

Education

- 2022– **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, *PhD student in Linguistics*.
2022 **The University of Hong Kong**,
Major in Linguistics and Computer Science, Bachelor of Arts.

Publications

- 2024 **Lam, S.Y.** and Hwang, H. (2024). Pronoun interpretation is more subject-biased than expected by the Bayesian Model. *Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23273798.2024.2427073>
- 2022 **Lam, S.Y.** and Hwang, H. (2022). How does topicality affect the choice of referential expressions? Evidence from Mandarin. *Cognitive Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cogs.13190>
- 2022 Hwang, H., **Lam, S.Y.**, Ni, W., Ren, H. (2022). The role of grammatical role and thematic role predictability in reference form production in Mandarin Chinese. *Frontiers in Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.930572>

Conference Proceedings

- 2025 **Lam, S.Y.**#, Zeng, Q.#, Wu, J., Voigt, R.* (2025). *Leveraging Human Production-Interpretation Asymmetries to Test LLM Cognitive Plausibility*. Proceedings of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. [Paper]
- 2024 **Lam, S.Y.*** (2024). *A Phonological Analysis of the onset velar nasal merger in Hong Kong Cantonese*. Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA).
- 2023 **Lam, S.Y.**#, Zeng, Q.#, Zhang, K.#, You, C., Voigt, R.* (2023). *Large Language Models Are Partially Primed in Pronoun Interpretation*. Findings of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. [Paper]
(# indicates equal contribution)

Conference Presentations (without proceeding)

- 2025 **Lam, S.Y.**, and Ozaki, S. (2025). *Investigating the source of passive ellipsis clause penalty*. 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of Maryland, March 26 - 29, 2025.
- 2024 **Lam, S.Y.**, Momma, S. and Dillon, B. (2024). *Evidence that thematic role is the major determinant of antecedent activation* [Poster presentation]. 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of Michigan, May 16 - 18, 2024.
- 2023 Hwang, H. and **Lam, S.Y.** (2023). *The influence of action continuity on reference form in Mandarin and English* [Poster presentation]. 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of Pittsburgh, March 9 - 11, 2022.
- 2022 **Lam, S.Y.** and Hwang, H. (2022). *Topichood Effects on Different Types of Referential Forms: Evidence from Mandarin* [Poster presentation]. 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of California, Santa Cruz (Virtual), March 24 - 26, 2022.
- 2021 **Lam, S.Y.** and Hwang, H. (2021). *Interpretation of null pronouns in Mandarin Chinese does not follow a Bayesian model* [Short-talk presentation]. 34th annual CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference. University of Pennsylvania (Virtual), Mar 4-6, 2021. [Abstract]

Awards

- 2025 **38th Human Sentence Processing Conference Travel Award**, *USD375*.
- 2023 **36th Human Sentence Processing Conference Travel Award**, *USD400*.
- 2020-2021 **Dean's Honors List**, *The University of Hong Kong*.
- 2020-2021 **Common Core TransDisciplinary Undergraduate Research**, *HKD11500 (USD1479)*.
 - Project: Exploring the mechanisms of Chinese zero pronoun interpretation and production in human and computer processing: Focusing on the role of topichood".
- 2020-2021 **Teaching Development and Language Enhancement Grant (TDLEG)**, *HKD8000 (USD1029)*.
 - Project: *A Bayesian approach to model pronoun processing in Mandarin Chinese: a discourse pro-drop language*
- 2018 **HKU Centenary Scholarships for Surveying Students**, *HKD10000 for 3 awardees*.
 - For recognition of emerging leadership

Teaching

As an instructor

- Fall 2024 **LING201: Introduction to Linguistic Theories (On-line)**.
- As a discussion section leader
- Spring 2024 **LING201: Introduction to Linguistic Theories**, *Instructor: Kyle Johnson*.
- Fall 2023 **LING101: People & Their Language**, *Instructor: Rajesh Bhatt*.

Non-degree Education

- Sep 2024 **The Eighth Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology**, *University of Postdam*, Advanced Bayesian data analysis.
- Sep 2023 **The Seventh Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology**, *University of Postdam*, Introduction to Bayesian data analysis.
- Jun 2023 **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**, *UMass Amherst*.
- 29 Jul – 6 Aug, 2021 **Eastern Generative Grammer (EGG) Summer School**,
Attended courses: Semantic Universals and Experimental methods in Semantics.

Service

Organizer

- 2024 Student organizer, *UMass Amherst Psycholinguistics workshop*
- 2023 Organizing committee, *27th International Conferences for Yue Dialects, 2023*
- 2023 Co-editor, *Proceedings of the 53rd Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS53)*
- 2023-2024 Co-organizer, *UMass Amherst Linguistics Colloquium Series*

Ad-hoc reviewer

- Journal *Linguistics Vanguard*
- Conference *International Conferences for Yue Dialects*

Skills

- Languages *Mandarin (native), Cantonese (native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate)*
- Programming *R (including rstan), Python, Javascript, Java, C++ (Descending in proficiency)*