

Lian Wang

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Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Advisor: Charles Yang	2025–
M.S. in Statistics <i>Stanford University</i>	2024–2025
B.A. in Linguistics <i>Stanford University</i>	2021–2025

Publications (*: equal contribution)

- Wang, Lian.** 2025. Covert wh-verb movement in Mandarin Chinese. In *Proceedings of the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 402–411. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Lu, Jiayi*, Jonathan Merchan*, **Lian Wang*** & Judith Degen. 2024. Can syntactic log-odds ratio predict acceptability and satiation? In *Proceedings of the Society for Computation in Linguistics 2024*, vol. 7, 10–19.

Presentations (*: equal contribution)

- Wang, Lian.** upcoming. The origin of *do*-support: a learning-based account. Talk at DiGS 27. University of Padua, Padua, Italy.
- Lu, Jiayi*, Jonathan Merchan*, **Lian Wang*** & Judith Degen. 2024. Can syntactic log-odds ratio predict acceptability and satiation? Poster at SCiL 2024. UC Irvine, Irvine, CA.
- Merchan, Jonathan*, **Lian Wang***, Jiayi Lu* & Judith Degen. 2024. Can language model surprisal predict acceptability and satiation? Poster at CAMP 6. Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- Wang, Lian.** 2024. Covert wh-verb movement in Mandarin Chinese. Talk at WCCFL 42. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

Grants & Awards

Major Grant (\$7,500), Stanford Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education	2024
Conference Grant (\$800), Stanford Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education	2024
Linguistics Department Grant (\$7,500), Stanford Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education	2023
National Merit Scholar (\$2,500)	2021
The Emerson Prize (\$1,000), The Concord Review	2021
<i>Maxima Cum Laude</i> , National Latin Exam (Latin IV Poetry)	2020
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , National Latin Exam (Latin I, Latin III Poetry)	2018, 2019

Service

Reviewer, PLC 50	2026
Member of Organizing Committee, PLC 50	2026
Associate Editor, <i>The Sesquipedalian</i> (Stanford Linguistics Dept. Newsletter)	2023–2025
Volunteer, CAMP 6	2024
Writing tutor, Stanford Structured Liberal Education	2022–2024

Miscellaneous

Languages	English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Latin (reading knowledge)
Computing	Python, R, HTML/CSS, \LaTeX