

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonology, Phonology-Morphology Interface, Phonetics, Language Documentation

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Linguistics

University of Southern California

Dissertation: *Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplicative opacity*

August 2022

Los Angeles, USA

M.A. in Linguistics

University of Southern California

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

May 2017

Los Angeles, USA

M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

East China Normal University

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

June 2015

Shanghai, China

B.A. in English Language and Literature

Tianjin Normal University

June 2012

Tianjin, China

EMPLOYMENT

Tenure-track Assistant Professor

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

October 2022 - Present

Shanghai, China

PUBLICATIONS

[†] Corresponding author

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025** **Yang, Yifan[†]** & Rachel Walker. Temporal organization in word-initial sibilant-stop clusters in Moenat. *Romance minority languages and linguistic theory (RMLLT). Special Issue of Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* (Eds. Michela Russo & Shanti Ulfsbjorninn). doi: 10.5565/rev/isogloss.407
- 2024** **Yang, Yifan.** Floating mora affixation in Huozhou diminutive subtraction. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 9(1). 1–41. doi: 10.16995/glossa.15130.
- 2024** Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang.** Consonant phonotactics in the Moenat variety of Ladin. *Italian Journal of Linguistics* 36(1). doi: 10.26346/1120-2726-217.
- 2023** **Yang, Yifan.** Rapa Nui: a case for correspondence in reduplication. *Linguistic Inquiry* 54(2). 395–412. doi:10.1162/ling_a.00444.
- 2022** **Yang, Yifan[†]**, Rachel Walker, Alessandro Vietti & Armin Chiochetti. Ladin, Varieties of Val di Fassa. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* 52(3). 495–520. doi:10.1017/S0025100320000262.

BOOK CHAPTERS

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

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2025** **Yang, Yifan[†]** & Zhiheng Qian. Temporal organization of prenuclear glides in Hefei Mandarin. *INTERSPEECH 2025*.
- 2024** Qian, Zhiheng, Huifang Kong & **Yifan Yang[†]**. Dynamic properties of diphthongs in Hefei Mandarin. *Proceedings of the National Conference on Man-Machine Speech Communication 2024* (NCMMSC 2024).
- 2023** Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**. Temporal coordination and markedness of Moenat Ladin consonant clusters. In Noah Elkins, Bruce Hayes, Jinyoung Jo and Jian-Leat Siah (eds.), *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2022 Annual Meeting on Phonology*. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.
- 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** & 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.

SUBMITTED

- Under review** **Yang, Yifan**. Reduplicative identity driven by Surface Correspondence. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- Under review** **Yang, Yifan** & Xiaopei Wang. Phonetic realization of mora affixes in Chinese. [汉语莫拉词缀的语音实现]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (In Chinese)
- Under review** **Yang, Yifan**. Phonetic realizations of rime change in Xiaxian dialect. [夏县方言变韵的语音实现模式]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University. (In Chinese)

WORKS IN PREPARATION

- In prep** *Advanced College English: A Reading and Writing Course (Second Edition)*. Co-authored textbook project (contributing writer). Shanghai Jiao Tong University Press.
- In prep** Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**. The status of sibilants in Moenat syllable structure. Ms. University of California, Santa Cruz; Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

CONFERENCES

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- Upcoming** On the status of prenuclear glides in Chinese syllables: A case study of Hefei Mandarin at the phonetics-phonology interface. *The 11th International Conference of Formal Linguistics*. November 2025, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (**Yang, Yifan**[†] & Zhiheng Qian)
- 2025** Temporal organization of prenuclear glides in Hefei Mandarin. *INTERSPEECH 2025*. August 2025. (**Yang, Yifan**[†] & Zhiheng Qian)
- 2024** Dynamic properties of diphthongs in Hefei Mandarin. Talk presented at *National Conference on Man-Machine Speech Communication 2024* (NCMMSC 2024). August 2024, Xinjiang University. (Co-authors: Qian, Zhiheng, Huifang Kong & **Yifan Yang**[†])
- 2023** Templatic backcopying and Generalized Surface Correspondence. Talk presented at *The 10th International Conference of Formal Linguistics* (ICFL-10). October 2023, Tsinghua University.
- 2023** Mora affixation in nonconcatenative morphology. Talk presented at *The 29th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics* (IACL-29). May 2023, Macau University of Science and Technology.
- 2022** Temporal coordination and markedness of Moenat Ladin consonant clusters. Poster presented at *The 2022 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2022). October 2022, UCLA. (Co-authors: Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**.)
- 2019** Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplication. Poster presented at *The 2019 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2019). October 2019, Stony Brook University.
- 2019** Variation of sibilants in three Ladin dialects. Poster presented at *The 3rd Phonetics and Phonology in Europe Conference* (PaPE 2019). June 2019, University of Salento (Lecce). (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, University of Verona. (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, University of Barcelona.
- 2017** Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. Poster presented at *The 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2017). September 2017, New York University.
- 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, Academia Sinica (Taipei, Taiwan).
- 2017** Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface. Talk presented at *GLOW in Asia XI*. February 2017, National University of 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, Nankai University (Tianjin, China).
- 2016** The realization of mutation in Chinese dialects. Poster presented at *The 2016 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP2016). October 2016, USC.

- 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, Birkbeck, University of 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, Academia Sinica (Taipei, Taiwan).

NON-REFEREED TALKS

- 2025** Probing syllable structure of Mandarin with acoustic measurements. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. May 2025. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Zhiheng Qian)
- 2024** Phonological grammar of rime change in Zhongyuan Mandarin of southern Shanxi [晋南中原官话名词变韵的音系语法]. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. April 2024. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Xiaopei Wang)
- 2023** Temporal organization of word-initial clusters in Moenat Ladin. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Rachel Walker). April 2023.

GRANTS

Grants for Humanities and Social Sciences	<i>May 2024</i>
Project: Nonconcatenative morphology of the dialects in Shanxi and Henan Province	
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	

HONORS AND AWARDS

The 9th Young Faculty Teaching Competition: Second Prize (Group of Humanities)	<i>January 2025</i>
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	
Teaching Achievement Award: Second Prize (Group Award)	<i>October 2023</i>
[教学成果奖: 协同、整合、引领: 第二课堂与新时代外语研究生培养模式的创新与实践]	
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	
Shanghai Overseas Talents Program (Junior Group)	<i>May 2023</i>
[上海海外高层次人才引进计划青年项目]	
Shanghai Municipal People's Government.	
Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship	<i>August 2019</i>
The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.	
Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship	<i>May 2019</i>
The Graduate School of USC.	
Student Presenter Travel Grant	<i>February 2017</i>
GLOW in Asia XI, National University of Singapore.	
Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship	<i>August 2015</i>
The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.	
Merit Graduate of Shanghai	<i>June 2015</i>
Shanghai Municipal Education Commission.	

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>

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT

English for Specific Purposes Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>Fall 2025</i>
Advanced Spoken English Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>Fall 2024, Summer 2024</i>
College English (Integrated Skills) – Level 4 Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>Spring 2025, 2024</i>
College English (Integrated Skills) – Level 3 Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>Fall 2023, 2024; Spring 2023</i>
College English for International Students Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>Spring 2023</i>

ADVISING

Undergraduate Research Program, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Project: Diphthongs in Jianghuai Mandarin from the Perspective of Articulatory Phonology. Advisees: Yunjia Lyu, Zhiheng Qian, Qianyi Yang, Xiaoyu Zhang, and Tianjian Zhu.	<i>Sept 2023 - April 2025</i>
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OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Curriculum development: VR-Integrated Course for English for Specific Purposes School of Foreign Languages, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>May 2025 –</i>
Harmony Systems (Lecture) In LING 301: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology, USC.	<i>February 2022</i>
Praat Tutorial (Lecture) In LING 499: Endangered Language Documentation, USC.	<i>May 2018</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PEER REVIEWING

Journals: *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Glossa*, 《语言学研究》 (*Linguistic Research*)
Conferences: GLOW in Asia 2023.
Other publications: *USC Working Papers in Linguistics*.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

International Forum on Phonology, 2024 (Discussant).
 Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Foreign Language Education, 2024 (Co-organizer; Session chair).
 The 5th Asia Pacific Corpus Linguistics Conference, 2024 (Session chair).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA)	Member (2025–2026)
China Computer Federation (CCF)	Member (2024–2025)
International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL)	Member (2023–2024)

LANGUAGES

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Praat, R, Python