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City University of Hong Kong

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Linguistics, City University of Hong Kong

Sep. 2025–2029 (expected)

B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature, Beijing Normal University

Sep. 2021–Jun. 2025

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Papers

- 2024 | **Yi Zhang**, Lishan Li, Wei Lai, and Xiaoying Xu. The Influence of Language Loss on Tone Perception: Diminishing Voice Quality Cues in Preserved Tone Contrast. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 156(6), 3707–3722.

Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

- 2025 | Songyuchen Yang, **Yi Zhang**, and Xiaoying Xu. Dialect-Specific Modes Influence L2 Perception: Evidence from Chongqing Dialect–Standard Mandarin Learners of English. *In Proc. of the 2025 International Conference on Asian Language Processing (IALP 2025)*, IEEE, Sarawak, Malaysia, pp. 188–192.
- 2024 | **Yi Zhang**, Lishan Li, and Xiaoying Xu. Individual Differences in Tone Perception and Production in Emerging Dialect: A Case Study of Elementary School Children in Changsha. *In Proc. of Chinese Spoken Language Processing (ISCSLP) 2024*, IEEE, Beijing, China, pp. 269–273.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2026 | **Yi Zhang**, Xinye Zhang, Hai Hu, and Aini Li. Acquisition of Variation in Dual Immersion Preschools: The Use of Syllable-Initial Alveolar and Retroflex Sibilants by Chinese Heritage Language Children. *Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language 2026 (HISPhonCog 2026)*, May 22–23, Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2025 | Songyuchen Yang, **Yi Zhang**, and Xiaoying Xu. Dialect-Specific Modes Influence L2 Perception: Evidence from Chongqing Dialect–Standard Mandarin Learners of English. *The 2025 International Conference on Asian Language Processing (IALP 2025)*, August 3–6, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- 2024 | **Yi Zhang**, Lishan Li, and Xiaoying Xu. Individual Differences in Tone Perception and Production in Emerging Dialect: A Case Study of Elementary School Children in Changsha. *The 14th International Symposium on Chinese Spoken Language Processing (ISCSLP 2024)*, November, Beijing, China.
- Yi Zhang**, Lishan Li, and Xiaoying Xu. Individual Differences in Tone Perception and Production in the Process of Dialect Emerging: A Case Study of Elementary School Children in Changsha. *The 15th International Conference in Evolutionary Linguistics (CIEL-15)*, July, Changsha, China.
- Lishan Li, **Yi Zhang**, Jiajia Hu, and Xiaoying Xu. Perceptual Cues and Tone Distances Across Stages of Tone Mergers: Evidence from Similar Tones in Cantonese. *The 15th International Conference in Evolutionary Linguistics (CIEL-15)*, July, Changsha, China.
- 2023 | Xiaoying Xu, **Yi Zhang**, and Lishan Li. The Influence of Language Loss on Tone Perception: Weakened Sound Quality Cues in the Preserved Tone Pairs. *National Conference on Man–Machine Speech Communication*, December, Suzhou, China.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, Beijing Normal University	2025
2nd Class Award, <i>Jingshi</i> Cup Academic Works Contest, Beijing Normal University	2024
2nd Class <i>Jingshi</i> Fellowship, Beijing Normal University	2021–2022; 2022–2023
1st Class Incentive Grants, Beijing Normal University	Fall 2022–2023; Spring 2022–2023
2nd Class Incentive Grants, Beijing Normal University	Fall 2021–2022; Fall 2023–2024

LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Languages	Mandarin Chinese (native); English (fluent); Japanese (introductory level)
Programming	Python, R, L ^A T _E X, Praat, VoiceSauce