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Education

- Expected 2022** **Ph.D. in Linguistics**
The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 2019** **M.A. in Linguistics**
The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Thesis Title: *The Syntax and Acquisition of Mandarin Sluice-like Constructions*
Advisor: Prof. Nina Hyams
- 2017** **B.A. in Chinese Linguistics**
Peking University
Thesis Title: *On Quasi-Possessive Object Constructions in Modern Chinese*
Advisor: Prof. Rui Guo

Areas of Interest

Syntax and first language acquisition.

Publications

Journals

Liu, M., Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (to appear). The Syntax and Acquisition of Mandarin Sluice-like Constructions. *Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics*. Commercial Press, Beijing.

Conference Proceedings

- Liu, M.**, Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (2020). Late Intervention Effects in the Acquisition of Mandarin Sluice-like Constructions. *Proceedings of the 44th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Vol. 44
- Liu, M.** (2019). English adaptation in Mandarin A-not-A constructions. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 4.1 (2019)*: 38-1.

Conference Presentations

- Liu, M.** (2021). *Rethinking raising vs. control analyses in Mandarin bei-passives*. Talk presented at the 33rd Meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-33), UChicago (Online).
- Liu, M.** (2021). *Mandarin Passives Revisited*. Talk presented at the Southern California Annual Meeting on Syntax (SCAMS 2020-2021), USC (Online).

- Liu, M.** (2021). *Adverbial Clitics in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec*. Poster presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2021), Online.
- *Liu, M.,** Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (2019). *Late Intervention Effects in Mandarin Sluice Acquisition*. Talk presented at the 44th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 44), Boston, MA.
- *Liu, M.,** Hyams, N., and Mateu, V. (2019). *Sluicing in Child Mandarin: Effects of Lexical Ambiguity*. Talk presented at the 14th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition conference (GALA 14), Milan, Italy.
- Liu, M.** (2019). *Delayed Subject Advantages in Mandarin Sluicing Acquisition*. Talk presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 55), Chicago, IL.
- Liu, M.** (2019). *English Adaptation in Mandarin A-not-A Constructions*. Poster presented at the 93th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 93), New York, NY.
- Liu, M.** (2018). *Intervention vs. Locality: Delayed Subject Preferences in Mandarin Sluicing Acquisition*. Talk presented at the 2nd California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP 2018), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- Liu, M.** (2018). *Object Movement in Relation to Duration phrase in Mandarin*. Talk presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL 26), University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI.
- Liu, M.** (2016). *Deriving the Verb Copying Construction in Chinese*. Talk presented at the 12th Academic Annual Conference of the Beijing Language Association. Beijing, China.

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Awards and Grants

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| Aug 2019 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (USD 6,000), UCLA |
| Aug 2017 | First class award (CNY 2,000), Linguistics Institute of China |
| Oct 2016 | May 4 th Scholarship (CNY 2,000), Peking University |
| Sep. 2016 | Academic Excellence Award, Peking University |
| Oct 2014 | Leo KoGuan Scholarship (CNY 6,000), Peking University |

Research Experience

Fieldwork

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| Jan-July 2020 | Fieldwork on San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec
Supervisor: Harold Torrence (UCLA)
Fieldwork on a Zapotec language spoken in San Cristóbal Lachirioag, Oaxaca, Mexico. |
| Summer 2016 | Fieldwork on Tonggu Gan
Supervisor: Mengbing Xiang (Peking University)
Fieldwork on Gan, a non-Mandarin dialect of Chinese spoken in Tonggu, Jiangxi, China |

Experimental work

- Spring 2020** **Research Assistant**
Supervisor: Nina Hyams (UCLA)
- Summer 2019** **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship**
Supervisor: Nina Hyams (UCLA)
- Summer 2018** **Research Assistant**
Supervisor: Nina Hyams & Anoop Mahajan (UCLA)

Teaching and Advising

As Instructor

- Summer 2020** UCLA: Ling 130 – Language Development.
Responsibilities: Course design, lectures (6h/week), discussion (1h/week), office hours (2h/week); grading homework, advising final projects, and grading final papers for 12 UCLA undergrads.

As Teaching Assistant/Associate

- Winter 2021** UCLA: Ling 127 – Syntactic Typology and Universals.
Fall 2020 UCLA: Ling C140 – Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition.
Winter 2020 UCLA: Ling 130 – Language Development.
Fall 2019 UCLA: Ling 120B – Syntax I.
Spring 2019 UCLA: Ling C135 – Neurolinguistics.
Winter 2018 UCLA: Ling 1 – Introduction to the Study of Language.
Fall 2018 UCLA: Ling 130 – Language Development.

As Research Advisor/Instructor for Undergraduate Students

- 2021-2022** **The Graduate-Undergraduate Mentorship Program at UCLA**
(ongoing) Receiving professional training on mentoring skills; Mentoring an undergraduate throughout the academic year by providing help and advice on study, research, college life, graduate school application, and career development.
- Spring 2021** **Corpus data analysis**
Instructed 1 UCLA undergraduate research assistant to analyze corpus data from the Mandarin corpora on *CHILDES*.
- Winter 2018** **Acquisition of Mandarin Sluicing Project**
Instructed 2 UCLA undergraduate research assistants to run comprehension experiments with Mandarin-speaking children and perform preliminary data analysis.
- Fall 2018** **Phonological Adaptations of English Words in Mandarin**
Instructed 2 UCLA undergraduate research assistants to build and run production experiments with Mandarin-L1 English-L2 adults and perform preliminary data analysis.

Other Experience

- July 2019** The 3rd Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing), Crete, Greece.
July 2017 The 3rd Linguistics Institute of China, Tianjin, China.

Services and Memberships

Conference Abstract Reviewing

- 2018** The 2nd California Meeting on Psycholinguistics, University of Southern California

Departmental Services (Dept. of Linguistics, UCLA)

- 2020-** Colloquium Committee – Chair
2018-2020 Job Search Committee on Language Acquisition – Member
Open House Committee – Member
Colloquium Committee – Member
UCLA Language Lab – Member

Other Services and Memberships

- 2020-** Member of Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
2018-2019 Member of Linguistics Society of America
2016-2017 Organizer of Linguistics Club at Peking University

Language Skills

- Spoken Languages** Mandarin/Standard Chinese – Native
English – Fluent
Southwestern Mandarin – Heritage
- Research Languages** Mandarin Chinese
San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec (fieldwork)
Gan Chinese (fieldwork)
Beijing Mandarin
Ancient Chinese

Computer Skills

- Linguistics-Related** CLAN – for corpus data analysis
R – for statistical analysis
Praat – for phonetic analysis
Ibex farm– experiment builder
PsychoPy – experiment builder
- Other** L^AT_EX– for typesetting
Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint

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