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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Dissertation: *Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplicative opacity*

Committee: Rachel Walker, Stephanie Shih, Khalil Iskarous, and Toben Mintz.

August 2015 - May 2022

Los Angeles, USA

University of Southern California

M.A. in Linguistics

Thesis: *Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence*

August 2015 - May 2017

Los Angeles, USA

East China Normal University

M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics.

Thesis: *A diachronic phonological study of 'zi' rime change in northern Henan Province*

August 2012 - June 2015

Shanghai, China

Tianjin Normal University

B.A. in English Language and Literature

August 2008 - June 2012

Tianjin, China

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022** **Yang, Yifan.** Rapa Nui: a case for correspondence in reduplication. *Linguistic Inquiry*. doi:10.1162/ling_a.00444
- 2021** **Yang, Yifan,** Rachel Walker, Alessandro Vietti & Armin Chiochetti. Ladin, Varieties of Val di Fassa. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*. doi:10.1017/S0025100320000262.

BOOK CHAPTER

- 2016** Zhang, Jisheng & **Yifan Yang.** 晋豫边界鹤壁地区“子”变韵的音系理据 [Phonological evolution of 'zi' rime change on the border of Shanxi and Henan Province: A case study of dialects in Hebi]. In Wei Zheng (ed.), 《边界方言语音与音系演变论集》 [Phonetic and Phonological Changes on Dialect Boundaries]. Shanghai: 中西书局 [Zhongxi Press]. (In Chinese)

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

- In prep** **Yang, Yifan.** Mora affixation in non-concatenative morphology. Ms. University of Southern California.
- In prep** Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang.** Consonant phonotactics in Moenat Ladin. To be submitted to *Phonological Data and Analysis*.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2018** **Yang, Yifan.** Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. In Gillian Gallagher, Maria Gouskova, and Sora Yin (eds.), Supplemental Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.
- 2017** **Yang, Yifan** and Wei Wei. Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface, In Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine and Yosuke Sato (eds.), Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI (Vol.1). Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.

- 2014** **Yang, Yifan.** Phonetic analysis and special pattern of nasal rime change in Qixian Chinese. Proceedings of 2014 International Conference on Phonetic Research and Language Learning & English Phonetic Conference in China (ICPRLL&EPCC2014). pp.89-92.
- 2014** **Yang, Yifan.** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in north Henan Province: perspectives of linguistic geography. Proceedings of The 14th International Symposium of Chinese Languages and Linguistics (IsCLL-14) and The 10th Anniversary of the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica. pp.376-89.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021** Mora affixation in process morphology. Talk presented at *The 3rd International Forum for Young Scholars, Shanghai Jiao Tong University*. November 2021 (Online)
- 2019** Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplication. Poster presented at *The 2019 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2019). October 2019, Stony Brook, NY
- 2019** Variation of sibilants in three Ladin dialects. Poster presented at *The 3rd Phonetics and Phonology in Europe Conference* (PaPE 2019). June 2019, Lecce, Italy. (Co-authors: Yang, Yifan, Rachel Walker, & Alessandro Vietti.)
- 2019** Cumulative markedness in three-consonant clusters. Talk presented at *The 16th Old World Conference on Phonology* (OCP-16). January 2019, Verona, Italy. (Co-authors: Walker, Rachel & Yifan Yang.)
- 2018** Backcopying driven by Surface Correspondence. Talk presented at *The Workshop on Phonological Variation and its Interfaces*. November 2018, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2017** Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. Poster presented at *The 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2017). September 2017, New York City.
- 2017** Non-concatenative effects of mora affixation: A case study of Huozhou Chinese. Talk presented at *The 11th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics* (TEAL-11). June 2017, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017** Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface. Talk presented at *GLOW in Asia XI*. February 2017, Singapore. (Co-authors: Yang, Yifan & Wei Wei.)
- 2016** Realize nonconcatenative allomorphs in Harmonic Serialism: A case study of diminutive formation in Huozhou Chinese. Talk presented at *The 7th International Conference on Formal Linguistics* (ICFL-7). December 2016, Tianjin, China.
- 2016** The realization of mutation in Chinese dialects. Poster presented at *The 2016 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP2016). October 2016, Los Angeles.
- 2014** Phonetic analysis and the special pattern of nasal rime change in Qixian Chinese. Talk presented at *The 2014 International Conference on Phonetic Research and Language Learning & English Phonetic Conference in China* (ICPRLL&EPCC2014). October 2014, Changsha, China.
- 2014** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in northern Henan Province: perspective of linguistic geography and markedness. Talk presented at *The Third International Symposium on Chinese Language and Discourse* (ISCLD-3). June 2014, London.
- 2014** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in north Henan Province: perspectives of linguistic geography. Talk presented at *The 14th International Symposium of Chinese Languages and Linguistics* (IsCLL-14). June 2014, Taipei, Taiwan.

TEACHING

TEACHER TRAINING

Teaching Practicum

Department of Linguistics, USC.

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

Teacher's Education Program

School of Education, Tianjin Normal University.

Sep 2009 - May 2012

- ◊ *Core curriculum:* Pedagogy ◊ Educational Psychology ◊ Developmental Psychology ◊ Technologies in Education ◊ Micro-teaching ◊ Teaching Methods and Strategies.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Language and Society

(Undergraduate General Education)

Fall 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016; Spring 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018

University of Southern California

- ◊ Prepared materials for discussion sections ◊ Taught discussion sections ◊ Graded assignments and exams ◊ Provided academic assistance to students.
- ◊ Main topics: the history of English ◊ dialect ◊ diglossia ◊ language shift ◊ language preservation and revitalization ◊ pidgin and creole ◊ bilingualism ◊ accents of American English ◊ African American Vernacular English ◊ language relativity ◊ language change ◊ language and gender.
- ◊ Instructors: Dr. Sandra Disner, Dr. Andrew Simpson, and Dr. Mary Washburn.

Language and Mind

(Undergraduate General Education)

Fall 2021, Spring 2017

University of Southern California

- ◊ Prepared materials for lab sections ◊ Taught lab sections ◊ Provided guidance to students on softwares and experimental methods for language study ◊ Provided other academic assistance to students.
- ◊ Main topics: vocal tract anatomy ◊ phonetic transcription ◊ acoustic analysis ◊ speech perception ◊ experiment design ◊ phonology ◊ morphology ◊ reading ◊ dyslexia ◊ sign language ◊ language and the brain, aphasia, and bilingualism ◊ speech technology ◊ child speech production.
- ◊ Instructors: Dr. Sandra Disner, Dr. Toben Mintz, and Dr. Barry Schein.

Introduction to Linguistics

(Undergraduate course)

Sep 2013 - Jan 2014

East China Normal University

- ◊ Graded assignments and exams ◊ Provided general academic assistance to students.
- ◊ Main topics: phonetics ◊ phonology ◊ morphology ◊ syntax ◊ semantics ◊ pragmatics
- ◊ Instructor: Prof. Jisheng Zhang.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Moenat Ladin — Moena, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy

October 2019

- ◊ Investigated the phonotactics of Moenat Ladin.
- ◊ Funded by Graduate Student Travel Grant, USC Department of Linguistics.

Huozhou Chinese — Huozhou, Shanxi Province, China

July 2019

- ◊ Investigated the morpho-phonological patterns in Huozhou Chinese ◊ Recorded natural speech and elicited words for acoustic analyses.
- ◊ Funded by Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, USC Graduate School.

Brach, Cazet, and Moenat Ladin — Fassa Valley, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy

June 2018

- ◊ Investigated the phonetic and phonological properties of Ladin, a threatened language ◊ Focused on the comparisons among three sub-varieties ◊ Recorded both spontaneous speech and elicited words for acoustic analyses.
- ◊ Funded by Summer Travel Grant, USC Department of Linguistics.

- Investigated the sound inventory and morpho-phonological processes of Yanggu Chinese ◊ Recorded elited words for acoustic analyses, with a focus on diphthongs and glides.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC. | <i>August 2019</i> |
| Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship The Graduate School of USC. | <i>May 2019</i> |
| Student Presenter Travel Grant GLOW in Asia XI, National University of Singapore. | <i>Feburary 2017</i> |
| Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC. | <i>August 2015</i> |
| Merit Graduate of Shanghai Shanghai Municipal Education Commission. | <i>June 2015</i> |
| Merit Student East China Normal University. | <i>December 2014</i> |
| National Scholarship The Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. | <i>December 2014</i> |
| Grants for Oversea Visiting and International Conference Graduate School, East China Normal University. | <i>May 2014</i> |

LANGUAGES

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| Mandarin | Native proficiency |
| English | Fluent |
| French | Reading proficiency |
| Ladin | Research knowledge |
| Varieties of Mandarin (Huozhou, Yanggu, Tianjin): Research knowledge. | |

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Praat, R, Matlab, Python