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Research Interests

Neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics, evolutionary linguistics.

Education

The University of Chicago 2017–present
Ph.D. in Linguistics

The University of Chicago 2017–2019
M.A. in Linguistics

Thesis: Statistical learning and determiner-noun fusion in Haitian Creole (advised by Professor Salikoko Mufwene).

Duke University 2013–2017
A.B. in French and Francophone Studies, B.S. in Biology, minor in Linguistics

Graduation with Highest Distinction, magna cum laude

Thesis: Application des théories non-créolistes à l'étude de la complexité des créoles (advised by Professor Julie A. Tetel).
Cumulative GPA: 3.94/4.00.

St Andrew's Junior College, Singapore 2011–2012
Science Scholars' Program, Book Prizes for best student in Biology and Economics
Singapore-Cambridge GCE A Level Results: 89/90.

Research Experience

Honors Thesis 2016-2017
advised by Professor Julie A. Tetel, Duke University Linguistics Interdepartmental Program

- Application of non-Creole Studies Frameworks into Studying Creole Complexity (original work in French).
- Comparison of Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Ewe and French using hidden / overt complexity framework proposed by linguist Walter Bisang.

Howard Hughes Undergraduate Research Program 2014
advised by Professor David R. Sherwood, Duke University Department of Biology

- Decoding mutations behind anchor cell invasion in *C. elegans*.

National University of Singapore Science Research Program 2011
advised by Professor Justin Chu J.H., National University of Singapore Department of Microbiology

- Development of diagnostic platform for mosquito-borne pathogens.

Non-degree Academic Experience

4-week Immersion Course in Haitian Creole Summer 2016
Enstiti Travay Sosyal ak Syans Sosyal, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

4-week Course in Tropical Biology Summer 2016
Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica

3-week Course in Spanish (Intermediate II) Summer 2016
Costa Rican Language Academy, San José, Costa Rica

Duke in France - EDUCO (semester program) Spring and Fall 2015
Université Paris Sorbonne, Université Paris Diderot, Paris, France

Duke in Paris Summer 2016
Paris, France

Scholarships, Awards & Honors

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Co-PI with Ming Xiang) 2021-present

Phi Beta Kappa induction, Beta Chapter 2017

The Robert J. Niess/Alexander Hull Award for an outstanding French major 2017

Duke University Dean's List with Distinction Fall 2013, Spring 2016

Duke University Dean's List Fall and Spring 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Duke Ambassador Scholarship 2013–2017

Agency for Science, Technology and Research (Singapore) Research Scholarship 2009–2012

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 34th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** 2021
- The effect of representational complexity on working memory processes. (short talk, with Ming Xiang)
- International Conference on Interdisciplinary Advances in Statistical Learning, San Sebastian, Spain** 2019
- Determiner-noun fusion in Haitian Creole: a statistical learning approach. (poster)
- Summer Conference of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Lisbon, Portugal** 2019
- Determiner-noun fusion in Haitian Creole: a statistical learning approach. (talk)

Other Presentations

- Uniformitarianism in Genetic Creolistics Conference, University of Chicago** 2019
- Determiner-noun fusion in Haitian Creole: a statistical learning approach. (talk)
- Romance Studies Undergraduate Research Conference, Duke University** 2017
- Do Creoles really have “the world’s simplest grammars”? (talk)

Teaching and Work Experience

- Course Assistant** Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Computational Linguistics, Psycholinguistics
- Research Mentor** Winter and Spring 2020
Sapir Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research
- French Language Tutor** 2016-2017
Academic Resource Center, Duke University
- Student Assistant** Spring 2015
International Association of Universities, UNESCO
- Research Assistant** Fall 2014
Big Cats’ Initiative, Duke University
- Student Intern** Spring 2013
Hospital of Tropical Disease, Vietnam

Service

- Co-founder and Co-coordinator** 2018–present
Language Evolution, Acquisition and Processing Workshop
- Organizer** 2018–2019
55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society
- Reviewer** 2018–2020
54th, 55th, 56th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society

Languages

Native: Vietnamese
Fluent: English, French (C1–CERP)
Intermediate: German, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese

Skills

Python, PsychoPy, R, Matlab, L^AT_EX