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Educations

Degree granting

o 2024-now **Harvard University**
Ph.D. student in Linguistics
o 2020-2024 **Tsinghua University**
B.A. in English Language and Literature
Certificate of Interdisciplinary Honors Program in Logic (A+ in all courses)

Visiting experience

o 2023 Spring **Harvard University**
Visiting Undergraduate Student

Summer schools

o 2025 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute
o 2025 North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information
o 2024, 2022 Tsinghua Logic Summer School

Research Interests

o Semantics and Pragmatics from an interdisciplinary perspective

Conference Proceedings

o **Wang, Yiqian** & Kathryn Davidson. (in press). Presupposition filtering in disjunction: The role of exclusive interpretation. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 30*.
  - Talk presented at SuB 30, Frankfurt, Germany, (2025).

Conference Presentations

o **Wang, Yiqian**, Chloe Frey, Nozomi Tomita, & Kathryn Davidson. (2026, upcoming).
  - Contrastive inferences across languages and across modalities.
  - [Accepted] Poster at the 4th Experiments in Linguistic Meaning Conference (ELM)
o **Wang, Yiqian**. (2025).
  - Presupposition filtering in disjunction: Does exclusive interpretation play a role?
  - Talk at the 11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), Cambridge, UK.

Past Research Projects

o **Contrastive inference in Mandarin:** How definiteness-marking in grammar affects pragmatic reasoning   2023 Summer
  - Conducted as a research assistant at Meaning & Modality Lab at Harvard University
o **Factors influencing the level of visual statistical learning**: Generalization of the covariance between features and the stability of features   2022 Fall
  - Course project in *Cognitive Psychology*, set as an exemplar for future enrollees
o **Mechanism of metaphor processing**: Influence of familiarity with the target domain on the effectiveness of metaphor   2022 Spring
  - Got selected into the 16th cohort of the Spark Program at Tsinghua University

Teaching Assistance Experiences

o | *Course* | **Logic, Computation and Games** | 2023 Fall |
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  | *Instructor* | Johan van Benthem *founding director of ILLC at the University of Amsterdam* | |
  | *Level* | Undergraduate honors course at Tsinghua University | |
  | *Coverage* | Public announcement logic, dynamic epistemic logic (DEL), probabilistic DEL, topological semantics, logics for games & games for logics | |
  | *My duties* | Design weekly assignments and grade them; organize class activities; answer questions from philosophy & math & CS students; manage online platforms | |

o | *Course* | **Modal Logic and its Applications** | 2022 Fall |
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  | *Instructor* | Jeremy Seligman | |
  | *Level* | Open course offered by Tsinghua University on XuetangX | |
  | *Coverage* | Tense logics, doxastic logics, epistemic logic | |
  | *My duties* | Design exercises for each lecture; manage online course materials; answer questions from students | |

Services

o Harvard's Language and Cognition talk series   *Co-organizer*   2025-2026
  - I am responsible for organizing 5-6 talks per semester
o 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference   *Member of the Organizing Committee*

Grants

o Interdisciplinary Mind Grant ($4,938)   Harvard Mind Brain Behavior Initiative   2026

Honors

o Spark Program (16th Cohort), Tsinghua University   2022-2024
  University-wide research training program; ~50 selected from ~3,500 students per cohort

o   Comprehensive Merit Scholarship, Tsinghua University   2021-2022
o   Social Work Merit Scholarship, Tsinghua University   2020-2021

Extracurricular Activities

o   Tsinghua University, Department of Humanities, Student Academic Activities Center
                    Director, Competitions Department   2021-2022
o   Tsinghua Innovation Center
                    Feature Writer, Profile Interview Series   2021-2022
o   Tsinghua Linguistics Society & Mountaineering Society
                    Core Member   2021-2022

Skills

o   Programming languages: Python (PyTorch, NLTK); C++; R (tidyverse, ggplot2, lme4, brms)
o   Markup languages: LaTeX; HTML
o   Natural languages: Mandarin (native); English (advanced); German (basic); Latin (basic)
o   Quantitative/formal foundations (selected coursework): multivariate calculus; linear algebra; probability theory; statistical inference; information theory; mathematical logic