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EDUCATION

Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)   Sep 2021-Jun 2024

- Master of Foreign Linguistics and Applied Linguistics (**Psycholinguistics & Neurolinguistics**); 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:
  - PI: Prof. Xiaolin Zhou (Peking University, East China Normal University, & SISU)
  - Direct Supervisor: Prof. Xiaoming Jiang (SISU)
- 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)*
- Others: Contributed to *Speech Prosody 2024 Shanghai Bid*

Heilongjiang University (HLJU)   Sep 2017-Jul 2021

- BA in **Business English (Linguistics Stream)**; 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*

PUBLICATIONS

- Published
  - **Chen, W**., Hu, Y., & Jiang, X*. (2023). 社会心理语言学视域下言者个体与群体身份编码和解码 Encoding and Decoding Mechanisms for Speakers' Individual and Group Identities: A Social Psycholinguistics Perspective. 外国语 *The Journal of Foreign Languages*, 46(4): 68-81.
- Under Review
  - **Chen, W**., & Jiang, X*. (Under Review). Voice-cloning Artificial-intelligence speakers can also mimic human-specific vocal expressions. *Speech Communication*.
  - Hu, Y., Li, R., Jiang, X*., & **Chen, W.** (Under Review). The change in aesthetic experience predicts theory of mind ability: Evidence from drama improvisation training. *The Arts in Psychotherapy*.
- Working Papers
  - **Chen, W**., & Jiang, X*. (In Preparation). Vocal expression modulates perceptual and social judgment of humans and voice-cloning synthetic speeches.
  - **Chen, W**., & Jiang, X*. (In Preparation). Electrophysiological Correlates of Human and AI Voice Recognition Across Emotional Prosodies.

FUNDING

College Students' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Programme, SISU   May 2023 - Oct 2023
Leader   ¥10,000

- *Trends of algorithm improvement for social interaction robots from the perspective of speech perception and implications for the sound decoding mechanism in the brain*

Fifth Supervisor-led Academic Pioneer Scheme, SISU   Nov 2022 – Nov 2023
Key member   ¥10,000

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- *The cognitive neural mechanism of voice social information encoding and decoding in verbal communication*

ACADEMIC SKILLSET

- **Languages:** English (IELTS 8.0, 2020/2023; Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC Higher), 2019); Chinese-native; French-conversational
  - *IELTS (27 Oct 2023) - Overall 8.0/9.0: Listening 8.0, Reading 9.0, Writing 6.5, Speaking 7.5*
- **Data Acquisition:** EEG (Brain Products); Eye-tracking; PsychoPy
- **Data Analysis:** Python; R; MATLAB; Praat (batch); GoldWave
- **Other Software:** MS Office; Visual Studio Code (website deployment with HTML/CSS/Markdown)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Beijing Xueweigui Education Technology Co. (a top IELTS training company)   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-sessional 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 preparation to students

Heilongjiang University Network TV Station   Oct 2017-Oct 2020
Vice-Station-Manager; Administrator; Cameraman   *Harbin, China*
- Administrated the daily management involving 80+ members
- Worked on news videos for the university's official WeChat account

VOLUNTEERING

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

AWARDS

- 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

- 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

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