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Research interests

Broad: Syntax, semantics, pragmatics, Mandarin Chinese

Narrow: Mandarin clause structure, gradability and comparison, tense and aspect, syntactic encoding of speech acts, syntactic variation, prescriptivism

Education

2006-present Ph.D. student in Linguistics, University of Chicago
First Qualifying Paper (defended May '08): *At the intersection of form, meaning, and use: Being assertive in Mandarin Chinese*. Readers: Chris Kennedy, Jason Merchant

2006 B.A. with Distinction, Stanford University. Linguistics with Honors.
Honors thesis: *"Me and her" meets "he and I": Case, person, and linear ordering in English coordinated pronouns*. Readers: Arnold Zwicky, Tom Wasow

Aut. 2004 Stanford Program in Beijing. Peking University.

Publications

To appear. With Max Bane, Juan Bueno, April Grotberg, and Yaron McNabb. Papers from the 44th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, vols. 1 and 2.

Conference presentations

(with Osamu Sawada) Investigating an asymmetry in the semantics of Japanese measure phrases. 35th annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, Berkeley, CA. February 2009.

Predicating gradable adjectives in Mandarin Chinese: Should we posit POS? 85th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, CA. January 2009.

Chang-chang, wang-wang, and domain restriction in Mandarin quantificational adverbs. Second International Conference on East Asian Linguistics, Simon Fraser University Vancouver. November 2008.

(with Osamu Sawada) Direct and differential measurement in Japanese. In Search of Meaning in the Midwest (3rd annual Midwest Semantics Workshop), The Ohio State University. October 2008.

Being Assertive in Mandarin Chinese. Chronos 8: International Conference on Tense, Aspect, Mood, and Modality, University of Texas at Austin. October 2008.

Her and I, *she and me: Case, Person and Coordination. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY) 35, Ohio State University. November 2006.

Academic Experience

2006-present Research assistant, Professor Chris Kennedy (Parameters of comparison)
2005-2006 Research assistant, Professor Arnold Zwicky (Assessing the advice literature)
2004-2005 Research assistant, Professor Beth Levin (Lexical semantics of ditransitives)
Summer 2004 Research assistant, Professor John Rickford (AAVE and education)

Service

2009 Abstract reviewer, Chicago Linguistic Society
2007-2008 Officer, Chicago Linguistic Society
2007 Abstract reviewer, Chicago Linguistic Society

Academic honors and fellowships

2006 Phi Beta Kappa
2006 Prize for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Stanford
2006 Robert M. Golden Medal for Excellence in the Humanities, Stanford
2005-2006 Stanford Humanities Center Undergraduate Research Fellowship
2005 Kung-Yi Kao Prize for Outstanding Progress in the Study of Chinese, Stanford

Languages

English (native), Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Esperanto

Coursework in: Arabic, Cantonese, Classical Chinese, Italian, Luganda (field methods course), Sanskrit