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RESEARCH INTEREST

Collective behavior, cooperation, animal communication, social behavior

EDUCATION

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville 2024-present
PhD in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Knoxville, TN
Advisor: Dr. Claire Hemingway

Tufts University 2021-2023
MS in Biology Somerville/Medford, MA
Advisor: Prof. Philip Starks
Research: Differences in nests affect accuracy, but not latency, in nest-site selection in acorn ants
Temnothorax curvispinosus

The Chinese University of Hong Kong 2016-2017
MA in Linguistics Hong Kong
Advisor: Prof. Lawrence Cheung
Research: Morpho-Syntax of Non-VO Separable Compound Verbs in Cantonese

The Chinese University of Hong Kong 2013-2015
BA in Translation Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong 2011-2013
AA in Translation & Interpretation Hong Kong

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

School of Biological Sciences, 2023-2024
The University of Hong Kong Hong Kong
Research Assistant
Advisor: Prof. Benoit Guénard
Participate in a project on insect biodiversity on Lantau Island in Hong Kong; collect samples of insects with different types of traps in the field; conduct sorting and imaging with collected samples.

Department of Linguistics & Modern Languages, 2017-2021
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Hong Kong
Research Assistant
Advisors: Prof. Virginia Yip (2017), Prof. Lawrence Cheung (2017-2021)
Conducted experiments and collected data on childhood language acquisition and grammatical judgment of Cantonese compound verbs; managed administrative work of the labs.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Sheila S.L. Chan**, Tommy T.M. Lee & Ka-Fai Yip (2022). Discontinuous predicates in Cantonese as partial deletion. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, 28(1).
2. **Sheila S.L. Chan** & Lawrence Y.L. Cheung (2021). Morpho-Syntax of Non-VO Separable Compound Verbs in Cantonese. *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*, 41(2).

PRESENTATIONS

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Claire Hemingway, Isaac Weinberg, & Philip Starks. Nest attributes influence choice accuracy, but not decision speed in acorn ant nest-site selection. *The 32nd Annual Animal Behavior Conference*. March 2025.

Ka-Fai Yip, Carmen Kin-Man Tang, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Processing discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *The 5th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics*. June 2022.

Carmen Kin-Man Tang, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Ka-Fai Yip, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Processing discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *The 6th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics, Columbus*. May 2022.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Separable Verbs as Partial Deletion in Cantonese. *The 28th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics*. May 2022.

Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, Ka-Fai Yip, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Partial deletion at word-level: discontinuous predicates in Cantonese. *The 14th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics*. December 2021.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Separable verbs as partial deletion in Cantonese. *The 33rd meeting of the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics*. June 2021.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Verbal “infixation” as partial deletion: a case in Cantonese verbs. *The 45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*. March 2021.

Ka-Fai Yip, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & **Sheila Shu-Laam Chan**. Deriving separable verbs in Cantonese. *The 4th Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum*. March 2021.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Separable verbs, syllable deletion, and micro-variations. *The 11th Workshop on Phonological Externalization of Morphosyntactic Structure: Theory, Typology and History*. February 2021.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Syllable deletion and morphological length in Cantonese verbs. *The 3rd Forum on Cantonese Linguistics*. June 2020.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan, Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee, & Ka-Fai Yip. Zero-coded passives in Cantonese. *The 5th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics*. April 2020.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan & Lawrence Y.L. Cheung. Morpho-Syntax of Non-VO Separable Compound Verbs in Cantonese. *The 1st International Workshop on Cantonese Syntax*. June 2019.

Sheila Shu-Laam Chan. Analysis of Separable Non-Verb-Object Verbal Compounds in Cantonese. *The 22nd International Conference on Yue Dialects*. December 2017.

SKILLS

LANGUAGE		TECHNICAL
Cantonese (Native)	English (Advanced)	R (Data cleaning & visualization, inferential analysis with generalized linear models and mixed effects models, model selection and comparison) SPSS
Mandarin (Intermediate)	Japanese (Beginner)	

AWARDS

Dean's List	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2016-2017
Dean's List	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2013-2014
Principal's List	City University of Hong Kong, 2012-2013

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Centre for Biosystems, Neuroscience, and Nanotechnology,	2016
City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
<i>Clerical Officer (II)</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Stella Pang	
Managed administrative work of the center, proofread manuscripts, organized seminars and talks.	

ACADEMIC SERVICE

The Forum on Cantonese Linguistics	2020-Present
<i>Organizing Committee Member</i>	Hong Kong
The International Conference on Bilingualism: Language and Heritage	2017
<i>Organizing Committee Member</i>	Hong Kong