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Major research languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese

Other research languages: Akan, Bangla, Japanese, Korean, Yorùbá, other Sinitic languages

## Education and qualifications

2020– Ph.D. in Linguistics, Yale University, U.S.A.

Dissertation title (tentative): *Doubling down on Exclusivity: Issues on the Syntax-semantics Interface*

Committee: Veneeta Dayal (chair), Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Raffaella Zanuttini, Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine (external)

2017– M.Phil. in Chinese Language and Literature, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Hong Kong

2019 Thesis title: *The Incompleteness Effects of Cantonese Verbal Suffixes* (in Chinese)

Committee: Bit-Chee Kwok (chair), Sze-Wing Tang (supervisor), Yam Leung Lawrence Cheung, Po Lun Peppina Lee

2013– B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature (First Class Honors), Minor in Linguistics, CUHK, Hong Kong

2017 Thesis title: *The Relationship of Syntax and Semantics of Quantificational Verbal Suffix -can*

*and its Preverbal Counterparts in Cantonese* (in Chinese)

Supervisor: Sze-Wing Tang

2014 Second Class Upper, Putonghua Proficiency Test

## Publications (\*=co-first authors)

### Manuscripts

- Accepted 1. Yik-Po Lai, Mei-ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Oscar Wong, Kam Pang Wong, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Online Quiz Game “Cantonese Master Challenge”: Gamifying Linguistics Popularization and Crowdsourced Data Collection. [in Chinese]  
*Journal of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities*.
- Revise & Resubmit 1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. A unified biclausal approach to right dislocation in Chinese.  
*Journal of East Asian Linguistics*.
- Submitted 1. Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming\*, and **Ka-Fai Yip\***. Partial Deletion on head chains: Discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.
2. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Differentiating between evidential bias and epistemic bias in questions: Evidence from Cantonese. *Language and Linguistics*.  
(Earlier version awarded LSHK Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics, 2024)
3. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Olabode Adedjeji. A quantifier-particle approach to exclusive focus particles in Yorùbá. *Contemporary African Linguistics*.
4. Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Separable verbs in Cantonese.  
*The Routledge Handbook of Cantonese Linguistics*.
5. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Inner aspect in Cantonese. *FLaP FIRST*.

## Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2024 1. Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Hyperraising, evidentiality, and phase deactivation. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 42(4): 1527–1578.
- 2022 1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Converbs and adverbial clauses: a case study in Cantonese. *Studies in Chinese Linguistics* 43(2): 143–169.
- 2020 1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Three discontinuous constructions of Cantonese verbal suffix *can*. [in Chinese] *Current Research in Chinese Linguistics* 99(1): 153–169.

## Book chapters and conference proceedings (full papers peer-reviewed)

- 2024 1. Jonathan Him Nok Lee, **Yip, Ka-Fai**, Mark Liberman, Jianjing Kuang. Some prosodic consequences of varied discourse functions in a Cantonese sentence-final particle. In *Proc. Speech Prosody 2024*, 632–636.
- 2022 1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee. Modal movement licensed by focus. In Andrew Simpson, ed., *New Explorations in Chinese Theoretical Syntax: Studies in Honor of Yen-Hui Audrey Li*, 165–192. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- 2020 2. Tsou, Benjamin K., and **Ka-Fai Yip**. A corpus-based comparative study of light verbs in three Chinese speech communities. In Minh Le Nguyen, Mai Chi Luong, and Sanghoun Song, eds., *Proceedings of the 34th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC)*, 302–311. Association for Computational Linguistics.
1. Tsou, Benjamin K., Ka Po Chow, John Lee, **Ka-Fai Yip**, Yaxuan Ji, and Kevin Wu. Bilingual multi-word expressions, multiple-correspondence, and their cultivation from parallel patents: the Chinese-English case. In Minh Le Nguyen, Mai Chi Luong, and Sanghoun Song, eds., *Proceedings of the 34th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC)*, 589–602. Association for Computational Linguistics.

## Conference proceedings (abstracts peer-reviewed)

- To appear 1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Only ‘only’ only: A distributed meaning approach to exclusive doubling. In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 34.
2. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Agreeing with ‘only’. In *Proceedings of WCCFL-41*.
3. Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, **Ka-Fai Yip**, Gareth Junjie Yang. Linguistic and social aspects of sibilant palatalization in homeland and heritage Cantonese. In *Proceedings of the 36th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-36)*.
- 2024 1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Two types of temporal adverbial clauses in Cantonese. In Robert Autry, Gabriela de la Cruz, Luis A. Irizarry Figueroa, Kristina Mihajlovic, Tianyi Ni, Ryan Smith, and Heidi Harley, eds., *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-39)*, 274–282. Somerville: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
2. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Right dislocation, defocus, and variations in syntax-prosody mapping. In Hisao Tokizaki, ed., *Phonological Externalization volume 9*, 89–112. Sapporo University.
3. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Defocus leads to syntax-prosody mismatches in right-dislocated structures. In Kutay Serova, and M. K. Snigaroff, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS-59)*, 557–571.
4. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Xuetong Yuan. Agreement in imperative clauses: Evidence from object resumptive pronouns in Mandarin Chinese. In Shaunak Phadnis, Carla Spellerberg, and Brynne Wilkinson, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-54)*, vol.2, 235–244.
- 2023 4. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, Ushasi Banerjee, and Margaret Chui Yi Lee. Are there “weak” definites in bare classifier languages? In Juhay Kim, Burak Öney, Yao Zhang, and Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao, eds., *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 33, 253–275.
3. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Comfort Ahenkorah. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 29(1): 206–215.
2. Lohninger, Magdalena, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. (In)dependence of features on composite probes. In Suet-Ying Lam, and Satoru Ozaki, eds., *Proceedings of the Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-53)*, vol.2, 155–164.

1. Liu, Yuyang, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. High vs. low ‘again’: Mandarin *you* vs. *zai* and Cantonese *-faan* vs. *-gwo*. In Wei William Zhou, Mineharu Nakayama, Marjorie K.M. Chan, & Zhiguo Xie, eds., *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics*, vol. 7, 94–104. Ohio State University.
- 2022 2. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Universal concord as syntactic agreement. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 28(1): 221–232.
1. Chan, Sheila Shu-Laam, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Discontinuous predicates as partial deletion in Cantonese. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 28(1): 26–36.
- 2021 2. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan. Deriving separable verbs in Cantonese. In Wei William Zhou, John Bundschuh, Mineharu Nakayama, and Zhiguo Xie, eds., *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics*, vol. 5, 94–104. Ohio State University.
1. Lee, Tommy Tsz-Ming, and **Ka-Fai Yip**. Raising, phase unlocked. In Rachel Soo, Una Y. Chow, and Sander Nederveen, eds., *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-38)*, 274–282. Somerville: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2020 2. **Yip, Ka-Fai**. Syntax-prosody mapping of right-dislocations in Cantonese and Mandarin. In Hisao Tokizaki, ed., *Phonological Externalization (Vol. 5)*, 73–90. Sapporo: Sapporo University.
1. **Yip, Ka-Fai**, and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee. Generalized Scope Economy. In Kaidi Chen, ed., *Proceedings of the 32nd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-32)*, 345–360. Storrs, CT: University of Connecticut.

## Talks and presentations

### Invited talks

- 2024 3. A parametric view on exclusive focus particles.  
Invited colloquium talk at Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, December 2, 2024.
2. Defocus Rephrasing: right dislocation and syntax-prosody mapping  
Invited talk at *Linguistics Brown Bag*, Stony Brook University, April 10, 2024. (with Xuotong Yuan)
1. Biclausal multidominant syntax of right dislocation in Chinese  
Invited talk at *Syntax Brown Bag*, New York University, March 1, 2024.
- 2023 3. Agreeing and non-agreeing resumptive pronouns in Sinitic languages  
Invited talk at *Georgetown Syntax Reading Group*, Georgetown University, November 9, 2023.
2. Defocus and syntax-prosody mismatches in right-dislocated structures  
Invited talk at *LingLunch*, University of Connecticut, April 25, 2023. (with Xuotong Yuan)
1. A compositional account of “only” doubling  
Invited talk at *LFRG*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 15, 2023.
- 2022 1. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion  
Invited talk at *LingLunch*, University of Connecticut, April 26, 2022. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
- 2021 2. Universal concord as syntactic agreement  
Invited talk at *Syntax Brown Bag*, New York University, October 22, 2021.
1. CanTONEse (a self-learning mobile app for Cantonese tones)  
Invited talk at *School of Cantonese Studies 2021*, The Education University of Hong Kong (online), May 15–16, 2021. (with Mei-ying Ki and Yik-Po Lai)
- 2020 1. Universal concord as syntactic agreement  
Invited talk at *Syntax+*, University of Southern California, October 5, 2020.

### Refereed presentations

- 2024 16. Differentiating between evidential bias and epistemic bias in questions: Evidence from Cantonese\*  
Talk at *The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024. \* *Awarded LSHK Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics (2024)*
15. Cantonese exclusive focus marker *-dak* as perfective aspect  
Talk at *The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024.

14. The dissection of Cantonese interjections: an exploration  
Talk at *The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024. (with Mei-ying Ki)
13. Why right dislocation must be biclausal  
Talk at *The 2024 Annual Research Forum of The Linguistic Society of Hong Kong (LSHK-ARF-2024)*, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, December 8, 2024.
12. Facilitator effects in Mandarin topicalization: Evidence for a crossing-based view of antilocality  
Talk at *The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Yale University, October 17–18, 2024. (with Fulang Chen)
11. Public Digital Humanities Reflections on the “Cantonese Master Challenge”  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 24<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-24)*, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, July 6, 2024. (with Yik-Po Lai, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Kam Pang Wong, Mei-ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Oscar Wong)
10. Teasing apart the prosodic effects of focus and of defocus: syntax-prosody mismatches in right dislocation  
Poster at *The 19<sup>th</sup> Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon-19)*, HIPCS, Hanyang University, June 27–29, 2024. (with Xuotong Yuan)
9. Variation of sibilant palatalization in homeland and heritage Cantonese  
Poster at *The 19<sup>th</sup> Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon-19)*, HIPCS, Hanyang University, June 27–29, 2024. (with Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, & Gareth Junjie Yang)
8. A tale of two types of exclusive doubling in Vietnamese  
Talk at *The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS-33)*, National Tsing Hua University, June 15–17, 2024.
7. Only ‘only’ only: a distributed meaning approach to exclusive doubling  
Talk at *The 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 34)*, University of Rochester, May 28–30, 2024.
6. Exclusive focus particles in Yorùbá  
Talk at *The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL-55)*, McGill University, May 2–4 2024. (with Olabode Adedeji)
5. Two types of subject resumption in Akan  
Talk at *The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL-55)*, McGill University, May 2–4 2024. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
4. Defending a biclausal approach to right dislocation  
Talk at *The 36<sup>th</sup> North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-36)*, Pomona College, March 23–24, 2024.
3. Linguistic and social aspects of sibilant palatalization in homeland and heritage Cantonese  
Talk at *The 36<sup>th</sup> North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-36)*, Pomona College, March 23–24, 2024. (with Yanting Li, Xiao Dong, & Gareth Junjie Yang)
2. Right dislocation, defocus, and variations in syntax-prosody mapping  
Talk at *The 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure: Theory, Typology and History (Phex-15)*, Tokyo Woman’s Christian University, February 24, 2024. (with Xuotong Yuan)
1. Agreement in imperative clauses: evidence from object resumptive pronouns in Mandarin Chinese  
Poster at *The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS-54)*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 26–27, 2024. (with Xuotong Yuan)
- 2023 10. On the Rising-Falling boundary tone in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 27<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Ohio State University (online), November 30–December 2, 2023. (with Mei-ying Ki)
9. Sibilant palatalization in Hong Kong and Toronto Cantonese: a corpus study  
Talk at *The 27<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Ohio State University (online), November 30–December 2, 2023. (with Yanting Li & Xiao Dong)
8. Online quiz game “Cantonese Master Challenge”: gamifying linguistics popularization and crowdsourced data collection  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Digital Archives and Digital Humanities*, National Cheng Kung University, December 1–3, 2023. (with Yik-Po Lai, Mei-ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Kam Pang Wong, Oscar Wong)

7. Jussive agreement with non-agreeing resumptive pronouns in Mandarin Chinese  
Talk at *16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 16)*, CRISSP of KU Leuven, Brussels, October 5–6, 2023. (with Xuetong Yuan)
  6. Are there “weak definites” in bare classifier languages?  
Talk at *The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 33)*, Yale University, May 12–14, 2023. (with Ushasi Banejee & Margaret Chui Yi Lee)
  5. Agreeing with ‘only’  
Talk at *41<sup>st</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL-41)*, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 5–7, 2023.
  4. Defocus leads to syntax-prosody mismatches in right dislocated structures  
Talk at *59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 59)*, The University of Chicago, April 28–30, 2023. (with Xuetong Yuan)
  3. Agreeing with ‘only’ in Cantonese\*  
Talk at *The 47<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-47)*, University of Pennsylvania, March 18–19, 2023.  
\*Awarded PLC-47 Best Abstract Award
  2. (In)dependence of features on composite probes  
Poster at *The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 53)*, University of Göttingen, January 12–14, 2023. (with Magdalena Lohninger)
  1. Independence and what it allows you to do  
Poster at *The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Denver, January 5–8, 2023. (with Magdalena Lohninger)
- 2022
14. Doubling exclusive particles in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 2022 Annual Research Forum of The Linguistic Society of Hong Kong (LSHK-ARF-2022)*, The Hong Kong Baptist University (online), December 3, 2022.
  13. “Definite” bare nouns as quasi-names in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 26th International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Jinan University (online), November 26–27, 2022. (with Margaret Chui Yi Lee)
  12. High vs. low ‘again’: Mandarin *you* vs. *zai* and Cantonese *-faan* vs. *-gwo*.  
Talk at *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 5 (BEAL-5)*, The Ohio State University (online), October 28, 2022. (with Yuyang Liu)
  11. “Archival collections” vs “Computational corpora”: The structure and concerns of text repositories built for disparate tasks  
Talk at *The Language Documentation and Archiving Conference (LD&A) 2022*, Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (online), October 5–7, 2022. (with Irene Yi, Amelia Lake, Cassandra Haakman, Sarah Babinski, Sunkulp Ananthanarayan, Coralie Cram & Claire Bowern)
  10. Doubling exclusivity in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 34<sup>th</sup> North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-34)*, Indiana University Bloomington, September 24–25, 2022.
  9. Rethinking the internal syntax of adverbial clauses and operator movement  
Talk at *The 13<sup>th</sup> Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia (GLOW in Asia XIII)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), August 4–7, 2022. (with Zhuo Chen)
  8. On the positions of ‘again’: Comparing Cantonese *-faan*, *-gwo* with Mandarin *you*, *zai*  
Talk at *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-22)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), June 25, 2022. (with Yuyang Liu)
  7. Processing discontinuous predicates in Cantonese  
Talk at *The Fifth Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL-5)*, City University of Hong Kong (online), June 4, 2022. (with Carmen Kin Man Tang, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan)
  6. Over Forty Thousand Responses to the Online Quiz Game “Cantonese Master Challenge”: The Public Understanding of Cantonese Linguistics  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The Fifth Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL-5)*, City University of Hong Kong (online), June 4, 2022. (with Yik-Po Lai, Kenith Chan, Mei-ying Ki, Chaak-ming Lau, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Kam Pang Wong, Oscar Wong)

5. Separable verbs as partial deletion in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-28)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), May 20–22, 2022.  
(with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan)
4. MSC variations in metaphorization among Pan-Chinese speech communities  
Talk at *The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-28)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), May 20–22, 2022. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
3. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion  
Talk at *The 46<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-46)*, University of Pennsylvania (online), March 18–20, 2022.  
(with Comfort Ahenkorah)
2. Adverbial clauses with and without operator movement  
Talk at *The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Washington, DC, January 6–9, 2022.  
(with Zhuo Chen)
1. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion  
Poster at *The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Washington, DC, January 6–9, 2022.  
(with Comfort Ahenkorah)
- 2021 21. Converbs and adverbial clauses: a case study in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Chinese (online), December 18–19, 2021.
20. Partial deletion at word-level: discontinuous predicates in Cantonese  
Talk at *The Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 14 (BCGL-14)*, CRISSP of KU Leuven (online), December 16–18, 2021. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee and Sheila Shu-Laam Chan)
19. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion  
Talk at *SYNC 2021*, CUNY Graduate Center (online), December 4, 2021. (with Comfort Ahenkorah)
18. Two kinds of resumption in Cantonese  
Talk at *2021 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, City University of Hong Kong (online), December 4, 2021.
17. Adverbial clauses with and without operator movement  
Talk at *The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-9)*, Fudan University (online), November 5–7, 2021. (with Zhuo Chen)
16. Universal concord as syntactic agreement  
Talk at *The 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Formal Linguistics (WFL-13)*, Auditório do Instituto de Letras, Universidade de Brasília (online), September 14–17, 2021.
15. Hyper-raising, evidentiality, and phase deactivation  
Talk at *The 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Formal Linguistics (WFL-13)*, Auditório do Instituto de Letras, Universidade de Brasília (online), September 14–17, 2021. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
14. Differential metaphorization and grammaticalization in Chinese light verbs  
Talk at *The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE-54)*, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (online), August 30–September 3, 2021. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
13. Concord as syntactic agreement: evidence from intervention effects  
Poster at *Colloquium on Generative Grammar 30 (CGG-30)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (online), June 30–July 2, 2021.
12. Where is the dividing line between spoken and written Cantonese data source: from the LIVAC perspective  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-21)*, The Education University of Hong Kong (online), June 26, 2021. (with Benjamin K. Tsou and Yaxuan Ji)
11. Converbs and adverbial clauses: a case study in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-33)*, The University of Chicago (online), June 24–25, 2021.
10. MSC variations in metaphorization among Pan-Chinese speech communities  
Talk at *The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-33)*, The University of Chicago (online), June 24–25, 2021. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)

9. Separable verbs as partial deletion in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-33)*, The University of Chicago (online), June 24–25, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
8. Differential metaphorization and grammaticalization: a case study of Chinese light verbs  
Talk at *Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) 14: Metaphor and Space*, Vilnius University, June 23–26, 2021.
7. Syntax-prosody mapping of right dislocation: a comparative study of Cantonese and Mandarin\*  
Talk at *The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Prosodic Grammar (ICPG-7)*, Beijing Language and Culture University and Tianjin University (online), April 17–18, 2021.  
\*Awarded Young Scholar Award for Prosodic Grammar, First Place
6. Two types of temporal adverbial clauses in Cantonese  
Poster at *The 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL39)*, The University of Arizona (online), April 8–11, 2021.
5. Universal concord as syntactic agreement  
Talk at *The 45<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-45)*, University of Pennsylvania (online), March 19–21, 2021.
4. Verbal “infixation” as partial deletion: a case in Cantonese verbs  
Talk at *The 45<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-45)*, University of Pennsylvania (online), March 19–21, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
3. Two types of temporal adverbial clauses in Cantonese  
Talk at *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 4 (BEAL-4)*, The Ohio State University (online), March 5, 2021.
2. Deriving separable verbs in Cantonese  
Talk at *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 4 (BEAL-4)*, The Ohio State University (online), March 5, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
1. Separable verbs, syllable deletion, and micro-variations  
Talk at *The 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure (Phex-11)*, Sapporo University (online), February 13, 2021. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
- 2020 15. Indirect evidence as a licensing condition of hyperraising in Cantonese and Vietnamese  
Talk at *The Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 13 (BCGL-13)*, CRISSP of KU Leuven (online), December 16–18, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
14. On the position of perfective aspect  
Talk at *2020 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), December 11–12, 2020.
13. A preliminary study on metaphorization of Chinese verbs: comparing Hong Kong, Macau and Beijing  
Talk (in Chinese) at *2020 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), December 11–12, 2020. (with Benjamin K. Tsou and Yaxuan Ji)
12. CanTONEse: a self-learning mobile app for Cantonese tones  
Talk at *The 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, University of Macau (online), November 13–14, 2020. (with Mei-ying Ki and Yik-Po Lai)
11. Bilingual multi-word expressions, multiple-correspondence, and their cultivation from parallel patents: the Chinese-English case  
Talk at *PACLIC Workshop on Multiword Expressions in Asian languages (MWEA 2020)*, VNU University of Science (online), October 26, 2020. (with Benjamin K. Tsou, Ka Po CHOW, John LEE, Yaxuan Ji and Kevin WU)
10. A corpus-based comparative study of light verbs in three Chinese speech communities  
Talk at *The 34<sup>th</sup> Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC-34)*, VNU University of Science (online), October 24–26, 2020. (with Benjamin K. Tsou)
9. Generalized Scope Economy  
Talk at *The 32<sup>nd</sup> North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-32)*, University of Connecticut (online), September 18–20, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
8. Hyperraising and evidentiality  
Talk at *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-22)*, Gyeongsang National University, Korea (online), August 12–14, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)

7. Generalized Scope Economy  
Talk at *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-22)*, Gyeongsang National University, Korea (online), August 12–14, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  6. Syllable deletion and morphological length in Cantonese verbs  
Talk at *The Third Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL-3)*, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, June 27, 2020. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  5. How to identify intonations on sentence-final particles?  
Talk at *The Twentieth Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-20)*, Hong Kong Baptist University (online), June 6, 2020. (with Jonathan Him Nok Lee)
  4. Zero-coded passives in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-5)*, The Ohio State University (online), April 18, 2020. (with Sheila Shu-Laam Chan and Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  3. The prosodic syntax of right dislocation in Cantonese  
Talk at *The 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-5)*, The Ohio State University (online), April 18, 2020.
  2. Raising, phase unlocked  
Talk at *The 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL38)*, The University of British Columbia, March 6–8, 2020. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  1. Syntax-prosody mapping in clausal domains: right dislocation in Mandarin and Cantonese  
Talk at *The 10<sup>th</sup> workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure: Universals and Variables (Phex 10)*, The University of Tokyo, February 15, 2020.
- 2019
6. Sentence-initial root modals and focus  
Talk at *2019 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, The Education University of Hong Kong, December 7, 2019. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  5. The prosodic syntax of right dislocation in Cantonese  
Talk (in Chinese) at *2019 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, The Education University of Hong Kong, December 7, 2019.
  4. Verbs of saying in Chenghai Min  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 5<sup>th</sup> Inter-Regional Forum on Dialectal Grammar (IRF-5)*, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, June 15–16, 2019. (with Jia Jin)
  3. Attitude verbs, uncertain propositions and hyper-raising  
Talk at *The Second Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL-2)*, The Education University of Hong Kong, June 1, 2019. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  2. Re-classifying Cantonese verbal suffixes  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The Second Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL-2)*, The Education University of Hong Kong, June 1, 2019.
  1. Subordinate affixes in Cantonese and intervention effects  
Talk at *The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-27)*, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Japan, May 10–12, 2019.
- 2018
4. A preliminary study on subordinate affixes in Cantonese  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, Jinan University, Guangzhou, December 15–16, 2018.
  3. Two subclasses of verbs of thinking in Cantonese  
Talk at *2018 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, City University of Hong Kong, December 1, 2018. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
  2. Complex sentence formation of Cantonese affix *can*  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-8)*, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, November 24–25, 2018.
  1. Cantonese verbal suffix *dak* and intentionality  
Talk at *The 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-4)*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 23–24, 2018.



- 2017 2. Three discontinuous constructions of Cantonese verbal suffix *can*  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, The Education University of Hong Kong, December 8–9, 2017.
1. A study of Cantonese intentional verbal suffix *dak*  
Talk (in Chinese) at *2017 Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (ARF)*, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 2, 2017.
- 2015 1. Properties of Cantonese classifier *zan*  
Talk (in Chinese) at *The 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Yue Dialects*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 11–12, 2015.

## Other presentations

- 2024 1. Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns in imperatives  
Talk at *The CUHK-UChicago Forum on Comparative Linguistics*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 5, 2024. (with Xuetong Yuan)
- 2023 1. CHAIN FAITHFULNESS: restricting Partial Copy Deletion on discontinuous constituents  
Poster at *Syntax near NYU*, New York University, November 17, 2023. (with Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee)
- 2022 1. On Cantonese yes-no question particle *aa4*: evidential bias and confirmation  
Poster at *Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia*, Yale University, April 29–30, 2022.
- 2021 2. Tones are colourful and animate: the self-learning mobile app CanTONEse  
Talk at *International Conference on Technology-Enhanced Language Learning and Teaching & Corpus-based Language Learning and Teaching 2021 (TeLLT & CoLLT 2021)*, The Education University of Hong Kong (online), July 7–9, 2021. (with Mei-ying Ki and Yik-Po Lai)
1. Exclusive focus in Yoruba  
Talk at *The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) 2021*, University of Connecticut (online), May 1, 2021.
- 2020 1. Facilitating the self-learning of Cantonese: an innovative e-approach  
Talk at *Teaching and Learning Innovation Expo 2019/20*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), July 28–30, 2020. (with Pit Shun Lai and Yik-Po Lai)
- 2019 1. Universal Concord: evidence from Cantonese pseudo affixal quantifier *-can*  
Poster at *2019 LSA Linguistic Institute*, University of California, Davis, July 7, 2019.

## Teaching experience

- 2022– Teaching Fellow, Yale University
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| - LING 280                   | Morphology                    | (Fall 2024)   |
| - LING 275/CGSC 275/PHIL 280 | Pragmatics                    | (Spring 2024) |
| - LING 217/EDST 237/PSYC 317 | Language and Mind             | (Fall 2023)   |
| - LING 116/CGSC 216/PSYC 116 | Cognitive Science of Language | (Spring 2023) |
| - LING 253                   | Syntax I                      | (Fall 2022)   |
- Feb–Jun 2020 Teaching Assistant, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)
- MILE5304 Chinese Lexicology
- Sep–Dec 2018 Teaching Assistant, CUHK
- CHLL2131 Intro to Chinese Phonology

## Other study experience

- Jun–Jul 2023 2023 LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of Massachusetts Amherst, U.S.A.
- Jun–Jul 2019 2019 LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of California, Davis, U.S.A.
- Jul–Aug 2017 Summer Institute, 2017 Core Course (First Grade), Linguistics Institute of China, Tianjin Normal University, China

## Other research experience

- Jul–Aug, Dec 2024, Jan 2025 Fieldwork at Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, Dalat)  
- Project: Exclusive doubling in Vietnamese from a comparative perspective
- Feb–Jun 2020, Jul 2021 Research Assistant, ChiLin (HK) Limited (Supervisor: Benjamin K. Tsou)  
- Project: A corpus-based comparative study of light verbs in Chinese speech communities  
- Project: Differential metaphorization and grammaticalization in Chinese light verbs
- Oct 2019– Jul 2020 Junior Research Assistant, Department of Chinese Language and Literature, CUHK  
- Assisting online learning of Mandarin and Cantonese (Supervisor: Sze-Wing Tang)
- Dec 2018– May 2019 Designing teaching materials of the self-learning app *CanTONEse* for learning Cantonese tones, CUHK
- Jul 2018 Designing a self-assessment test on Cantonese, CUHK
- Jun–Aug 2014 Student helper, Human-Computer Communications Laboratory, CUHK  
- To transcribe and assess data of interviewees having central dysarthria

## Scholarship and honors

- 2020– Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship (tuition and stipend)
- 2024–2025 MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship (USD 8860)  
- Project: Exclusive doubling in Vietnamese from a comparative perspective
- 2024 LSHK Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics, Linguistic Society of Hong Kong  
The 28th International Conference on Yue Dialects, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, December 13–14, 2024.
- 2022–2024 MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant, Yale University
- 2024 Council on East Asian Studies Conference Fund, Yale University
- 2023 Linguistic Society of America Summer Program Award, Yale University
- 2023 PLC-47 Best Abstract Award  
The 47th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC-47), University of Pennsylvania, March 18-19, 2023.
- 2021 Young Scholar Award for Prosodic Grammar, First Place  
The 7th International Conference on Prosodic Grammar (ICPG-7), Beijing Language and Culture University and Tianjin University, April 17-18, 2021.
- 2017–2019 Postgraduate Studentship, CUHK
- 2017 Undergraduate “Independent Research” Paper Award (Language and Linguistics)  
Department of Chinese Language and Literature, CUHK
- 2014 Gold Award, Best Essay Award (In Dialogue with Nature)  
General Education, CUHK

## Academic services

### Conference organization

- 2018– Organizing committee, The Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL)  
- FoCaL-1: The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 31 May, 2018  
- FoCaL-2: The Education University of Hong Kong, 1 June, 2019  
- FoCaL-3: The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, 27 June, 2020  
- FoCaL-4: Hong Kong Baptist University (online), 29 May, 2021  
- FoCaL-5: City University of Hong Kong (online), 4 June, 2022  
- FoCaL-6: The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 10 June, 2023  
- FoCaL-7: Hong Kong Shue Yan University, 22 June, 2024  
- FoCaL-8: University of Hong Kong, to be held on 21 June 2025.
- 2024 Organizing committee, The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-55)  
Yale University, 17–18 October, 2024

- 2023 Organizing committee, The 27th International Conference on Yue Dialects  
The Ohio State University (online), 30 November–2 December, 2023
- 2023 Organizing committee, Stony Brook, Yale, NYU, CUNY Linguistics Conference (SYNC-23)  
Yale University, 4 March, 2023
- 2022 Organizing committee, The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) 2022  
Yale University, 12 November, 2022
- 2018 Student organizer, The 11th Cross-Strait Symposium on Modern Chinese Language  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 7–8 Dec, 2018
- 2017 Student helper, The International Symposium on Chinese in the Maritime Silk Road  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 7–8 Apr, 2017

### Reviewing for journals

- 2025 *Language and Linguistics*
- 2024 *Linguistic Inquiry, Journal of East Asian Linguistics, Language and Linguistics*
- 2021 *Journal of East Asian Linguistics, Yale Undergraduate Research Journal*

### Language skills

Cantonese: Native	English: Proficient
Mandarin: Near-native	Japanese: Course work
Vietnamese: Research & fieldwork	