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

2026 | **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).* [link] (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)

Talks

2026 | **Yifan Wu**, Helena Aparicio & Julian Grove. "Predicting the discourse dynamics of imprecision from adjectival scale structure." The *4th Experiments in Linguistic*

Meaning (ELM 2026), Forthcoming in June (13% oral).

2025		**Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "First-person disagreements update the standard of precision, both up and down." The *11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag 2025),* September (11.5% oral).
		Yifan Wu & Helena Aparicio. "Meaning adaptation in the discourse dynamics of imprecision." The *47th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2025),* July (13.8% oral).
2024		**Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *3rd Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM 2024),* June (14.7% oral).

Posters

| 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 2024),* May (12.6% accept). |
| 2024 | | **Yifan Wu** & Helena Aparicio. "Disagreements do not automatically raise the standard of precision." The *37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2025)*, May. |

OTHER CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS)

| 2025 | | 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 2025)*, April. Talk. |
| | | 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. |

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025-2026		Cognitive Science Travel Award, Cornell University.	($500)
		Graduate School Travel Award, Cornell University.	($500)
2024-2025		Cognitive Science Research Award, Cornell University.	($1,000)
		Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University.	($500)

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2023-2024	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University.	($70, 000)
	Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University.	($500)
	Graduate School Travel Award, Cornell University.	($400)

TEACHING

Instructor at Cornell University:

| 2025 Fall | CHIN2209: *Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing for Students of Chinese Heritage I* |

GTA at Cornell University:

2026 Spring	COGST2350	PSYCH2300	HD2310: *How the brain makes the mind*
2025 Spring	LING1101	COGST1101: *Introduction to Linguistics*
2024 Fall	LING1101	COGST1101: *Introduction to Linguistics*

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

| 2022 | **Research Assistant**, PI: Dr. Wing Yee Chow, University College London (UCL) - Porjects: 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 - Porject: Intoxication in bilingual speech. |

REVIEWING

| 2025-2026 | PLC 50 (the 50th annual Penn Linguistics Conference) |
| 2024-2025 | PLC 49 (the 50th annual Penn Linguistics Conference), PEER 4 (the 4th Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations) |

SERVICE

2025-2026	**Senior Editor**, the 35th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 35)
	Vice President, the Linguistics Circle at Cornell (CLC)
	Junior Treasurer, the Linguistics Circle at Cornell (CLC)
	Junior Speaker Series Coordinator, the Linguistics Circle at Cornell (CLC)

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

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.