

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 and Manuscript

- Under revision **Lam, S.Y.*** and Hwang, H. (2023). Pronoun interpretation is more subject-biased than expected by the Bayesian Model.
- 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.2022.9>

Conference Proceedings

- To appear **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.(# indicates equal contribution) [Paper]

Conference Presentations (without proceeding)

- 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 Schwarz F., Renans A., Ahn D., Bergsma, F. Chanchaochai, N., Duah, R., Driemel, I. Geist, L., Grubic, M., Korsah, S., **Lam, S-Y.**, Meier, C., Sag, Y., Saha, A., Simik, R., Simonenko, A (2023). *Two types of definites — cross-linguistic experimental study*. Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning. University of Zurich, Nov 6-8, 2023.
- 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 Pittsburg, 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

- 2023 **36th Human Sentence Processing Conference Travel Award**, USD400.
- 2020-2021 **Dean's Honors List**.
- 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

- Spring 2024 **LING201: Introduction to Linguistic Theories**,
UMass Amherst, Teaching assistant (Instructor: Kyle Johnson).
- Fall 2023 **LING101: People & Their Language**,
UMass Amherst, Teaching assistant (Instructor: Rajesh Bhatt).

Non-degree Education

- 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

- 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

Skills

- Languages Mandarin (native), Cantonese (native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate)
- Programming R, Python, Javascript, Java, C++ (Descending in proficiency), and other languages that I have learnt in undergrad studies but almost forgot