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Education

University College London

MPhil Linguistics (expected 06.2025)

2023 - 2025

The University of Chicago

B.A. Linguistics (Honors), B.A. Psychology

Thesis: A Discourse Approach to Wh-in-situ and Island: The Role of Focus Alternatives.

GPA: 3.94/4.0

2019 - 2023

Publications

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. The argument-adjunct asymmetry revisited: the role of focus alternatives in island effect. In L. Clemens, V. Gribanova & G. Scontras (eds.), *Syntax in Uncharted Territories: Essays in Honor of Maria Polinsky*.

to appear

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. Detecting the antecedent complexity on VPE resolution. In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*.

2024

Conference Presentations

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. Detecting the Antecedent Complexity on VPE Resolution: Effects of Semantic Plausibility. Talk at the *47th Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, Mar 18-19

2023

Jiayuan Yue and Ming Xiang. Detecting the Antecedent Complexity on VPE Resolution: Effects of Semantic Plausibility. Poster at the *36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, University of Pittsburgh, Mar 09-11

2023

Jiayuan Yue. Fragment Questions in Mandarin Chinese Arise from and Repair A-not-A Questions. Talk at the *46th Penn Linguistics Conference* (Undergraduate Session), University of Pennsylvania, Mar 18-20

2022

Ongoing Projects

Adaptation of predictive processing

Advised by: Prof. Wing Yee Chow

I am exploring the effect of speaker predictability on predictive processing using eye-tracking experiments, examining whether listeners adapt their prediction rate to the reliability of predictive cues, including 1) general sentential semantic constraint and 2) specific classifier-noun compatibility.

2023 - Present

Speaker knowledge and scalar implicature

2023 - Present

Advised by: Prof. Richard Breheny

I am studying the role of speaker knowledge in scalar implicature by 1) comparing primary and secondary implicature in scalar diversity, 2) directly manipulating speaker knowledge in a verification task, and 3) testing the linking hypothesis of the verification task itself.

Focus alternatives and island effect

2022 - Present

Advised by: Prof. Ming Xiang

I am testing a novel hypothesis that island unacceptability arises from the difficulty in generating the proper set of alternatives for interpreting a focused element. My experiment probes Chinese argument and adjunct wh-questions with a preceding context.

Research Experience

Language Processing Lab

2021 - Present

Advised by Prof. Ming Xiang

- Programmed Ixet experiments and analyzed data
- Assisted in running EEG experiments
- Performed literature review and data coding
- Developed independent research projects

Language, Event, and Mind Lab

2022

Advised by Prof. Monica Do

- Coded production data in an experiment about gesture and word order

Sapir Scholars Program

2021 - 2022

Advised by Prof. Laura Stigliano

- Analyzed the source of topic-remnant elliptical questions (or fragment questions) in Mandarin Chinese and argued for a repairing effect of ellipsis
- Presented at PLC 46

Multilingualism and Decision-Making Lab

2019 - 2020

Supervised by Dr. Leigh Grant

- Edited experiment materials and conducted Qualtrics experiment sessions
- Coded qualitative experiment results

Honors

The University of Chicago Dean's List

2020, 2021, 2022

Skills

Experimental: Ixet, jsPsych, Prolific, Eye-tracking, EEG

Programming: R, Python

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Shanghainese (heritage)