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## Research Interests

- Broad* Semantics, Syntax, Pragmatics, and their interfaces; Psycholinguistics
- Narrow* *Wh*-indefinites, Epistemic indefinites, Question, Disjunction, Argument dislocation, Sinitic languages (Mandarin, Wu, & Cantonese, and more)

## Education

- 2024-29 **The University of Maryland, College Park (UMD)** *College Park, MD*  
(expected) *Ph.D. Student in Linguistics*  
Advisors: Alexander Williams and Aron Hirsch
- 2017-22 **The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)** *Hong Kong*  
*Major in Linguistics (Minor in Japanese Language), Bachelor of Arts (1<sup>st</sup> Hons.)*

## Publications & Proceedings

NB: \*first author; {co-first authors}

- 2024 **Shi, G.\*** & Pan, H. (2024). Focus, QUD, and existential *wh*-indefinites in Mandarin. In T. S. Kim (Ed.), *Proceedings of the 25<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 25)* (pp. 227-244). [full-text available]
- 2023 **Shi, M. G.** (2023). Where is the retained object in indirect passives, and what is its Case? Evidence from object fronting phenomena in Wu Chinese. In T. S. Kim & J. Kang (Eds.), *Proceedings of The 24<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 24)* (pp. 141-165). [full-text available]

## Presentations

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### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Shi, M. G.\***, & Pan H. (Dec 2025). Ungrammatical or infelicitous? Licensing condition for Mandarin *wh*-indefinites. Talk to be given at The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese (ICFAMC 4). CUHK, Hong Kong. [slides available]
- 2025 **Shi, M. G.** (Oct 2025). Restricting ignorance. Poster given at The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 56). NYU, New York. [poster available]
- 2025 **Shi, M. G.** (Oct 2024). Restricting ignorance. Poster given at The 11<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM 11). JHU, Baltimore, MD (NON-PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2025 {Zumchak, W., Tang, C., **Shi, M. G.**, Laun, A., Chakraborty, A.}, & Lau, E. (Sept 2025). The role of contextual information in auditory perception: Investigating N400 effects under speech degradation. Poster given as part of the Sandbox Series at The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL 2025). Gallaudet University, Washington DC.
- 2024 **Shi, M. G.\***, Wu, H., Lam, G. Y., Kang, X., Wong, P. C. M., & Geng, X. (Oct 2024). The role of language comprehension ability on anxiety in autistic and typically-developing children. Poster given at The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL 2024). Brisbane, Australia.
- 2023 **Shi, G.\***, Yang, C. L., & Pan, H. (Dec 2023). Reflexive reference resolution in Mandarin: An eye-tracking study. Poster given at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) Asia 2023. CUHK, Hong Kong. [poster available]
- 2023 **Shi, G.\*** & Pan, H. (Aug 2023). Focus, QUD, and existential *wh*-indefinites in Mandarin. Poster given at The 25<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 25). Dongguk University, Seoul: South Korea. [poster available]
- 2022 **Shi, G.** (Aug 2022). Where is the retained object in indirect passives, and what is its Case? Evidence from object fronting phenomena in Wu Chinese. Talk given at The 24<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 24). Sogang University, Seoul: South Korea (Online).

#### OTHER SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Shi, M. G.**, (Nov 2024). Where does ignorance come from? Talk given at UMD Meaning Meeting. University of Maryland, College Park.

## Teaching Experience

- 2025(F) **LING 200 Introduction to Linguistics**, University of Maryland  
 Duty: Lead weekly discussion section, design and prepare course materials, grade and provide detailed feedback on individual coursework, and hold office hours.  
 Instructor: Dr. Margaret Antonisse

## Awards & Scholarships

- 2025 General Institute Fellowship for LSA Summer Institute (University of Oregon), LSA  
 2024– Dean’s Fellowship, Department of Linguistics, UMD  
 2024– Graduate Assistantship, Department of Linguistics, UMD  
 2019-22 Dean’s List Awards (2019/20-2021/22), Faculty of Arts, CUHK  
 2021 S.H. Ho College Annual Scholarships for Outstanding Academic Performance, CUHK  
 2017 Full-tuition Admission Scholarships (Mainland China), CUHK

## Selected Non-Degree Education

- 2025 The LSA Summer Institute  
*University of Oregon* (7 Jul - 9 Aug)  
 2022-24 The 4-9<sup>th</sup> NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies (V-NYI)  
*Held online*

## Services

- 2025- S(yntax)-Lab  
 Co-organizer

UMD, MD

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| 2025-   | Dean's Graduate Advisory Board, College of Arts & Humanities<br><i>Representative, Linguistics</i>                                | UMD, MD         |
| 2025    | The 8 <sup>th</sup> Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL-8) (25 Jun)<br><i>Organizing Committee</i>                              | HKU, Hong Kong  |
| 2025    | Mayfest 2025 - Constraints on Meaning (16-17 May)<br><i>Organizing Committee</i>  | UMD, MD         |
| 2023    | The 2 <sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese (ISFAMC) (20-23 Jun)<br><i>Coordinator</i> | CUHK, Hong Kong |
| 2022-24 | S.H. Ho College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong<br><i>Resident Tutor</i>   | Hong Kong       |

## Employment

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| 08/2024-   | Department of Linguistics, UMD<br><i>Graduate Assistant</i>   | College Park, MD |
| 01-07/2024 | Brain and Mind Institute (BMI), CUHK<br><i>Research Assistant</i> (PI: Xiujuan Geng)                  | Hong Kong        |
| 2022-23    | Laboratory of Theoretical Psycholinguistics (LTP), CUHK<br><i>Research Assistant</i> (PI: Haihua Pan) | Hong Kong        |

## Skills

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| Language              | <b>Native:</b> Mandarin & Linhai Wu; <b>Fluent:</b> English & Cantonese; <b>Intermediate:</b> Japanese.   |  |
| Software              | R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X.   |  |
| Experiment techniques | Experiment Builder & Data Viewer ( <i>SR Research</i> ), EyeLink 1000 Plus ( <i>SR Research</i> ); EEG ( <i>EGI</i> ), E-Prime 2; Qualtrics; Praat. |  |

## Professional Affiliation

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| 2024- | Linguistic Society of America (LSA)            |
| 2023- | Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) |