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RESEARCH INTEREST

Language Evolution, Language Development, Computational modeling, Psychological experiment.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

University of Arizona: PhD student in Linguistics & Cognitive Science since 2017

University of Edinburgh: M.Sc. Evolution of Language & Cognition 2016

Beijing Foreign Studies University: B.A. English & Linguistics 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Conference Presentation

- 2018 Yiyun Zhao. Synonyms are Lost During Cultural Transmission without an Explicit Bias against Synonyms. Workshop on Emergence of Universals at The Ohio State University.
- 2013 Yiyun Zhao. The Distinctive Characteristics of Chinese Neologisms. The First Boya Undergraduate Research Forum at Beijing Foreign Studies University.

Research Assistant

- Reform of the Teaching Methods in Courses for College English Major Project at Beijing Foreign Studies University 2014 Jun-July

Instructor & Teaching Assistant

University of Arizona

- LING/PSY/SLHS 341 Language Development. *Instructor.* 2017F
- LING 150 Language in the World. *Section Instructor & Grader.* 2017F, 2018S

AWARDS GRANTS

University of Arizona, Linguistics Department *Travel Grant* 2018

The First Boya Undergraduate Research Forum, *2nd Prize for the Best Presentation of the Linguistics Section* 2013

Beijing Foreign Studies University, *Liu Shimu Scholarship* 2012

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, R.

Natural Languages: Mandarin(native), English(fluent), Spanish(basics)

SELECTED COURSEWORK

University of Edinburgh: Speech & Language Processing, Foundations of Evolution, Simulating Language, Phylogenetic Analysis of Language

University of Arizona: Computational Linguistics