Yifan Wu

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EDUCATION

| 2023-Present | **Ph.D. in Linguistics** | Cornell University |

Minor in Cognitive Science
Member of Linguistic Meaning Lab, Computational Psycholinguistic Discussions

| 2019-2023 | **B.A. in English** | Xiamen University |

Summa Cum Laude (graduated with outstanding thesis award)

PUBLICATIONS

2025 | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down." *Proceedings of the 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2025)*. (12.6% accept).

2025 | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Meaning adaptation in the discourse dynamics of imprecision." *Proceedings of the 47th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2025)*. (13.8% oral).

2025 | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." *Proceedings of the 3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 2024)*, 3, 435-446. [link] (14.7% oral).

EDITED VOLUMES

2024 | Yao Zhang, Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao, Youngdong Cho, and **Yifan Wu** (eds.). *Proceedings of the 34th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2024)*. University of Rochester.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS)

2025 | "Meaning adaptation in the discourse dynamics of imprecision." The *47th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2025)*, Jul. Talk. (13.8% oral).

| "First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up

and down." The *35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2024),* May. Poster (12.6% accept).

| 2024 | | "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 3),* Jun. Plenary Talk (14.7% oral). |
| | | "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2025)*, May. |

PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS

2025		**Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "First-person metalinguistic disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down." The *35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 2025),* May. Poster (12.6% accept).
		Ashlyn Winship, Zander Lynch, John R. Starr, **Yifan Wu**, Lucas Li, & Marten van Schijndel. "Experimentally extracting implicit instruments." The *4th Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations (PEER)*, April.
		Ashlyn Winship, Zander Lynch, John R. Starr, **Yifan Wu**, Lucas Li, & Marten van Schijndel. "Experimentally extracting implicit instruments." The *38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2025)*, March. Poster.
2024		**Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 2024),* Jun. Plenary Talk (14.7% oral).
		Yifan Wu & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2024)*, May.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2024-2025	Cognitive Science Research Award, Cornell University	($1, 000)
2024	Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University	($400)
	Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University	($500)
2023-2024	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University	($70, 000)
2023	Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award (top 1%), Xiamen University	
2022-2023	Erudite Scholarship, Yichun Zhang Scholarship, (top 1%), Xiamen University	

2022	Best Play Director Award, Xiamen University
2020-2022	Research Innovation Scholarship, 1st-Class Scholarship, (top 3%), Xiamen University

TEACHING

GTA at Cornell University:

2025	Spring	LING1101	COGST1101: *Introduction to Linguistics*	Cornell University
2024	Fall	LING1101	COGST1101: *Introduction to Linguistics*	Cornell University

UTA at Xiamen University:

2022	Fall	*English Debating Skills*	Xiamen University
2022	Fall	*Consecutive Interpreting between English and Chinese*	Xiamen University

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

2022	**Research Assistant**, PI: Dr. Wing Yee Chow, University College London (UCL) - Projects: Listener's update of predictions with unexpected information; Listener's use of phonological knowledge in language prediction
2022	**Research Assistant**, PI: Dr. Charles B. Chang, PAMLab, Boston University - Project: Intoxication in bilingual speech

REVIEWING

2025	PLC 49, PEER

SERVICE

2024-Present	**Social Committee Chair**, Cornell Linguistics Circle
2024-Present	**Junior Editor**, the 34th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT34)
2025	**Organizer**, the 34th Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL34)
2025	**Open House organizer**, Department of Linguistics, Cornell University
2024	**Open House organizer**, Department of Linguistics, Cornell University
2023-2024	**Social Committee**, Cornell Linguistics Circle

SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficient), Spanish (intermediate)

Programming: Python [pandas, NumPy, transformers, PyTorch]; R; C++; C; Git;

Linguistics tools: PCIbex, Praat, Gorilla, Eyetracker

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psycholinguistics, computational linguistics, semantics/pragmatics, language modeling, experimental and computational methods

References available upon request.