

# Fengyue(Lisa) Zhao | *Curriculum Vitae*

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**RESEARCH INTEREST:** Phonetics, phonology, computational and experimental approaches.

## EDUCATION

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### Degree Programs

- 2022 - ...      **PhD in Linguistics**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
Cognitive Science minor  
Member of Phonetics Lab, Computational Psycholinguistic Discussions, and Cornell NLP
- 2018 – 2022      **B.A. in Linguistics**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA  
Commonwealth Honors College Scholar with Greatest Distinction  
Thesis: *Probabilistic Listener: A Case of Chinese Mandarin Reflexive ziji Ambiguity Resolution*  
Advisors: Dr. Brian Dillon, Dr. Ming Xiang
- 2018 – 2022      **B.S. in Mathematics**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA  
Statistics and Data Science Concentration, Computer Science minor

### Non-Degree Programs

- Summer      **Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute**, UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA  
2023      4-week summer institute in Linguistics
- Apr. - Aug.      **Exchange program**, University of Konstanz, Baden-Württemberg, Germany  
2021      Literaturwissenschaft und Sprachwissenschaft (Literature and Linguistics)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024      **Fengyue Zhao**, Sam Tilsen. *Syllable Position Prominence in Unsupervised Neural Network Segment Categorization*. The 19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 19). June 27 - 29. Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea. (Poster)

- 2023      **Fengyue Zhao**, Brian Dillon, Ming Xiang, *Probabilistic Listener: A Case of Chinese Mandarin Reflexive ziji. Ambiguity Resolution*. 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing. March 9 - 11. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. (Poster)
- 2022      **Fengyue Zhao**. *Probabilistic Listener: A Case of Chinese Mandarin Reflexive ziji Ambiguity Resolution*. 16th Annual Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Conference. April 22 - 24. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. (Talk)
- 2022      **Fengyue Zhao**. *Probabilistic Listener: A Case of Chinese Mandarin Reflexive ziji Ambiguity Resolution*. Sixth Annual Berkeley Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium. April 9-10. University of California, Berkeley. (Talk)

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2022      Sage Fellowship (Tuition + Stipend), Cornell University
- 2021      Research and Arts Scholarship (\$2000), Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science
- 2021      Education Abroad Merit Scholarship (\$1100), UMass Amherst
- 2018      Chancellor's Merit Scholarship (\$32000), UMass Amherst

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

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- Spring 2025      **Computational Linguistics 1**  
Cornell University, Instructor: Dr. Mats Rooth.
- Fall 2024      **Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing for Students of Chinese Heritage**  
Cornell University, Supervisor: Dr. George Su.
- Spring 2024      **Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology**  
Cornell University, Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Kuo.
- Fall 2023      **Introduction to Cognitive Science**  
Cornell University, Instructor: Dr. Shaun Nichols.
- 2021-2022      **Calculus for Life and Social Sciences II**  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Instructor: Dr. Hans Johnston.
- Fall 2018      **Elementary Chinese**  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Instructor: Yi Feng.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

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2019 - 2020      **Research Assistant**, PI: Dr. John Kingston, Phonetics Lab, UMass Amherst  
Contributed on experiment design, stimulus design, and conducted experiments with human subjects.

## EDITED VOLUME

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2025      **Fengyue Zhao**, Yao Zhang, Youngdong Cho, & Yifan Wu (eds.). Proceedings of the 34rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT 34). University of Rochester  
2024      Juhyae Kim, Burak Öney, **Fengyue Zhao**, & Yao Zhang (eds.). Proceedings of the 33rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT 33). Yale University

## SERVICE

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2023, 2024      **Proctor**, North American Computational Linguistics Open competition (NACLO)  
2022-2024      **Social Committee**, Cornell Linguistics Circle, Open House for accepted students  
2022-2024      **President**, Cornell phonetics and phonology group (Ph2)  
2019-2020      **Chinese Translator**, The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, UMass Amherst  
2019-2020      **International Student Ambassador**, UMass Amherst Admissions  
2018, 2019      **Language and Math Teaching Volunteer**, Himalayan Children Care, Nepal

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Aug. - May      **Education Abroad Peer Advisor**, UMass Amherst  
2021 - 2022      Advised and cultivated relationships with diverse students and parents regarding study abroad opportunities; conducted panels to over 400 audiences.  
  
Dec. - Mar.      **Product Operations Intern (AI Speech Corpus)**, NetEase, Inc., China  
2020 - 2021      Oversaw crowdsourcing platform with over 3000 freelancers; provided linguistics support for English ASR projects. (Outstanding Intern Award)  
  
2018 - 2020      **Co-Founder & Marketing Specialist**, UMass Amherst  
Co-launched and marketed "MassBoard" app to improve accessibility to school events;  
Conducted over 200 interviews with users and analyzed user behavior data.

## SKILLS

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**Human languages:** Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (receptively native), German (conversationally fluent)

**Artificial languages:** Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, SciPy, SQLite, Scikit-learn); R(tidyverse, dplyr, ggplot2, lme4, brms); MATLAB(Signal Processing Toolbox, Deep Learning Toolbox); Bash scripting; Git; SQL

**Linguistics/Experiment Software:** Praat, PCIBex, PsychoPy, Labvanced

## MEMBERSHIP

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**Linguistic Society of America (LSA)**

**Association for Laboratory Phonology (ALP)**