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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 SCHOLARSHIP** 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