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## EDUCATION

### Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)

Sep 2021-Jun 2024

- Master of **Foreign Linguistics and Applied Linguistics** (Psycholinguistics); GPA: **3.88/4.0**
- Linguistics Modules: *Phonetics; Semantics; Morphology; Pragmatics; Phonology; Syntax; Quantitative Linguistics; Corpus Linguistics*
- Psycholinguistics Modules: *Neurolinguistics; Psycholinguistics; Language Pathology; Methods for Cognitive Neuroscience; Applied Statistics*
- Teaching Assistant Duties:
  - *Language & Cognitive Processes* for undergraduates (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
- Lab Affiliation:
  - PI: Prof. [Xiaolin Zhou](#) (Peking University, East China Normal University, & SISU)
  - Direct Supervisor: Prof. [Xiaoming Jiang](#) (SISU)

### Heilongjiang University (HLJU)

Sep 2017-Jul 2021

- BA in **Business English (Linguistics Pathway)**; Grade Average: **88.67%**
- Relevant Modules: *Applied Linguistics Research Methods; General Linguistics; Introduction to Corpus Linguistics; Selected Issues in Applied Linguistics; Introduction to Applied Linguistics I & II*

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **W Chen**, Y Hu, X Jiang.\* (In Press). 社会心理语言学视域下言者个体与群体身份编码和解码 A social psycholinguistics perspective: Encoding and decoding mechanisms for speakers' individual and group identities. *外国语 The Journal of Foreign Languages*.
- **Chen, W.**, Jiang, X.\*. (2023). Voice-cloning Artificial-intelligence speakers can also mimic human-specific vocal expression. Submitted to *Computers Human Behaviors*.
- Hu, Y., Li, R., Jiang, X.\*, & Chen, W. (2023). The change in aesthetic experience predicts theory of mind ability: Evidence from drama improvisation training. Submitted to *Thinking Skills and Creativity*.
- Dissertation (an EEG study): The cognitive neural correlates of extracting an 'identity prototype' for speaker identity across varied vocal confidence levels: The moderating effect of group identity (human vs AI speakers)

## FUNDING

- **Source:** 2022 Third Batch of College Students' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Programme, SISU (Shanghai City Level)
  - Project: Trends of algorithm improvement for social interaction robots from the perspective of speech perception and implications for the sound decoding mechanism in the brain
  - Amount: ¥10,000, about **£1,142**
  - Role: Independently wrote the proposal; Lead of the whole team of four
  - Date: May 2023 - Oct 2023
- **Source:** Fifth Supervisor-led Academic Pioneer Scheme, SISU (University Level)
  - Project: The cognitive neural mechanism of voice social information encoding and decoding in verbal communication
  - Amount: ¥10,000, about **£1,142**
  - Role: Wrote the key part of the proposal; Key member
  - Date: Nov 2022 – Nov 2023

## ACADEMIC SKILLSET

- **Languages:** English (IELTS 8.0, 2020; Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC Higher), 2019); Chinese-native; French-conversational

- **IT skills:** MS Office; Python; R; MATLAB; Praat; PsychoPy

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**GUIXUE Education Group** (top IELTS training institution in China) Jan 2021-May 2021  
Teaching Assistant *Online*

- Assisted star IELTS teachers to smooth the class by performing various duties, including operating the online streaming system, monitoring students' progress, interacting with the class, giving mock Speaking tests, and assessing students' Writing essays

**Teesside University, the UK** Jul 2020-Aug 2020  
Teaching Assistant for the 8-week pre-session English Course *Online*

- Assisted British lecturers and Chinese staff to oversee a class of 11 students (all passed)
- Delivered 30-minute daily tutorials about examination preparing to students

**Heilongjiang University Network TV Station** Oct 2017-Oct 2020  
Vice-Station-Manager; Administrator; Cameraman *Harbin, China*

- Administered paperwork concerning 80+ members
- Worked on news videos that were adopted by the university's official WeChat account
- Won Second Prize in 'Shiyou Cup' Chinese University TV Programmes Competition 2019

## VOLUNTEERING

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- The 20th Robotex Asia Event, Shanghai (Aug 2020)
- World Youth Economic Forum (WYEF), Shanghai (Aug 2019)
- Unites States Academic Decathlon/Pentathlon (USAD/P), Chengdu (Feb 2019)
- Harbin International Marathon (Aug 2018)
- The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of International Business English Conference, Harbin (Aug 2018)

## AWARDS

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- Outstanding Graduate, Heilongjiang University (2021)
- National Endeavour Scholarship (2018; 2019; 2020)
- First-class Comprehensive Scholarship of HLJ University (2018; 2019; 2020)
- Outstanding Student Leader of HLJ University (2019; 2020)
- Outstanding Member of HLJ Network TV Station (2019)

## MEMBERSHIP

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- Chinese Psychological Society, [CPS](#) (S273103620A)
  - Student Member of the Committee of Educational Psychology
  - Student Member of the Committee of Social Psychology
  - Student Member of the Committee of Psychology of Language