Sheila Shu-Laam Chan

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Research Interest

Collective behavior, cooperation, animal communication, social behavior

Education

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville   2024-present
PhD in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology   Knoxville, TN
Advisor: Dr. Claire Hemingway

Tufts University   2021-2023
MS in Biology   Somerville/Medford, MA
Advisor: Prof. Philip Starks
Research: Differences in nests affect accuracy, but not latency, in nest-site selection in acorn ants
Temnothorax curvispinosus

The Chinese University of Hong Kong   2016-2017
MA in Linguistics   Hong Kong
Advisor: Prof. Lawrence Cheung
Research: Morpho-Syntax of Non-VO Separable Compound Verbs in Cantonese

The Chinese University of Hong Kong   2013-2015
BA in Translation   Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong   2011-2013
AA in Translation & Interpretation   Hong Kong

Research Experience

School of Biological Sciences,   2023-2024
The University of Hong Kong   Hong Kong
Research Assistant
Advisor: Prof. Benoit Guénard
Participate in a project on insect biodiversity on Lantau Island in Hong Kong; collect samples of insects with different types of traps in the field; conduct sorting and imaging with collected samples.

Department of Linguistics & Modern Languages,   2017-2021
The Chinese University of Hong Kong   Hong Kong
Research Assistant
Advisors: Prof. Virginia Yip (2017), Prof. Lawrence Cheung (2017-2021)
Conducted experiments and collected data on childhood language acquisition and grammatical judgment of Cantonese compound verbs; managed administrative work of the lab of Prof. Yip.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Sheila S.L. Chan**, Tommy T.M. Lee & Ka-Fai Yip. (2022) Discontinuous predicates in Cantonese as partial deletion. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, *28*(1).
2. **Sheila S.L. Chan** & Lawrence Y.L. Cheung. (2021) Morpho-Syntax of Non-VO Separable Compound Verbs in Cantonese. *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*, *41*(2).

PRESENTATIONS

Ka-Fai Yip, Carmen Kin-Man Tang, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Processing discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *The 5th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics. June 2022.*

Carmen Kin-Man Tang, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Ka-Fai Yip, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Processing discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *The 6th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics, Columbus. May 2022.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Separable Verbs as Partial Deletion in Cantonese. *The 28th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics. May 2022.*

Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Ka-Fai Yip, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Partial deletion at word-level: discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *The 14th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics. December 2021.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Separable verbs as partial deletion in Cantonese. *The 33rd meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics. June 2021.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Verbal "infixation" as partial deletion: a case in Cantonese verbs. *The 45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference. March 2021.*

Ka-Fai Yip, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Deriving separable verbs in Cantonese. *The 4th Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum. March 2021.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Separable verbs, syllable deletion, and micro-variations. *The 11th Workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure: Theory, Typology and History. February 2021.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Syllable deletion and morphological length in Cantonese verbs. *The 3rd Forum on Cantonese Linguistics. June 2020.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Zero-coded passives in Cantonese. *The 5th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics. April 2020.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan & Lawrence Y.L. Cheung. Morpho-Syntax of Non-VO Separable Compound Verbs in Cantonese. *The 1st International Workshop on Cantonese Syntax. June 2019.*

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan. Analysis of Separable Non-Verb-Object Verbal Compounds in Cantonese. *The 22nd International Conference on Yue Dialects. December 2017.*

SKILLS

LANGUAGE		TECHNICAL
Cantonese (Native)	English (Advanced)	R (Data cleaning & visualization, inferential analysis
Mandarin (Intermediate)	Japanese (Beginner)	with generalized linear models and mixed effects models, model selection and comparison)
		SPSS

Awards

Dean's List   The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2016-2017

Dean's List   The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2013-2014

Principal's List   City University of Hong Kong, 2012-2013

Other Work Experience

Centre for Biosystems, Neuroscience, and Nanotechnology,   2016

City University of Hong Kong   Hong Kong

Clerical Officer (II)

Supervisor: Prof. Stella Pang

Managed administrative work of the center, proofread manuscripts, organized seminars and talks.

Academic Service

The Forum on Cantonese Linguistics   2020-Present

Organizing Committee Member   Hong Kong

The International Conference on Bilingualism: Language and Heritage   2017

Organizing Committee Member   Hong Kong