# Xiaomeng (Amy) Ma

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### Education

2017 - present
 2016 - 2017
 2014 - 2016
 2010 - 2014
 PHD in Linguistics, Graduate Center, CUNY
 M.S in Neuroscience, Columbia University
 M.A in Applied Linguistics, Columbia University
 B.A in English, Beijing International Studies University

#### Research Interest

Language Acquisition; Sentence Processing; Computational Linguistics; Syntax

#### Publications & Conference Presence

**JOURNAL ARTICLES** 

2020 in press

2018

**Ma, X.**, Valian, V., Chodorow, M. (2020). Testing Tolerance Principle on Corpus Data. In *Proceedings of the 44th annual Boston University conference on language development*. Cascadilla Press Somerville, MA. Onnis, L., Truzzi, A., **Ma, X.** (2018). Language development and disorders: Possible genes and environment interactions. *Research in developmental disabilities* 

#### Conference

- Ma, X., Xu, Q., Valian, V., Chodorow, M., May, 2019, Testing the Tolerance Principle on Corpus Data
  Poster session will be presented at The 44th annual Boston University Conference on Language
  Development, Boston, USA
- Ma, X., Valian, V., Chodorow, M., May, 2019, *The subject omission and pronoun avoidance in children with ASD: A Corpus Analysis* Poster session will be presented at The 7th conference of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition, Aarhus, Denmark
- Ma, X., Valian, V., Chodorow, M., April, 2019 *Children's Pronoun Case Errors Revisit: A computational model on distributional cues* Talk given at Lund Symposium on Cognition, Communication and Learning, Lund, Sweden
- Ma, X., July, 2018, Which is more effective in disambiguation: prosody or context? Poster session presented at Ambigo: Workshop on Ambiguity Theory, Development, and Processing, Göttingen, Germany
- Ma, X., June, 2018, A Systematic Review of Genetic Disorder and Language Development Poster session presented at International Max Planck Research School for the Language Sciences Conference 2018, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
- Ma, X., Feb, 2018, Revisiting pronoun case errors in child language: a corpus analysis Poster session presented at convention of Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing Asia, Hyderabad, India

#### Teaching

LEHMAN COLLEGE, CUNY - ADJUNCT LECTURER

LNG 160 Introduction to Linguistics, Spring 2019 LNG 230 Language Acquisition, Fall 2018 PSY 217 Child Psychology, Spring 2019 - Spring 2020 PSY 342 The Psychology of Literacy Development, Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 College Staten Island, CUNY - Adjunct Assistant Professor

PSY 242 Developmental Psychology, Fall 2018 - Fall 2019

PSY 335 Experimental Psychology, Summer 2019

Yeshiva University - Adjunct Lecturer

SPAU 4925 Introduction to Linguistics, Spring 2020

GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY - PRACTICUM LEADER

LING 73900 Statisticas for Linguistic Research Practicum, Spring 2020

#### **Fieldwork**

Manchu Shupamem Ongoing work with one speaker in Shenyang, China Ongoing work with one speaker in New York City

#### Skills

Programming Experimental Python, R, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, LATEX

Eye-tracking:

designed and conducted eye-tracking experiments (with Tobii eye tracker) of online ambiguous sentence processing

EEG:

designed and conducted EEG experiments (with 128 electrodes net cap) of online sentence processing

fMIR:

trained at Functional MRI Visiting Fellowship program at MGH Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging (Boston) in 2017

Behavioral tests with young children:

conducted language experiments and numerical experiments with bilingual young children from age 2-4

## **Professional Experience**

2016.3-2017.8

PROJECT SPECIALIST at US-China Dialogue, Asia Society - New York

2015.6-2015.12 LEARNING INTERN at Talent Development Unit, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- New York

#### Reference

Virginia Valian, vvalian@gc.cuny.edu, Distinguished Professor at Psychology, Linguistics, and Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at CUNY Graduate Center, 695 РАКК AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10065

Martin Chodorow, mchodoro@hunter.cuny.edu, Professor of Psychology and Linguistics at CUNY Graduate Center, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065

Jason Kandybowicz, jkandybowicz@gc.cuny.edu, Associate Professor of Linguistics at CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10016 USA

Janet Fodor, jfodor@gc.cuny.edu, Distinguished Professor at Linguistics at CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10016 USA