster. |
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| | \| 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)*, March. Poster. |
| 2024 | \| **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP)*, May. Poster. |

## WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACT)

| 2025 | \| 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)*, April. |
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## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

| 2023-2024 | Sage Fellowship, Cornell University | (Tuition + Stipend) |
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| 2024 | Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University | ($400) |
| | Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University | ($500) |
| 2023 | Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award, Xiamen University | |
| 2022-2023 | Erudite Scholarship, Yichun Zhang Scholarship, Xiamen University | |
| 2022 | Best Play Director Award, Xiamen University | |
| 2020-2022 | Research Innovation Scholarship, 1st-Class Scholarship, Xiamen University | |

## TEACHING

<u>GTA at Cornell University:</u>

| 2025 | Spring | LING1101 \| COGST1101: *Introduction to Linguistics*<br>- Instructor: Dr. Ryan Windhearn | Cornell University |
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| 2024 | Fall | LING1101 \| COGST1101: *Introduction to Linguistics*<br>- Instructor: Dr. Ryan Windhearn | Cornell University |

<u>UTA at Xiamen University:</u>

| 2022 | Fall | *English Debating Skills* | Xiamen University |
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| 2022 | Fall | *Consecutive Interpreting between English and Chinese* | Xiamen University |

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

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

## REVIEWING

| 2025 | Penn Linguistics Conference |
| | Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations (PEER) |

## SERVICE

| 2023-Present | **Editor**, the 34th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT34) |
| 2025 | **Volunteer organizer**, the 34th Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL34) |
| 2023-Present | **Social Committee**, 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.**