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## Education

**Stanford University**

2022–

PhD in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

Qualifying Paper 1: *A perceptually-guided approach to categorizing Singlish*

Committee: Meghan Sumner (chair), Nandi Sims, Arto Anttila

**National University of Singapore**

2016–2020

BA with Honors (Highest Distinction) in English Language

Department of English, Linguistics, and Theater Studies

University Scholars Program

Thesis: *Rhythm in English, Mandarin, and English-Mandarin code-switching*

Advisor: Rebecca Starr

## Papers and Manuscripts

*Under review.* **Tan, Yin Lin**, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. To appear in *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*.

*In prep.* **Tan, Yin Lin**, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. Constructed categories and stereotypes in listener categorizations of Singlish.

*In prep.* Ng, Bee Chin, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Francesco Cavallaro. An alternative perspective on matched-guise study: The effect of topic formality on accent evaluation.

Yong, Zheng Xin, Ruochen Zhang, Jessica Forde, Skyler Wang, Arjun Subramonian, Holy Lovenia, Samuel Cahyawijaya, Genta Winata, Lintang Sutawika, Jan Christian Blaise Cruz, **Yin Lin Tan**, Long Phan, Rowena Garcia, Tamar Solorio, and Alham Fikri Aji. 2023. Prompting large language models to generate code-mixed texts: The case of South East Asian languages. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Linguistic Code-Switching*. 43–63.

Aji, Alham Fikri, Jessica Zosa Forde, Alyssa Marie Loo, Lintang Sutawika, Skyler Wang, Genta Indra Winata, Zheng Xin Yong, Ruochen Zhang, A. Seza Doğruöz, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Jan Christian Blaise Cruz. 2023. Current status of NLP in South East Asia with insights from multilingualism and language diversity. *Proceedings of the 13th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*. 8–13.

## Conference Presentations

**Tan, Yin Lin\***, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Experience affects dialect categorization of Singlish, and highlights differences in explicit and emergent categories across listener groups. Poster to be presented at *Psychonomic Society 65th Annual Meeting*. New York City, NY, USA, 21–24 Nov.

Hermosillo, Adolfo\*, Jonathan WuWong, **Yin Lin Tan\***, Irene Yi, Rhea Kapur. 2024. A *very* subjective but *really* interesting phenomenon: Intensifier variation and change in Salinas, California. Talk to be presented at *New Waves of Analyzing Variation 52 (NWAV 52)*. Miami, FL, USA, 7–9 Nov.

**Tan, Yin Lin\***, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. The effect of linguistic experience on the role of prosodic cues in categorizing Singlish. Poster at *19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 19)*. Seoul, South Korea, 27–29 Jun.

**Tan, Yin Lin\***, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Identifying the social correlates of Singlish: The relationship between Singlish-ness and locally relevant meanings. Talk at *Sociolinguistics Symposium 25 (SS 25)*. Perth, Australia, 24–27 Jun.

**Tan, Yin Lin\***, Ting Lin, Robert J. Podesva, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. Talk at *The 100th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2024)*. New York City, NY, USA, 4–7 Jan.

**Tan, Yin Lin\***, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2023. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. Talk at *New Waves of Analyzing Variation 51 (NWAV 51)*. New York City, NY, USA, 13–15 Oct.

Ng, Bee Chin, **Yin Lin Tan\***, and Francesco Cavallaro. 2023. Five decades of matched guise studies – what do we know about contextual constraints?. Talk at *International Symposium of Bilingualism 14 (ISB 14)*. Sydney, Australia, 26–30 Jun.

**Tan, Yin Lin\***. 2023. Variation in multilingual communities: Rhythm and English-Mandarin code-switching in Singapore. Poster at *International Symposium of Bilingualism 14 (ISB 14)*. Sydney, Australia, 26–30 Jun.

**Tan, Yin Lin\***. 2022. Rhythmic variation in code-switching between Mandarin, English, and Singlish in Singapore. Talk at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation Asia-Pacific 7 (NWAV-AP 7)*. Bangkok, Thailand, 14–16 Dec.

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## Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2024	<b>Development Grant</b> <i>National University of Singapore</i>	(S\$9,968)
2024	<b>First Generation Access and Equity Travel Award</b> <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>	(US\$500)
2023	<b>Cantonese Summer Fellowship</b> “A comparative analysis of Cantonese spoken in diaspora communities” (with Irene Yi) <i>Stanford University</i>	(US\$10,000)
2023	<b>East Asia Graduate Summer Grant</b> “Style, space, and the body among freestyle dancers” <i>Stanford University</i>	(US\$6,893)
2022–2027	<b>Overseas Graduate Scholarship</b> <i>National University of Singapore</i>	
2014	<b>English Language Elective Scholarship</b> <i>Ministry of Education (Singapore)</i>	

## Teaching Experience

### Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2025	Language and Social Interaction (Instructor: Katherine Hilton) <i>Stanford University</i>
Spring 2024	Language, Gender, and Sexuality (Instructor: Zion Mengesha) <i>Stanford University</i>

### Guest Talks

Oct 2023	“Phonetics and Sociophonetics”, Undergraduate Research Workshop <i>Stanford University</i>
Nov 2022	“Phonetics and Sociophonetics”, Undergraduate Research Workshop <i>Stanford University</i>

## Research Positions

Project Officer <i>Nanyang Technological University</i>	Sep 2021–Sep 2022
Full-time project officer position at the School of Humanities with the Linguistics and Multilingual Studies program. Member of the <a href="#">Neurolinguistics and Cognitive Science Lab</a> . Supervised by Bee Chin Ng and Alice Chan.	
Research Assistant <i>Nanyang Technological University</i>	Mar 2021–Aug 2021

Full-time traineeship position at the School of Humanities with the Linguistics and Multilingual Studies program. Worked with the sociolinguistics research group comprising Francesco Cavallaro, Ivan Panović, and Luke Lu.

Research Assistant Jun 2020  
*National University of Singapore*

Part-time position at the Department of Computer Science with the Objective Assessment of Sung Lyrics for Applications to Language Learning project. Supervised by Wang Ye.

Research Assistant May 2018–May 2020  
*National University of Singapore*

Part-time positions at the Department of English, Linguistics, and Theater Studies with the Singapore Multilingual Corpus (SMC) and the Voices of Children Singapore (VOCS) projects. Supervised by Rebecca Starr.

Research Assistant Feb 2018–Nov 2018  
*National University of Singapore*

Part-time position at the Department of Psychology with the [Auditory English Lexicon Project \(AELP\)](#). Supervised by Winston Goh and Melvin Yap.

## Service

### Stanford University

2024–	Graduate Student Representative, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2023–	Colloquium Committee, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2023–	Graduate Student Mentor, <i>Stanford Arts Institute</i>
2023–2024	Organizing Committee, <i>California Annual Meeting of Psycholinguistics 6 (CAMP 6)</i>
2023–2024	Peer Mentor, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2022–2023	Social Committee, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2022	Volunteer, <i>New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50 (NWAV 50)</i>

### National University of Singapore

2022	Alumni Interviewer, <i>NUS College</i>
2018–2019	Vice President, <i>Linguistics Interest Group</i>

### Other:

2023–	First Generation Access and Equity (FGAE) Committee, <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>
2023	Reviewer, <i>California Annual Meeting of Psycholinguistics 6 (CAMP 6)</i>

## Working Experience

Freelance Writer and Editor Nov 2016–Aug 2021  
*Multiple Publications*

Wrote and edited features, press releases, and whitepapers across a range of beats, such as culture, tech, and current affairs. Clients included Atlas Obscura, Meantime Magazine, RADII China, PR Newswire Asia, and others.

Journalism Trainee Oct 2020–Feb 2021  
*TODAY*  
 Reported on local news across a variety of beats, including transport, culture, and health. Bylines at <http://www.todayonline.com/authors/tan-yin-lin>.

Journalism Intern Aug 2020–Oct 2020  
*KrASIA*  
 Reported on tech and startup ecosystems in Southeast Asia and China. Bylines at <http://www.kr-asia.com/author/yinlin>.

Editorial Intern May 2020–Sep 2020  
*RICE Media*  
 Reported and wrote features, op-eds, and commentaries with a focus on culture, current affairs, politics, and breaking news. Bylines at <http://www.ricemedia.co/author/tan-yin-lin>.

## Other Honors

2020	President’s Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, <i>National University of Singapore</i>
2020	Best Story ( <a href="#">Winner</a> ), <i>Stories of a Pandemic Awards</i>
2020	Best Story ( <a href="#">Merit</a> ), <i>Stories of a Pandemic Awards</i>
2020	Best Story ( <a href="#">Merit</a> ), <i>Stories of a Pandemic Awards</i>
2019	Fourth Place, <i>XDS Data Storytelling Competition</i>
2018	Senior Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, <i>National University of Singapore</i>
2017	Special Book Prize, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, <i>National University of Singapore</i>
2017	Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, <i>National University of Singapore</i>

## Memberships

Association for Laboratory Phonology  
 Linguistic Society of America  
 Psychonomic Society

## Miscellaneous

LANGUAGES	Native: English, Mandarin, Singlish Basic: Cantonese, Hokkien, Japanese
SOFTWARE	Praat, Audacity, Elan, Audition, Photoshop, Premiere Pro
PROGRAMMING	R, $\text{\LaTeX}$ , HTML, CSS, Javascript