

# Kevin Tang: CURRICULUM VITAE

MEng (Hons), MA (Cantab & UCL), CMALT



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## Date of Birth

August 30, 1987

## Current position

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON  
October 2011-present. DOCTORAL CANDIDATE IN LINGUISTICS. London, United Kingdom  
Thesis title: *Naturalistic Speech Misperception*  
Primary supervisor: [Prof. Andrew Nevins](#).  
Secondary supervisor: [Prof. Stuart Rosen](#).

## Education

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON  
2010-2011. University College London. M.A. in Linguistics. London, United Kingdom  
Dissertation title: *Phonetic trend in slips of the ear*, supervised by [Prof. Andrew Nevins](#).  
Class: *Distinction* (Dissertation and all modules)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
2009-2010. University of Cambridge. M.Eng. in Engineering. Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Dissertation title: *Water quality modelling of a real catchment, using a Geographic Information System and a Hydrological Simulation Program to model the water quality (E-coli level) in Beaver Creek, Virginia*, supervised by Dr. Dong Fang Liang and Dr. Rebecca Zeckoski  
Class: *Honours Pass* (Dissertation: *Honours with Merit*; Modules: *Honours Pass*)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
2006-2009. University of Cambridge. B.A. in Engineering. Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Class: *2.i*.

## Publications

Nevins, A., Rodrigues, C. & Tang, K. (in prep for submission). *The Rise and Fall of the L-Shaped Morpheme: Diachronic and Experimental Studies*. Probus

Tang, K. & De Chene, B. (Forthcoming, 2014). *A New Corpus of Colloquial Korean and its Applications*. Proceedings of Laboratory Phonology 14 (LabPhon 14), Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan. [abstract]

Tang, K., & Nevins, A. (2014). *Measuring Segmental and Lexical Trends in a Corpus of Naturalistic Speech*. Proceedings of the 43rd Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. Ed. by H.-L. Huang, E. Poole, and A. Rysling. Vol. 2. GLSA (Graduate Linguistics Student Association), pp. 153–166. [pdf] [bib]

Tang, K., & Nevins, A. (2013). *Quantifying the Diachronic Productivity of Irregular Verbal Patterns in Romance*. UCL Working Papers in Linguistics 25. [For the latest version: <http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/001969>] [bib]

Tang, K. (2012). *A 61 Million Word Corpus of Brazilian Portuguese Film Subtitles as a Resource for Linguistic Research*. UCL Working Papers in Linguistics 24. [pdf] [bib] [tools]

## Conferences: Talks

2014

Tang, K. & Harris, J. *A Functional Load Account of Geminate Contrastiveness: A Meta-Study*. 2014 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of Oxford. September 2014

Tang, K. *Using Subtitle Corpora to Model Aspects of Spoken Language*. Corpus Linguistics in the South 7: Spoken Language, University College London. May 2014

Tang, K. & Lou, Y. *Mandarin Chinese Speech Perception in Noise: Phonological Implications*. The 11th Old World Conference in Phonology (OCP11), Amsterdam-Leiden, The Netherlands. January 2014.

2013

Tang, K., Green, S., Anyadi, S. *When interdisciplinarity assists peer-learning: PeerWise at UCL*. Higher Education Academy (HEA) STEM: Interdisciplinary show case, BBC Broadcast Centre, London, United Kingdom. November 2013. [slides]

Green, S., Tang, K. *The Importance of Peer-Learning: A Case Study on PeerWise*. The 1st Internet of Education conference, Knowledge 4 All Foundation Ltd (K4A) and the Artificial Intelligence Lab, Jožef Stefan Institute. Ljubljana, Slovenia. November 2013. [pdf] [video]

Tang, K., Mandera, P., Keuleers, E. *The OpenLexicons Project - Development and Uses of Subtlex-Corpora for Investigating Sound Symbolism and Brazilian Portuguese*. 3rd NetWordS Workshop, Dubrovnik - Centre for Advanced Academic Studies, Croatia. September 2013. [Short Visit Grant received by Net-WordS - 09-RNP-089] [abstract]

Tang, K., Nevins, A., Becker, M. *A 61 Million Word Corpus of Brazilian Portuguese Film Subtitles as a Resource for Linguistic Research: Investigating the (Non-)Role of Token Frequency on Phonology*. The 1st PARLAY Conference (Postgraduate Academic Researchers in Linguistics At York), University of York, York, United Kingdom. September 2013.

Tang, K., Green, S. *Implementing a peer learning tool at UCL - Peerwise*. UCL: Summits and Horizons: Using technology to give better and faster feedback. University College London, London, United Kingdom. 15 May 2013

Tang, K., Nevins, A., Becker, M.. *Prosody drives alternations: evidence from a 61 Million Word Corpus of Brazilian Portuguese*. The 10th Old World Conference in Phonology (OCP 10), Istanbul, Turkey. January 2013.

2012

Tang, K., & [Nevins, A.](#) *Naturalistic Speech Misperception - a Computational Corpus-based Study*. Computational Linguistics Workshop, [NELS 43](#) - the 43rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, New York City, NY, The City University of New York, USA. October 2012

Tang, K., & [Nevins, A.](#) *Learning from Mistakes: Computational Modelling of Slips of the Ear*. 20th [Manchester Phonology Meeting](#), Manchester, UK

## Conferences: Posters

2014

Tang, K. & [De Chene, B.](#) *A New Corpus of Colloquial Korean and its Applications*. The 14th Laboratory Phonology Conference ([LabPhon 14](#)), Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan. July 2014. [[abstract](#)]

2013

Tang, K., [Nevins, A.](#), [Becker, M.](#) *Prosody drives alternations: evidence from a 61 Million Word Corpus of Brazilian Portuguese*. The 87th Annual Meeting of the [Linguistic Society of America](#), Boston, Massachusetts, USA. January 2013. [[poster](#)]

## Awards & Achievements

2013. €1415. [European Science Foundation](#) Short Visit Grant received by [NetWordS](#) - 09-RNP-089, The European Network on Word Structure. Openlexicons project at the [Center for Reading Research](#), Department of Experimental Psychology, Ghent University, Belgium

2013. £150. [The Big Data Hackathon](#) - April - [Data Science London](#). Second Prize for the Data Visualization Challenge (in 24 hours): develop a data visualization based on data provided by Peerindex (with Joaquin Atria, Mauricio Figueroa & Tim Schoof) See links for the final product "[Twittrends](#)"

2011-2012. £2,377.50 Teaching Innovation Grant (Holder: Prof. Andrew Nevins), University College London, London. As part of a small interdisciplinary university-wide team to develop and implement the use of the peer-assisted learning package, [PeerWise](#). [[Report](#)]

2011. Arts and Humanities Research Council. M.Phil./Ph.D. Studentship: M.Phil./Ph.D. in Linguistics at University College London

2009. £500. Cambridge University Language Centre. Bursaries for Science and Medical Students for Language Courses Abroad: Summer Intensive Course for Modern Greek at University of Cyprus

2009. The Institution of Engineering and Technology. The IET Innovation Award, Finalist: Gap year project: *Automatic Testing of Novel High Resolution X-ray Optics Using Matlab (worth ~£20000 p.a.)*

2006. The Year In Industry Contribution to Business Award, Finalist: Gap year project.

2005. Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. Rotary Youth Speaks (Public Speaking Competition), Zone Finalists.

2005. £4000. The Institution of Engineering and Technology. The IET Fuse Scholarship: University

2001-2005. School prizes: The Clayton Maths Prize, Physics, ICT and Geography.

2004. U.K. Senior Mathematical Challenge Silver Certificate.

## Projects & Work Experience

### Ongoing

2011 - Present. [The Effects Of Alcohol On Second Language Phonetic Accuracy](#), University College London, Dept. of Linguistics (Working with [Prof. Andrew Nevins](#)).

2012 - Present. Visual word recognition in the Chinese Brain: An event-related potential study, University College London, Dept. of Linguistics & Dept. of Speech Hearing and Phonetic Sciences (Working with [Dr. Judit Druks](#), [Dr. Jyrki Tuomainen](#), and [Dr. Ye Tian](#)).

2013 - Present. [OpenLexicons](#) project, The [Center for Reading Research](#), Department of Experimental Psychology, Ghent University, Belgium, (Working with [Prof. Marc Brysbaert](#), [Dr. Emmanuel Keuleers](#), and [Paweł Mandera](#)).

### Past

July-August 2008. Hyder Consulting (engineering consultancy, 4000 employees). Summer Trainee. Site investigation, extensive report writing, administrative work

2005-2006. Oxford Danfysik (now FMB Oxford) (specialist in synchrotron components, 35 employees). Year In Industry Student. Co-founded a project for automatic testing of novel high resolution X-ray optics using Matlab, which subsequently reached finals of the IET Innovation Awards 2009. This software enables unattended motion testing of synchrotron components which allows 70% of the company's testing to be automated and gives an approximate annual saving of £20,000. Learnt Matlab from scratch. Projects involving use of 3D CAD design, AutoCAD and Solid Edge. Assembled electronic devices and detectors.

## Experimental-Computational skills

Psycholinguistic tools: Frequency corpora for Brazilian Portuguese and Korean, Praat scripts & Linger scripts [<http://tang-kevin.github.io/Tools.html>]

Programming: Matlab, Python & HTML

Data Analysis: *R* Statistical Software, EEGLAB & ERPLAB

Speech: Praat & Forced-Alignment ([HTK](#))

Experimental: Crowdsourcing with [Experigen](#) + [MTurk](#) & Electroencephalography (EEG)

Document: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and MSOffice

OS: Unix/Linux(Terminal) & Windows

## Teaching at University College London

Lecturing:

*PLINSTAT: Introduction to Statistics for Linguists using R*. Spring 2015.

*PLINSTAT: Introduction to Statistics for Linguists using R*. Autumn 2013. (Co-lecturing with Ye Tian)

*PLINSTAT: Introduction to Statistics for Linguists using R*. Autumn 2012. (Co-lecturing with Ye Tian)

Small group teaching:

*PLIN1102/PLING113: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology B*. Spring 2013 (50 MA students)

*PLIN1101/PLING113: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology A*. Autumn 2012 (50 MA students)

*PLIN1102/PLING113: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology B*. Spring 2012 (50 MA students)

Supervision:

MA dissertation, Carly Morris, MA in Linguistics, 2013 (Co-supervision with Prof. John Harris)

\* *"The Effect of Alcohol on Consonant Cluster Reduction". (Distinction)*

MA dissertation, Mike Hindley, MA in Linguistics, 2013 (Co-supervision with Prof. Andrew Nevins)

\* *"A Study into the Effect of Alcohol on L2: Germans Speaking English" (Distinction)*

MA dissertation, Ji Hye Kwon, MA in Linguistics, 2013 (Co-supervision with Prof. Andrew Nevins)

\* *"The Effect of Alcohol on the L2 Vowels of Korean L1 Speakers" (Distinction)*

MA dissertation, Yan Lou, MA in Linguistics, 2013 (Co-supervision with Prof. Andrew Nevins)

\* *"Mandarin Chinese Speech Perception in Noise" (Distinction)*

MA dissertation, Yuen Lam, MA in Linguistics, 2013 (Co-supervision with Prof. Andrew Nevins)

\* *"Slips of the Ear in Mandarin Chinese" (Pass)*

## Professional Memberships

[Certified Membership of ALT](#) (CMALT): a portfolio-based professional accreditation scheme developed by ALT to enable people whose work involves learning technology to have their professional experience and capabilities assessed by peers. Full details of CMALT can be found at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/cmalt/>.

Member of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain

## Professional Services

### Reviewer

[Lingua](#) - An International Review of General Linguistics

[1st UCL Graduate Conference in Linguistics](#)

Editor - [UCL Working Papers in Linguistics](#) (Volume 25, 2013)

### Organiser -

Laboratory for Language and Speech Diversions ([LLSD](#), UCL), Director: [Prof. Andrew Nevins](#), 2011 - Present

(with Nicholas Neasom) [UCL Phonology Reading Group](#), 2013 - 2014

## Interpersonal skills

November 2011 - 2012. Student academic representative (M.Phil/Ph.D. in Linguistics, UCL). Participate at UCL Union meetings and networking opportunities, attend meetings of the Staff Student Consultative Committee.

2013-Present. Student accommodation representative (26 students)

November 2011 - February 2012. Voluntary teacher. Teaching one A-level student elementary phonetics and phonology biweekly.

5-10 July 2011. Voluntary demonstrator. Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition 2011 "Speaking and listening in a noisy world" (UCL)

## Language skills & Qualifications

Cantonese. Native.

Primary education in Cantonese and English, Hong Kong

English. Fluent.

2000-Present. Secondary and higher education in English, United Kingdom.

Mandarin Chinese. Advanced.

2007-2008. Advanced. Cambridge University Engineering Language Department. *2.i*

2006-2007. Upper intermediate. Cambridge University Engineering Language Department. *Distinction (Departmental Language prize)*

Modern Greek. Intermediate.

July-Aug 2009. Intermediate Level 2/5. University of Cyprus. *Quite good*

Spanish. Beginner.

Aug-Sep 2007. A1-Elemental. El Instituto Salmantino de Lenguas Aplicadas, Spain. *Excellent*

Current information as of November 7, 2014.