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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonology, Phonology-Morphology Interface, Phonetics, Language Documentation

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Linguistics

University of Southern California

Dissertation: *Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplicative opacity*

August 2022

Los Angeles, USA

M.A. in Linguistics

University of Southern California

Thesis: *Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence*

May 2017

Los Angeles, USA

M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

East China Normal University

Thesis: *A diachronic phonological study of ‘zi’ rime change in northern Henan Province*

June 2015

Shanghai, China

B.A. in English Language and Literature

Tianjin Normal University

June 2012

Tianjin, China

EMPLOYMENT

Tenure-track Assistant Professor

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

October 2022 - Present

Shanghai, China

PUBLICATIONS

[†] Corresponding author

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025** **Yang, Yifan[†]** & Rachel Walker. Temporal organization in word-initial sibilant-stop clusters in Moenat. *Romance minority languages and linguistic theory (RMLLT). Special Issue of Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* (Eds. Michela Russo & Shanti Ulfsbjorninn). doi: 10.5565/rev/isogloss.407
- 2024** **Yang, Yifan.** Floating mora affixation in Huozhou diminutive subtraction. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 9(1). 1-41. doi: 10.16995/glossa.15130.
- 2024** Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang.** Consonant phonotactics in the Moenat variety of Ladin. *Italian Journal of Linguistics* 36(1). doi: 10.26346/1120-2726-217.
- 2023** **Yang, Yifan.** Rapa Nui: a case for correspondence in reduplication. *Linguistic Inquiry* 54(2). 395-412. doi:10.1162/ling_a_00444.
- 2022** **Yang, Yifan[†]**, Rachel Walker, Alessandro Vietti & Armin Chiochetti. Ladin, Varieties of Val di Fassa. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* 52(3). 495-520. doi:10.1017/S0025100320000262.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2016** Zhang, Jisheng & **Yifan Yang.** Phonological evolution of ‘zi’ rime change on the border of Shanxi and Henan Province: A case study of dialects in Hebi [晋豫边界鹤壁地区“子”变韵的音系理据]. In Wei Zheng (ed.), *Phonetic and Phonological Changes on Dialect Boundaries* [《边界方言语音与音系演变论集》]. Shanghai: Zhongxi Press [中西书局]. (In Chinese)

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2024** Qian, Zhiheng, Huifang Kong & **Yifan Yang**[†]. Dynamic properties of diphthongs in Hefei Mandarin. *Proceedings of the National Conference on Man-Machine Speech Communication 2024* (NCMMSC 2024).
- 2023** Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**. Temporal coordination and markedness of Moenat Ladin consonant clusters. In Noah Elkins, Bruce Hayes, Jinyoung Jo and Jian-Leat Siah (eds.), *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2022 Annual Meeting on Phonology*. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.
- 2018** **Yang, Yifan**. Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. In Gillian Gallagher, Maria Gouskova, and Sora Yin (eds.), *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology*. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.
- 2017** **Yang, Yifan** & Wei Wei. Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface, In Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine and Yosuke Sato (eds.), *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI (Vol.1)*. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 2014** **Yang, Yifan**. Phonetic analysis and special pattern of nasal rime change in Qixian Chinese. *Proceedings of 2014 International Conference on Phonetic Research and Language Learning & English Phonetic Conference in China (ICPRL&EPCC2014)*. pp.89-92.
- 2014** **Yang, Yifan**. Evolutionary process of zi rime change in north Henan Province: perspectives of linguistic geography. *Proceedings of The 14th International Symposium of Chinese Languages and Linguistics (IsCLL-14) and The 10th Anniversary of the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica*. pp.376-89.

SUBMITTED

- In revision** **Yang, Yifan**. Reduplicative identity driven by Surface Correspondence. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- Under review** **Yang, Yifan** & Xiaopei Wang. Phonological grammar of rime change in Zhongyuan Mandarin of southern Shanxi. [晋南中原官话名词变韵的音系语法]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (In Chinese)

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

- In prep** **Yang, Yifan**. Theoretical issues and advances in the studies of reduplication [重叠中的理论问题和新进展]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University. (In Chinese)
- In prep** **Yang, Yifan** & Xiaopei Wang. Phonetic realizations of rime change in Xiaxian dialect. [夏县方言变韵的语音实现模式]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (In Chinese)

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024** Dynamic properties of diphthongs in Hefei Mandarin. Talk presented at *National Conference on Man-Machine Speech Communication 2024* (NCMMSC 2024). August 2024, Xinjiang University. (Co-authors: Qian, Zhiheng, Huifang Kong & **Yifan Yang**[†])
- 2023** Templatic backcopying and Generalized Surface Correspondence. Talk presented at *The 10th International Conference of Formal Linguistics (ICFL-10)*. October 2023, Tsinghua University.
- 2023** Mora affixation in nonconcatenative morphology. Talk presented at *The 29th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-29)*. May 2023, Macau University of Science and Technology.
- 2022** Temporal coordination and markedness of Moenat Ladin consonant clusters. Poster presented at *The 2022 Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2022)*. October 2022, UCLA. (Co-authors: Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**.)
- 2019** Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplication. Poster presented at *The 2019 Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2019)*. October 2019, Stony Brook University.

- 2019** Variation of sibilants in three Ladin dialects. Poster presented at *The 3rd Phonetics and Phonology in Europe Conference* (PaPE 2019). June 2019, University of Salento (Lecce). (Co-authors: **Yang, Yifan**, Rachel Walker, & Alessandro Vietti.)
- 2019** Cumulative markedness in three-consonant clusters. Talk presented at *The 16th Old World Conference on Phonology* (OCP-16). January 2019, University of Verona. (Co-authors: Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**.)
- 2018** Backcopying driven by Surface Correspondence. Talk presented at *The Workshop on Phonological Variation and its Interfaces*. November 2018, University of Barcelona.
- 2017** Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence. Poster presented at *The 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP 2017). September 2017, New York University.
- 2017** Non-concatenative effects of mora affixation: A case study of Huozhou Chinese. Talk presented at *The 11th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics* (TEAL-11). June 2017, Academia Sinica (Taipei, Taiwan).
- 2017** Verbal reduplication in Mandarin Chinese: An analysis at syntax-phonology interface. Talk presented at *GLOW in Asia XI*. February 2017, National University of Singapore. (Co-authors: **Yang, Yifan** & Wei Wei.)
- 2016** Realize nonconcatenative allomorphs in Harmonic Serialism: A case study of diminutive formation in Huozhou Chinese. Talk presented at *The 7th International Conference on Formal Linguistics* (ICFL-7). December 2016, Nankai University (Tianjin, China).
- 2016** The realization of mutation in Chinese dialects. Poster presented at *The 2016 Annual Meeting on Phonology* (AMP2016). October 2016, USC.
- 2014** Phonetic analysis and the special pattern of nasal rime change in Qixian Chinese. Talk presented at *The 2014 International Conference on Phonetic Research and Language Learning & English Phonetic Conference in China* (ICPRLL&EPCC2014). October 2014, Changsha, China.
- 2014** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in northern Henan Province: perspective of linguistic geography and markedness. Talk presented at *The Third International Symposium on Chinese Language and Discourse* (ISCLD-3). June 2014, Birkbeck, University of London.
- 2014** Evolutionary process of zi rime change in north Henan Province: perspectives of linguistic geography. Talk presented at *The 14th International Symposium of Chinese Languages and Linguistics* (IsCLL-14). June 2014, Academia Sinica (Taipei, Taiwan).

OTHER TALKS

- April 2024** Phonological grammar of rime change in Zhongyuan Mandarin of southern Shanxi [晋南中原官话名词变韵的音系语法]. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Xiaopei Wang)
- April 2023** Temporal organization of word-initial clusters in Moenat Ladin. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Rachel Walker).

GRANTS

Grants for Humanities and Social Sciences

May 2024

Project: Nonconcatenative morphology of the dialects in Shanxi and Henan Province
Shanghai Jiao Tong University

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Spoken English
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Fall 2024, Summer 2024

College English Reading - Level 4

Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

*Spring 2025, 2024***College English Reading - Level 3**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

*Fall 2023, 2024; Spring 2023***College English for International Students**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

*Spring 2023***OTHER LECTURES****Harmony Systems** (Lecture)

In LING 301: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology, USC.

*February 2022***Praat Tutorial** (Lecture)

In LING 499: Endangered Language Documentation, USC.

*May 2018***ADVISING****Research Project: Temporal Coordination of diphthongs in Hefei Chinese**

Advisees: Yunjia Lyu, Zhiheng Qian, Qianyi Yang, Xiaoyu Zhang, and Tianjian Zhu.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

*September 2023 - Present***HONORS AND AWARDS****The 9th Young Faculty Teaching Competition: Second Prize** (Group of Humanities)

Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

*January 2025***Teaching Achievement Award: Second Prize** (Group Award)

[教学成果奖：协同、整合、引领：第二课堂与新时代外语研究生培养模式的创新与实践]

Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

*October 2023***Shanghai Overseas Talents Program (Junior Group)**

[上海海外高层次人才引进计划青年项目]

Shanghai Municipal People's Government.

*May 2023***Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship**

The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.

*August 2019***Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship**

The Graduate School of USC.

*May 2019***Student Presenter Travel Grant**

GLOW in Asia XI, National University of Singapore.

*February 2017***Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship**

The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.

*August 2015***Merit Graduate of Shanghai**

Shanghai Municipal Education Commission.

*June 2015***Merit Student**

East China Normal University.

*December 2014***National Scholarship**

The Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

*December 2014***Grants for Oversea Visiting and International Conference**

Graduate School, East China Normal University.

*May 2014***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS****China Computer Federation (CCF)**

Member (2024–2025)

International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL)

Member (2023–2024)

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Native proficiency

English Fluent

French Reading proficiency

Ladin Research knowledge

Varieties of Mandarin (Huozhou, Yanggu, Tianjin): Research knowledge.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Praat, R, Python