CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonology, Phonology-Morphology Interface, Phonetics, Language Documentation

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Linguistics *August 2022*
University of Southern California *Los Angeles, USA*
Dissertation: *Generalized Surface Correspondence in reduplicative opacity*

M.A. in Linguistics *May 2017*
University of Southern California *Los Angeles, USA*
Thesis: *Quantified exponence constraints and the typology of exponence*

M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics *June 2015*
East China Normal University *Shanghai, China*
Thesis: *A diachronic phonological study of 'zi' rime change in northern Henan Province*

B.A. in English Language and Literature *June 2012*
Tianjin Normal University *Tianjin, China*

EMPLOYMENT

Tenure-track Assistant Professor *October 2022 - Present*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University *Shanghai, China*

PUBLICATIONS

†*Corresponding author*; **Student*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026 **Yang, Yifan**. Reduplicative identity driven by Surface Correspondence. *Phonology* 43:e16 1–32. doi:10.1017/S0952675726100414.

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

2025 **Yang, Yifan** & Zhiheng Qian*. Temporal organization of prenuclear glides in Hefei Mandarin. *Interspeech 2025*.

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 (ICPRLL&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.

TEXTBOOKS

2025 Unit 8: Thriving in an AI-driven Future (Text A). In *Advanced College English: A Reading and Writing Course (Second Edition)* [《高起点大学英语读写教程（第二版）》], edited by Zhao, Xiaohong, Qiong He & Zhixin Pan. 186–199. Shanghai Jiao Tong University Press. ISBN: 978-7-313-33705-4.

SUBMITTED

Under review Walker, Rachel & **Yifan Yang**. The status of sibilants in Moenat syllable structure. Ms. University of California, Santa Cruz; Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Under review **Yang, Yifan** & Xiaopei Wang. Phonetic realization of mora affixes in Chinese [汉语莫拉词缀的语音实现机制]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (In Chinese)

Under review **Yang, Yifan** & Xiaopei Wang. A phonetically motivated account of the evolution of *zi* rime change. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies.

WORKS IN PREPARATION

In prep **Yifan Yang**. *Phonological modeling of non-concatenative morphology in Chinese dialects* [《汉语方言非串联式形态的音系建模》]. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

In prep **Yifan Yang** & Xiaopei Wang†. Huojia Jinyu Chinese. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Guangdong University of Foreign Studies.

In prep **Yang, Yifan**†, Zhiheng Qian*, Qianyi Yang* & Yunjia Lyu*. Rethinking prenuclear glides in Mandarin Chinese: Evidence from the phonetics-phonology interface. Ms. Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

CONFERENCES

†*Corresponding author*; **Student*

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

2026 Empty mora affixation in Chinese: Typology, mechanisms, and surface realizations. To be presented at *The 32nd Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics* (IACL-32). June 2026, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (**Yang, Yifan** & Xiaopei Wang)

2025 On the status of prenuclear glides in Chinese syllables: A case study of Hefei Mandarin at the phonetics-phonology interface. *International Conference on Formal Linguistics 2025*. November 2025, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. (**Yang, Yifan**† & Zhiheng Qian*)

2025 Temporal organization of prenuclear glides in Hefei Mandarin. *Interspeech 2025*. August 2025. (**Yang, Yifan**† & Zhiheng Qian*)

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).

NON-REFEREED TALKS

2026 A phonetically motivated account of the evolution of *zi* rime change. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. May 2026. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Xiaopei Wang)

2025 Probing syllable structure of Mandarin with acoustic measurements. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. May 2025. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Zhiheng Qian)

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. April 2024. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Xiaopei Wang)

2023 Temporal organization of word-initial clusters in Moenat Ladin. *LingLunch*, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. (Co-authors: **Yifan Yang** & Rachel Walker). April 2023.

GRANTS

Mong Man Wai Grants for International Visiting *December 2025*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

AI-Empowered Curriculum Development Project *November 2025*
English for Specific Purposes
Academic Affairs Office, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Grants for Humanities and Social Sciences *May 2024*
Project: Nonconcatenative morphology of the dialects in Shanxi and Henan Province
Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship *May 2019*
The Graduate School of USC.

Student Presenter Travel Grant *Feburary 2017*
GLOW in Asia XI, National University of Singapore.

Grants for Oversea Visiting and International Conference *May 2014*
Graduate School, East China Normal University.

HONORS AND AWARDS

The 11th Young Faculty Teaching Competition: Second Prize (Group of Humanities) *July 2026*
[上海交通大学第十一届青年教师教学竞赛：二等奖]
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

The 9th Young Faculty Teaching Competition: Second Prize (Group of Humanities) *January 2025*
[上海交通大学第九届青年教师教学竞赛：二等奖]
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Teaching Achievement Award: Second Prize (Group Award) *October 2023*
[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.

Shanghai Overseas Talents Program (Junior Group) *May 2023*
[上海海外高层次人才引进计划青年项目]
Shanghai Municipal People's Government.

Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship *August 2019*
The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.

Dornsife Doctoral Fellowship *August 2015*
The Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.

Merit Graduate of Shanghai *June 2015*
Shanghai Municipal Education Commission.

Merit Student *December 2014*
East China Normal University.

National Scholarship *December 2014*
The Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT

English for Specific Purposes *Fall 2025*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Advanced Spoken English *Fall 2024, Summer 2024*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

College English (Integrated Skills) – Level 4 *Spring 2025, 2024*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

College English (Integrated Skills) – Level 3 *Fall 2023, 2024; Spring 2023*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

College English for International Students *Spring 2023*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

ADVISING

Undergraduate Research Program, Shanghai Jiao Tong University *Sept 2023 - April 2025*
Project: Diphthongs in Jianghuai Mandarin from the Perspective of Articulatory Phonology.
Advisees: Yunjia Lyu, Zhiheng Qian, Qianyi Yang, Xiaoyu Zhang, and Tianjian Zhu.

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Harmony Systems (Lecture) *February 2022*
In LING 301: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology, USC.

Praat Tutorial (Lecture) *May 2018*
In LING 499: Endangered Language Documentation, USC.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PEER REVIEWING

Journals: *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Glossa*, *Lingua*,《语言学研究》 (*Linguistic Research*)
Conferences: GLOW in Asia, Annual Meeting of IACL.
Other publications: *USC Working Papers in Linguistics*.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING AND SERVICE

International Conference on Formal Linguistics 2025 (Session chair)
International Forum on Phonology, 2024 (Discussant).
Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Foreign Language Education, 2024 (Organizing committee).
The 5th Asia Pacific Corpus Linguistics Conference, 2024 (Session chair).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA)
China Computer Federation (CCF)
International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL)

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Native proficiency

English Fluent

French Reading proficiency

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Praat, R, Python