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Linguistics

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Teaching and Research Areas: applied linguistics, language and gesture, multimodal corpus linguistics, multimodal corpus semantics, multimodal corpus pragmatics, multimodal spoken discourse analysis.

Academic Qualification:

2015 - 2019 PhD in Applied Linguistics, School of English, University of Nottingham,

UK (Thesis topic: Towards the multimodal unit of meaning: multimodal corpus-based research on speech and gesture in formulaic sequences and

recurrent gestures)

2008 - 2010 MA in TESOL, School of Education, University of York, UK (Thesis topic:

Classroom discourse analysis: the case of two English classes of Chinese

learners)

2004 - 2008 BA in English Linguistics and Literature, Foreign Languages College,

Zhejiang Normal University, Zhejiang, China (Thesis topic: A reading of

Jack Kerouac's On the Road in light of Beat Generation)

Teaching Experiences:

2019 - NOW Assistant professor in Applied Linguistics / Macau Science and

Technology / University International College (Courses: Elementary Reading, Semantics, Applied Linguistics, English for Media and Press,

Teaching English as a Second Language)

Feb. 2016 - Apr. 2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant / University of Nottingham, Ningbo /

School of English (Course: World Englishes)

2010 - 2014 Lecturer / Zhejiang Normal University, China / Xingzhi College (Courses:

Language and Culture, English Reading, English Listening and

Speaking)

Representative Publications

Journal Articles:

- Chen, Y.*, & Adolphs, S. (2023). Towards a corpus-based description of speech-gesture units of meaning. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, 28(2), 172–201. https://doi.org/10.1075/ijcl.20174.che (SSCI)
- Chen, Y.*, & Adolphs, S. (2023). Towards a speech–gesture profile of pragmatic markers: The case of "you know." *Journal of Pragmatics*, 210, 36–51. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2023.03.004 (SSCI)
- Chen, Y., Adolphs, S.*, & Knight, D. (accepted). Towards a speech-gesture profile of discourse markers: The case of 'I mean'. *Lingua* (SSCI)
- Wu, S.*, Cienki, A., & Chen, Y. (under revision). Gestural expression of negation in Chinese. *Gesture* (SSCI)
- Chen, Y.*, & Adolphs, S. (in preparation). Towards a speech-gesture profile of discourse markers: The case of 'well'.
- Jue, H., & Chen., Y*. (in preparation). Towards a profile of teachers' gestures in teaching Chinese as a second language.

Book Chapters:

- Lin, P., & Chen, Y. (2020). Multimodality I: Speech, prosody and gesture. In S. Adophs & D. Knight (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Digital Humanities* (pp. 66–84). London: Routledge.
- Chen, Y., Adolphs, S. & Knight, D. (2021). Multimodal Discourse Analysis. In J. Hardy, & E. Friginal (eds), Routledge Handbook of Corpus Approaches to Discourse Analysis (pp. 98-115). London: Routledge.
- Adolphs, S., & Chen, Y. (2021). Corpus pragmatics. In M. Haugh, D. Z. Kádár, & M. Terkourafi (eds), *Handbook of Sociopragmatics* (pp. 639–662). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Adolphs, S. & Chen, Y. (forthcoming). The multi-modal lexical item. In H. Nesi, & P. Milin (eds), International Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics (3rd Edition). Elsevier.

Textbooks:

• Shao, Huijuan, Ma, Lihong, Zhu, Jinyi, & Chen, Yaoyao (2014), *Learn to Communicate with Westerners*. Zhejiang: Zhejiang University Press.

Conferences:

- Chen, Yaoyao, & Adolphs, Svenja. (2021). Towards the multimodal unit of meaning of recurrent gestures. Paper accepted by the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Virtual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 20-23 March, 2021.
- Chen, Yaoyao, & Adolphs, Svenja. (2019). Multimodal corpus pragmatics: Towards a multimodal unit of analysis. Paper presented by the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL), Atlanta, USA, 9-12 March, 2019.

- Chen, Yaoyao, & Adolphs, Svenja. (2017). Multimodal corpus-based investigations of the gesture-speech relationship. Paper presented at the 9th International Corpus Linguistics Conference (ICLC), the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, 24-28 July, 2017.
- Chen, Yaoyao. (2015). Towards a multi-modal unit of analysis. Paper presented at the 2015 British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL) Conference, Aston University, Birmingham, UK, 3-4 September, 2015.

Research projects:

- 2022-2023: PI, Towards a corpus-based description of speech-gesture units of meaning: the case
 of the circular gesture. Funded by the Macau University of Science and Technology Faculty
 Research Grants (General Research Grants, GRFs). NO. FRG-22-066-UIC. (Completed)
- 2021-2024: Academic advisor, *Interactional variation online: harnessing emerging technologies in the digital humanities to analyse online discourse in different workplace contexts.* Funded by AHRC and IRC (£390,000 from AHRC +€270,000 [circa £620,700] from IRC).
- 2011-2012: PI, A corpus-based comparison of spoken discourse genres: Informal conversations and interviews. Funded by Zhejiang Normal University. NO. YKJ06Y11086. (Completed)
- 2012-2013: PI, Enhancing cross-cultural pragmatic competence in the course of College English
 Listening and Speaking. Funded by Zhejiang Normal University. NO. KY304112032. (Completed)
- 2012-2013: PI, An empirical investigation on the teachability of pragmatic strategies in non-English major college students: A case of refusal strategies. Funded by Xingzhi College, Zhejiang Normal University. NO. ZC303114067 (Completed)

Membership of Academic Associations and community service

Member of the International Society for Gesture Studies - Hong Kong (ISGS-HK)

Member of the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)

Member of the British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL)

Reviewers of international journals (Applied Linguistics, Text&Talk, International Journal of Chinese Linguistics)

Professional Qualifications and Awards

Teaching Qualification at the Higher Education level

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