

## Curriculum vitae

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## Education

### *Degrees*

Yale University:

2021-present. Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

2017-2021. Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, *summa cum laude*.

2017-2021. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, *summa cum laude*.

2017-2021. Minor in Spanish.

### *Summer schools*

University of Crete:

2024. Student, 6th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing).

University of Montana, Missoula:

2022. Student, 8th Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang).

University of California, Davis:

2019. Student, 70th LSA Linguistics Institute.

## Publications

### Conference papers

7. **Liu, Yuyang.** To appear. Mandarin Chinese *ma*: Q morpheme, SA intensifier, or PQP? *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)* 55.
6. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2024. 'Again' skipping in Mandarin Chinese: A syntactic approach. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)* 40. 213–222. <http://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/40/paper3713.pdf>.
5. Luo, Yunfei, **Yuyang Liu**, Rukai Cai & Tauhidur Rahman. 2024. Start simple: Progressive difficulty multitask learning. In Yang Cao, Isabel Papadimitriou, Anaelia Ovalle, Marcos Zampieri, Francis Ferraro & Swabha Swayamdipta (eds.), *Proceedings of the 2024 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL): Human language technologies*, vol. 4, 48–55. Stroudsburg, PA: Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://doi.org/10.18653/v1/2024.naacl-srw.7>.
4. **Liu, Yuyang** & Ka-Fai Yip. 2023. High vs. low 'again': Mandarin *you* vs. *zai* and Cantonese *-faan* vs. *-gwo*. *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics (BEAL)* 7. 94–104. <https://kb.osu.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/4686dc6e-oed9-4c20-a09b-2ac5818c44b6/content>.
3. Kramer, Benjamin, Michael Stern, Yichen Wang, **Yuyang Liu** & Jason Shaw. 2023. Synchrony and stability of articulatory landmarks in English and Mandarin CV sequences. *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS)* 20(3). 1022–1026. [https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/icphs-proceedings/ICPhS2023/full\\_papers/611.pdf](https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/icphs-proceedings/ICPhS2023/full_papers/611.pdf).
2. **Liu, Yuyang**, Yichen Wang, Michael Stern, Benjamin Kramer & Jason Shaw. 2023. Temporal scope of articulatory slowdown under informational focus: Data from English and Mandarin. *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS)* 20(4). 1691–1695. [https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/icphs-proceedings/ICPhS2023/full\\_papers/1089.pdf](https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/icphs-proceedings/ICPhS2023/full_papers/1089.pdf).
1. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2023. 'Again' separation in Italian. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA)* 8, 5509. <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v8i1.5509>.

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### *Thesis*

1. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2021. 'Again' skipping in Mandarin Chinese. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts BA thesis.

### **Presentations**

#### *Invited talk*

1. **Liu, Yuyang** & Yitong Luo. 2024. Deducing root phenomena to clause sizes: New evidence from question marker embeddability. Paper presented at the 14th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable (ULGR), University of Connecticut, Storrs, 7 December.

#### *Contributed talks*

7. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2023. 'Again' separation in Italian. Paper presented at the 97th LSA Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, Denver, 6 January.
6. **Liu, Yuyang** & Comfort Ahenkorah. 2022. We want to know, do you have to answer this question? Paper presented at the 8th Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), Yale University, New Haven, CT, 12 November.
5. **Liu, Yuyang** & Ka-Fai Yip. 2022. High vs. low 'again': Mandarin *you* vs. *zai* and Cantonese *-faan* vs. *-gwo*. Paper presented at the 5th Buckeye East Asian Linguistics (BEAL) Forum, Ohio State University, Columbus, 28 October.
4. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2022. Focus on 'again' in Mandarin Chinese. Paper presented at the 34th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL), Indiana University, Bloomington, 24 September.
3. Yip, Ka-Fai & **Yuyang Liu.** 2022. Positions of 'again': Comparing Cantonese *-faan* and *-gwo* with Mandarin *you* and *zai*. Paper presented at the 22nd Workshop on Cantonese (WOC), Chinese University of Hong Kong, 25 June.
2. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2022. Oblique case marking in Southern Pashto. Paper presented at the Sharing Night of the 8th Institute on Collaborative

Language Research (CoLang), University of Montana, Missoula, 15 June.

1. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2022. 'Again' skipping in Mandarin Chinese: A syntactic approach. Paper presented at the 40th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 13 May.

### *Contributed posters*

3. **Liu, Yuyang & Yitong Luo.** 2025. Reevaluating the cartography of question markers in Mandarin Chinese. Poster presented at the 14th Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 18 March.
2. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2024. Mandarin Chinese *ma*: Q morpheme, SA intensifier, or PQP? Poster presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS), Yale University, New Haven, CT, 17 October.
1. **Liu, Yuyang.** 2022. Mandarin Chinese *ma*: Q morpheme, SA intensifier, or PQP? Poster presented at the Workshop on Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 29 April.

### **Awards and honors**

#### *Awards*

Yale University:

2024-2025. Nathan Hale Associates Fellowship.

2025. MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant.

2022 & 2024. MacMillan Center Summer Program Awards.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

2017-2021. Chancellor's Awards.

#### *Honors*

University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

2021. Commonwealth Honors College Scholar with Greatest Distinction.

2021. Departmental Honors in Linguistics.

2017-2021. Dean's List Honors.

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### Phi Beta Kappa:

2020. Junior inductee.

### International Linguistics Olympiad:

2017. Bronze Medal in the Individual Contest.

## Service

### *Professional membership*

#### International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL):

2022–present. Problem Committee member.

#### Linguistic Society of America:

2019–present. Student member.

#### China National Linguistics Olympiad (IOLC):

2018–present. Problem Committee member.

2018–2022. Problem Committee chair.

#### Asia-Pacific Linguistics Olympiad (APLO):

2020–2023. Problem Committee member.

### *Conference organization*

#### Yale University:

2024. Volunteer, 55th North East Linguistic Society (NELS).

2023. Volunteer, 33rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT).

2023. Co-organizer, 23rd Stony Brooks, Yale, NYU, and CUNY Conference in Linguistics (SYNC).

2022. Co-organizer, 8th Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS).

### *Olympiad participation*

#### Asia-Pacific Linguistics Olympiad (APLO):

2024–2025. Multilingual editor.

#### Yale University:

2023–2025. Volunteer, 17th–19th North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition (NACLO).

#### University of Brasília:

2024. Jury member, 21st International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL).

Online Olympiad in Linguistics (OnLing):

2024. Multilingual editor.

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Yongin:

2019. Volunteer, 17th International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL).

*Manuscript reviewing*

North East Linguistic Society (NELS):

2024-2025. Conference abstract reviewer.

Glossa:

2023-2024. Journal article reviewer.

Stony Brooks, Yale, NYU, and CUNY Conference in Linguistics (SYNC):

2023. Conference abstract reviewer.

*Departmental service*

Yale University:

2024-2025. Co-organizer, Syntax Reading Group.

2023. Co-organizer, Intonation Reading Group.

2023. Volunteer, Colloquium and Reading Group Talks in Semantics.

2022-2023. Co-organizer, Monday Colloquia and Friday Lunch Talks in Linguistics.

**Teaching**

*Experience as a teaching assistant*

Yale University:

2025. Teaching fellow for Lydia Newkirk, *How to Create a Language*.

2024. Teaching fellow for Raffaella Zanuttini, *Syntax I*.

2024. Teaching fellow for Thomas McCoy, *Language and Computation I*.

*Experience as a tutor*

University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

2020. Tutor for Yi Feng and Jinhui Chen, *Intensive Elementary Chinese II*.

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## **Skills**

### *Computer languages*

- Markup: HTML;  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ; Markdown.
- Programming: MATLAB; Python; R.

### *Human languages*

- L1: Mandarin Chinese (native); Xiang Chinese (heritage).
- L2: English (fluent); Japanese (JLPT N1); Spanish (CEFR B2); German (CEFR A1); Cuzco Quechua (1 year of coursework).
- Fieldwork: Southern Pashto (4 months of fieldwork); South Bolivian Quechua (1 month of fieldwork).