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## Current position

*Assistant Professor*, Teaching Stream of Linguistics, Dept. of Language Studies, UTM

## Areas of interest

formal semantics, pragmatics; language change; Chinese & Sino-Tibetan linguistics; language documentation & urban fieldwork

## Education

- 2023 PH.D., Linguistics with minor in Cognitive Science, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY U.S.A.  
✦ Dissertation: *The surprise factor: a semantic theory of mirativity*  
✦ Committee: Sarah Murray, Mats Rooth, John B. Whitman, Scott AnderBois (Brown University)
- 2019 M.A., Linguistics, Cornell University  
✦ Qualifying paper: *Definiteness in pseudo-incorporation: revisiting Mandarin post-verbal bare nouns*
- 2016 B.A. *summa cum laude*, Linguistics with concentration in Computer Science, Columbia University, New York, NY U.S.A.  
✦ Honors thesis: *Two-dimensional transitivity hierarchy and verb types in Gurung*

## Major grants, honours & awards

- 2021 Engaged Cornell *Serve In Place* Fund, *Cornell University* [for community work on Tibetan]
- 2021 Hsien Wu and Daisy Yen Wu Scholarship, *Cornell University* [Nomination-only award for outstanding research]
- 2019-20 Hu Shih Fellowship in Chinese Studies, *Cornell East Asia Program* [for dissertation research]
- 2017 Summer Language Study Grant, *Cornell East Asia Program* [for study of Tibetan]
- 2017 Graduate School Research Travel Grant, *Cornell University* [for Gurung fieldwork]
- 2016 University Summer Course Grant, *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*
- 2016 Phi Beta Kappa

## Teaching

### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

LIN375	Chinese Linguistics	(new course)
LIN479	Structure of a Specific Language: Chinese & Sinitic languages	(new course)
JAL253	Language and Society	(re-designed)
LIN233	English Words through Space and Time	(re-designed)
LIN231	Morphological Patterns in Languages	(re-designed)

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

LING3303	Introduction to Syntax and Semantics (TA to Molly Diesing)
ASIAN2212	Introduction to China (TA to Suyoung Son)
CHIN1101-2	Beginner Chinese I/II (graduate co-instructor)
CHIN2202	Intermediate Chinese II (graduate co-instructor)
CHIN4411	Advanced Chinese I (grader & TA)
CHIN1109	Beginner Chinese for Heritage Speakers (graduate co-instructor)

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

LING1101	Introduction to Linguistics (TA to John McWhorter & Alan Timberlake)
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## Publications & talks

### ARTICLES

2022	Zhuang, Lingzi (2022). GL-imping Bodish: Agentive transitivization prefix g- in Tamangic and Tibetan. <i>Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale</i> 51(2). 139-174. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1163/19606028-bja10024">10.1163/19606028-bja10024</a> .
2019	Zhuang, Lingzi (2019). Definiteness in Mandarin post-verbal bare NPs: a thematic account. <i>Proceedings of the 55th Chicago Linguistics Society Annual Meeting</i> .

### ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

ms.	Surprised by what?: Mirativity over sets of propositions.
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### BOOK REVIEWS

2019	Roland Bielmeyer et al. "Comparative Dictionary of the Tibetan Dialects - Volume 2: Verbs". <i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i> 83/1. 163-164. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1017/S0041977X20000269">10.1017/S0041977X20000269</a> .
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### INVITED TALKS

2023	A preliminary "mix-ology" of messy Tibetan verb paradigms. <i>Linguistics Research Seminar Series</i> . Trinity College Dublin.
2022	Chinese: Linguistic-ky things you know you'd want to know. <i>Linguistics Colloquium</i> . Georgia Institute of Technology.

- 2021 Semantically-informed morphological reconstruction in Sino-Tibetan: a Bodish case study. *2nd Emerging Scholars Colloquium on Sino-Tibetan Historical Linguistics*. Peking University. [in Chinese]
- 2019 Connecting Tamangic with Written Tibetan: Verbs and Beyond, *Workshop on Recent Advances in Comparative Linguistic Reconstruction* (ERC project “Asia Beyond Boundaries”). School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
- 2016 Linguistic Fieldwork in the Himalayas: Aspects and Perspectives. *Linguistics Roundtable*. Renwen Society at the China Institute. [in Chinese]

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 When gone is the *jod*-a...: Regular loss of *\*j* in Tamangic (West Bodish). *26th Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS26)*. INALCO & Université Paris-Cité.
- 2023 Word Journals: Using active, co-constructive assignments to broaden general-interest linguistics. *2023 Conference on Scholarly Teaching and SoTL in Linguistics (CoSTaSiL23)*. University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2022 (With Eszter Ótrott-Kovács) A tale of two *-mİs*’s: between evidential and attitudinal semantics. *7th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+7)*. University of Connecticut.
- 2022 (With Eszter Ótrott-Kovács) How reportatives become attitudinal: Turkish “double evidential” in diachronic and cross-linguistic view. *Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA)*.
- 2021 Subevent-level egophoric evidentiality: Revisiting Lhasa Tibetan *-byung*. *Workshop “Evidentiality 2.0”*. Universität Bern.
- 2021 Mirativity as temporally-specified (not) knowledge acquisition: A Shanghai Wu case study. *45th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45)*. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019 (accepted) Learning events in indirect evidentials: beyond indirect evidence. *Workshop “Expressing Evidence” (EE19)*. Universität Konstanz.
- 2019 Descending (*phap*), or lost (*m□*), into intransitivity: The pathway from perfective transitives to resultative intransitives. *24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL24)*. Australian National University.
- 2019 Pseudo-incorporated bare NPs may be definite: the effect of event-level singular atom-icity. *55th Chicago Linguistics Society Annual Meeting (CLS55)*. University of Chicago.
- 2018 What can TGT medial *l* tell us about Proto-Bodish prefixes?. *51th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL51)*. Kyoto University.
- 2018 Diachronic development of accusativity in Tibetan subject relative clauses. *20th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS20)*. University of York.
- 2018 The status of the verbal prefix *b-* in Proto-Bodish. *24th Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS24)*. Lucknow University.
- 2017 Unifying lexical aspect and lexical causatives under CAUSE. *International Summer School for Southeast Asian Linguistics*. Chulalongkorn University.

## Services to the profession

### AD HOC REVIEWER

- 2023 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA2024)
- 2023 56th International Conference for Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL56)
- 2019 Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (BSOAS)

### DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE STUDIES, UTM

- 2023- Faculty advisor, International Mentorship in Academics & Canadian Culture (IMACC) Program
- 2023- Member, Undergraduate Student Experience Committee
- 2022- Member, Teaching & SoTL Committee

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- 2020-22 Student organizer, Interdisciplinary Semantics Reading Group
- 2021 Graduate student representative (semantics), Departmental external review
- 2020 Organizer,  $\LaTeX$  for linguistics workshop
- 2018-19 Treasurer, Cornell Linguistics Circle
- 2017-18 Organizer, Syntax Reading Group

### CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2021 Student volunteer, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2021)
- 2019 Student organizer, 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS49)

## Skills

### LANGUAGES

- native-level Chinese (Mandarin, Shanghai Wu), English
- conversational German, Lhasa Tibetan, Chinese (Lower Yangtze Mandarin, Cantonese), Nepali
- reading Tibetan (Old, Classical), French
- research Gurung, Burmese

### TECHNOLOGY

- programming Python, R, Java, MATLAB
- NLP/datasci NLTK, NumPy
- linguistics Praat, FieldWorks Explorer
- others  $\LaTeX$ , html, Unix shell scripting

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