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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 09/2022 – **Ph.D. in Linguistics**,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States,
GPA:
- 10/2018 – **BA in Linguistics and Computer Science**,
03/2022 *University of Chicago*, United States,
GPA: 3.97

BA thesis

- title *The Syntax and Semantics of Across-the-Board Wh-Questions in Chinese*
- supervisor Karlos Arregi
- description An investigation of Chinese ATB *wh*-questions, advancing a new analysis which unifies this phenomenon with the ubiquitous object-drop construction in Chinese; the proposal utilizes unselective binding, choice-function quantification, object-drop as ellipsis, Split-CP hypothesis, and a dynamic reorientation of Heim & Kratzer semantics as subcomponents.

Journal articles

- accepted with minor revisions *Moving heads to specifier: Evidence from Mandarin multiple pre-subject modals*,
(with Jackie Yan-Ki Lai as 1st author),
Submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, [manuscript]
- abstract Based on a hitherto neglected set of multiple pre-subject modal sentences, this squib offers a novel syntactic account of Mandarin modals whereby the derivation of pre-subject modal sentences involves Internal Merge of modals to specifiers of the left-peripheral focus projection, and discusses new problems facing a traditional head-movement analysis and the existing XP-movement accounts. Our proposal lends novel support to recent claims that ‘true’ syntactic head movement targets specifier positions.

Talks

- 04/2021 *A head-to-specifier movement account of multiple pre-subject modals in Mandarin Chinese*,
5th Annual Berkeley Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium,
University of California, Berkeley, [slides]
- abstract Based on a hitherto neglected set of multiple pre-subject modal sentences, this squib offers a novel syntactic account of Mandarin modals whereby the derivation of pre-subject modal sentences involves Internal Merge of modals to specifiers of the left-peripheral focus projection, and discusses new problems facing a traditional head-movement analysis and the existing XP-movement accounts. Our proposal lends novel support to recent claims that ‘true’ syntactic head movement targets specifier positions.

05/2020 *New cartographic evidence for clause-medial position of low sentence-final aspect particles in Mandarin Chinese*,
14th Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium,
Cornell University, [slides]

abstract Evidence from cartography, monoclausality tests, modal verb movement, and time adverbial scope shows that the sentence-final aspect particle *le* in Chinese is clause-medial, i.e., at the *vP* level, instead at the CP level, as previously assumed or argued.

Courses

Linguistics courses

undergrad	Intro to Linguistics	undergrad	The Evolution of Language
undergrad	Intro to Syntax	grad	Syntax I
undergrad	Advanced Syntax	grad	Syntactic Analysis II
undergrad	Intro to Semantics and Pragmatics	grad	Semantics and Pragmatics II
undergrad	Intro to Phonetics and Phonology	undergrad	Psycholinguistics
undergrad	Morphology	undergrad	Vagueness
undergrad	Formal Foundations of Linguistics	undergrad	Computational Linguistics I

Other undergrad courses

cs	Mathematical Logic I	cs	Mathematical Logic II
phil	Further Topics in Logic	cs	Type Theory
cs	Programming Languages	cs	Compilers for Computer Languages
cs	Intro to Formal Languages		

Additional coursework

06/2019 – **Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute**,
07/2019 *University of California, Davis*, United States,
GPA: 4.0

- Advanced Syntax – David Pesetsky
- Lexicon in Linguistic Theory – James Pustejovsky & Olga Batiukova
- Intro to Theoretical Morphology – David Embick
- Historical Linguistics – Lyle Campbell
- Experimental Syntax – Elaine Francis & Savithry Namboodiripad

Research assistantship

04/2020 – **Language Processing Lab**, *University of Chicago*,
09/2020 PI: Ming Xiang

- Online acceptability experiment test item generation
- Online accessibility experiment test JavaScript and HTML script writing on Ibex Farm
- Transcription of recorded experimental verbal data

10/2019 – **Sapir Scholar**, *University of Chicago*,
06/2020 Mentor: Jackie Yan-Ki Lai

- Online acceptability experiment test item generation
- Online acceptability experiment test JavaScript and HTML script writing on Ibex Farm
- Plotting with **matplotlib** of experimental results

Languages

English Proficient
Mandarin Native
Chinese

Listening comprehension: Sichuanese and Shanghainese Chinese

Skills

Languages Standard ML, Agda, Python, Racket, C

Software \LaTeX , Praat, Ibex Farm