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Education

Stanford University

2022–

PhD in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

National University of Singapore

2016–2020

BA with Honors (Highest Distinction) in English Language

Department of English, Linguistics, and Theater Studies

University Scholars Program

Research Interests

Sociolinguistics, phonetics, semiotics, variation, embodiment, qualia, sound, social meaning

Papers and Manuscripts

In prep. **Tan, Yin Lin**, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. Towards an understanding of listeners' dialect categorization: Perceptions of Singlish.

In prep. Hermosillo, J. Adolfo, Jonathan WuWong, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Irene Yi. Intensification and the conventionalization of pragmatic inferences.

Submitted. Hermosillo, J. Adolfo, Jonathan WuWong, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Irene Yi. A *very* subjective but *really* interesting phenomenon: Intensifier variation and change in Salinas, California. To appear in *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*.

Tan, Yin Lin, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. 2024. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 30(2). 126–134.

Yong, Zheng Xin, Ruochen Zhang, Jessica Forde, Skyler Wang, Arjun Subramonian, Holy Lovenia, Samuel Cahyawijaya, Genta Winata, Lintang Sutawika, Jan Christian Blaise Cruz, **Yin Lin Tan**, Long Phan, Rowena Garcia, Thamar Solorio, and Alham Fikri Aji. 2023. Prompting large language models to generate code-mixed texts: The case of South East Asian languages. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Linguistic Code-Switching*. 43–63.

Aji, Alham Fikri, Jessica Zosa Forde, Alyssa Marie Loo, Lintang Sutawika, Skyler Wang, Genta Indra Winata, Zheng Xin Yong, Ruochen Zhang, A. Seza Doğruöz, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Jan Christian Blaise Cruz. 2023. Current status of NLP in South East Asia with insights from multilingualism and language diversity. *Proceedings of the 13th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*. 8–13.

Conference Presentations

Tan, Yin Lin and Irene Yi*. 2025. Language contact in diaspora communities: Cantonese sound change in Singapore. Talk to be presented at *New Waves of Analyzing Variation Asia-Pacific 8 (NWAV-AP 8)*. Singapore. 3–7 Aug.

Tan, Yin Lin*. 2025. The feeling of the sound: Qualitative differentiation among house dancers in Singapore. Poster at *The 2025 Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference (SLA 2025)*. Chicago, IL. 29–31 May.

Sprenger, Anna-Marie*, Alma Flores-Perez*, Robert Xu*, and **Yin Lin Tan***. 2025. Sociophonetics for anthropologists: Exploring social worlds through sonic detail. Workshop at *The 2025 Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference (SLA 2025)*. Chicago, IL. 29–31 May.

Hermosillo, J. Adolfo*, Jonathan WuWong, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Irene Yi. 2025. Intensifier variation and change in Salinas, California. Talk at *The 101st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2025)*. Philadelphia, PA, USA. 9–12 Jan.

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Experience affects dialect categorization of Singlish, and highlights differences in explicit and emergent categories across listener groups. Poster at *Psychonomic Society 65th Annual Meeting*. New York City, NY, USA. 21–24 Nov.

Hermosillo, J. Adolfo*, Jonathan WuWong, **Yin Lin Tan***, Irene Yi, and Rhea Kapur. 2024. A very subjective but *really* interesting phenomenon: Intensifier variation and change in Salinas, California. Talk at *New Waves of Analyzing Variation 52 (NWAV 52)*. Miami, FL, USA. 7–9 Nov.

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. The effect of linguistic experience on the role of prosodic cues in categorizing Singlish. Poster at *19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 19)*. Seoul, South Korea. 27–29 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Identifying the social correlates of Singlish: The relationship between Singlish-ness and locally relevant meanings. Talk at *Sociolinguistics Symposium 25 (SS 25)*. Perth, Australia. 24–27 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, Robert J. Podesva, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. Talk at *The 100th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2024)*. New York City, NY, USA. 4–7 Jan.

*Presenting author(s)

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2023. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. Talk at *New Waves of Analyzing Variation 51 (NWAV 51)*. New York City, NY, USA. 13–15 Oct.

Ng, Bee Chin, **Yin Lin Tan***, and Francesco Cavallaro. 2023. Five decades of matched guise studies – what do we know about contextual constraints?. Talk at *International Symposium of Bilingualism 14 (ISB 14)*. Sydney, Australia. 26–30 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*. 2023. Variation in multilingual communities: Rhythm and English-Mandarin code-switching in Singapore. Poster at *International Symposium of Bilingualism 14 (ISB 14)*. Sydney, Australia. 26–30 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*. 2022. Rhythmic variation in code-switching between Mandarin, English, and Singlish in Singapore. Talk at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation Asia-Pacific 7 (NWAV-AP 7)*. Bangkok, Thailand. 14–16 Dec.

Invited Talks

Tan, Yin Lin. 2025. Doing *fast* and *slow*: Qualitative differentiation among house dancers in Singapore. Guest lecture in “Sociolinguistic Variation and Change” (Instructor: Lewis Esposito) at *University of South Carolina*. 17 Apr.

Tan, Yin Lin. 2024. The semiotic organization of qualitative experience among freestyle house dancers. Guest lecture in “Undergraduate Research Workshop” (Instructor: Bran Papineau) at *Stanford University*. 15 Nov.

Tan, Yin Lin. 2024. Towards an indexical account of English in Singapore: Sociophonetic variation and Singlish. Talk at *Berkeley Phonetics, Phonology and Psycholinguistics Forum (Phorum)*. 25 Oct.

Tan, Yin Lin and Irene Yi. 2023. Phonetics and sociophonetics. Guest lecture in “Undergraduate Research Workshop” (Instructor: Jiayi Lu) at *Stanford University*. 6 Oct.

Tan, Yin Lin and Irene Yi. 2023. Phonetics and sociophonetics. Guest lecture in “Undergraduate Research Workshop” (Instructor: Jiayi Lu) at *Stanford University*. 3 Feb.

Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2025	Student Abstract Award, 1st Prize “Intensifier variation and change in Salinas, California” (with J. Adolfo Hermosillo, Jonathan WuWong, and Irene Yi) <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>	(US\$500)
2024	Development Grant <i>National University of Singapore</i>	(S\$9,968)
2024	First Generation Access and Equity Travel Award <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>	(US\$500)

2023	Cantonese Summer Fellowship “A comparative analysis of Cantonese spoken in diaspora communities” (with Irene Yi) <i>Stanford University</i>	(US\$10,000)
2023	East Asia Graduate Summer Grant “Style, space, and the body among freestyle dancers” <i>Stanford University</i>	(US\$6,893)
2022–2027	Overseas Graduate Scholarship <i>National University of Singapore</i>	
2014	English Language Elective Scholarship <i>Ministry of Education (Singapore)</i>	

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2025	Language and Social Interaction (Instructor: Katherine Hilton) <i>Stanford University</i>
Spring 2024	Language, Gender, and Sexuality (Instructor: Zion Mengesha) <i>Stanford University</i>

Service

Stanford University

2024–	Graduate Student Representative, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2023–	Graduate Student Mentor, <i>Stanford Arts Institute</i>
2023–2024	Colloquium Committee, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2023–2024	Organizing Committee, <i>California Annual Meeting of Psycholinguistics 6 (CAMP 6)</i>
2023–2024	Peer Mentor, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2022–2023	Social Committee, <i>Department of Linguistics</i>
2022	Volunteer, <i>New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50 (NWAV 50)</i>

National University of Singapore

2022	Alumni Interviewer, <i>NUS College</i>
2018–2019	Vice President, <i>Linguistics Interest Group</i>

Other:

2023–	First Generation Access and Equity (FGAE) Committee, <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>
2023	Reviewer, <i>California Annual Meeting of Psycholinguistics 6 (CAMP 6)</i>

Other Honors

2020	President's Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, <i>National University of Singapore</i>
2020	Best Story (Winner), <i>Stories of a Pandemic Awards</i>
2020	Best Story (Merit), <i>Stories of a Pandemic Awards</i>
2020	Best Story (Merit), <i>Stories of a Pandemic Awards</i>
2019	Fourth Place, <i>XDS Data Storytelling Competition</i>
2018	Senior Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, <i>National University of Singapore</i>
2017	Special Book Prize, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, <i>National University of Singapore</i>
2017	Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, <i>National University of Singapore</i>

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association
 Association for Laboratory Phonology
 Linguistic Society of America
 Psychonomic Society
 Society for Linguistic Anthropology

Miscellaneous

LANGUAGES	Native: English, Mandarin, Singlish Basic: Cantonese, Hokkien, Japanese
SOFTWARE	Praat, Audacity, Elan, Audition, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Reaper, Ableton
PROGRAMMING	R, \LaTeX , HTML, CSS, Javascript