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### EDUCATION

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PhD student in Linguistics and English Language <i>School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh</i>	09/2021–08/2025
MSc in Developmental Linguistics (Distinction) <i>School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh</i>	09/2019–08/2020
Master of Interpreting and Translation <i>School of Foreign Languages, Soochow University</i>	09/2016–06/2018
Bachelor of Arts in English Education <i>School of Foreign Languages, Henan University</i>	09/2012–06/2016

### PUBLICATIONS

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- Liu, Y., Sorace, A., Smith, K. (Under Review). Mandarin bilingual speakers undergoing attrition produce more explicit referring expressions.
- Liu, Y., Sorace, A., Smith, K. (Under Review). Beyond crosslinguistic influence: Mandarin Speakers with Exposure to null-subject languages nonetheless use fewer null pronouns in Mandarin.
- Liu, Y., Sorace, A., Smith, K. (Under Review). Do bilinguals avoid ambiguity? An experimental study of lexical ambiguity in spoken Mandarin.

### WORK EXPERIENCES

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<b>Co-supervisor</b> with Professor Kenny Smith Master's dissertation project in Evolution of Language & Cognition	03/2024 – 08/2024
<b>Research Assistant</b> Learning and Teaching Mandarin in Scotland Project	11/2022 – 12/2023
<b>Tutoring and Marking</b> Current Simulating Language	01/2025 – 05/2025
Completed Online Experiments for Language Scientists	09/2024 – 12/2024
Introduction to Cognitive Science	09/2024 – 12/2024
Data Analysis for Psychology in R 2	09/2022 – 05/2023

### SELECTED TALKS & POSTERS

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- Liu, Y., Sorace, A. & Smith, K. Beyond crosslinguistic influence: Mandarin Speakers with Exposure to null-subject languages nonetheless use fewer null pronouns in Mandarin. Accepted as a talk to be presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco, US, July to August 2025.

- Liu, Y., Sorace, A. & Smith, K. Mandarin speakers undergoing attrition produce more explicit referring expressions. Poster presented at the Human Sentence Processing, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US, May 2024.
- Liu, Y., Sorace, A. & Smith, K. Mandarin speakers undergoing attrition produce more explicit referring expressions. Poster presented at the 79th Language Lunch, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, April 2024 (Best Poster award).
- Liu, Y., Sorace, A. & Smith, K. (2024). Mandarin speakers undergoing attrition produce more explicit referring expressions: More evidence from bilingual speakers who can speak two pro-drop languages. Talk at Centre for Language Evolution, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, April 2024
- Liu, Y., Sorace, A. & Smith, K. Comprehension and production don't align: Evidence from referential forms in Mandarin Chinese. Poster presented at the Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), San Sebastian, Spain, September 2023
- Liu, Y., Luo, Q., Sorace, A. & Smith, K. Exploring the role of communicative interaction in L1 attrition: Evidence from null and overt subjects in an artificial language. Poster presented at Bilingualism Matters Research Symposium, Edinburgh, UK, October 2022.
- Liu, Y. (2021). From individual to generational attrition: Language change through communicative interaction. Talk at the Bilingualism Research Group, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, October 2021.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### **Wiki Admin of Centre for Language Evolution**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

05/2024 – present

### **Volunteer of the 30<sup>th</sup> Architecture and Mechanisms of Language Processing**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

01/2024 – 09/2024

### **Co-organiser of the Annual Retreat Trip of Centre for Language Evolution**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

05/2023 – 05/2024

### **Co-organiser of Bilingualism & Developmental Linguistics Research Group**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

01/2022 – 09/2022

### **Chair of Bilingualism Research Group**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

09/2022 – 09/2023

### **Deputy Chair of the 29<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

09/2022 – 06/2023

### **Plenaries & Workshops Coordinator of the 28<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference**

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

09/2021 – 06/2022