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RESEARCH INTEREST

Behavioral ecology, collective behavior, cooperation, animal communication, social behavior, evolution of cooperation and communication

EDUCATION

Tufts University 2021-Present

OCMS in Biology Somerville/Medford, MA

Advised by: 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

Advised by 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

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. Ka-Fai Yip, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. (To appear) Discontinuous predicates in Cantonese as partial deletion. *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*.
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 (including car, lme4, AICcmodavg, ggplot2)
Mandarin (Intermediate)	Japanese (Beginner)	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
<i>Clerical Officer (II)</i>	
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
<i>Organizing Committee Member</i>	Hong Kong
The International Conference on Bilingualism: Language and Heritage	2017
<i>Organizing Committee Member</i>	Hong Kong