

LISA LAI-SHEN CHENG

Curriculum vitae
March 2010

Education

- 1987-1991 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD: Linguistics
Dissertation: *On the Typology of Wh-Questions*
Supervisor: Noam Chomsky
- 1982-1986 University of Toronto
M.A.: Linguistics (Thesis: *Clause structures of Mandarin Chinese*)
B.A.: Linguistics (with Distinction)

Work

- 2000-present Leiden University
Department of Linguistics
Chair Professor of Linguistics
Chair of the Department of Linguistics 2005-2006, 2008-2009
- 2005-present Leiden Institute of Brain and Cognition
Co-founder
Member of Management Board
- 2005-9/2008 Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
Board Member
- 2001-2005 University of Leiden Centre for Linguistics
Board Member

Teaching

Undergraduate courses

Syntax I & II

Structure and Diversity: Part II – Cantonese (2002-2003)

Languages of the World (2003), Mentoraat (2004-2008)

Undergraduate syntax-semantics seminar

Ellipsis (2009)

Wh-in-situ, from the 80's till now (2008)

The syntax and semantics of existentials (2006)

Indefinites (2005)

Negative polarity and free choice items (2004)

Topics in Bantu Syntax (2003)
The syntax of relative clauses (2002)
Topics on wh-movement (2001)
Noun Phrases: a comparative perspective (2000)

Graduate courses

Advanced Syntax (2006-2009)
Comparative syntax of Chinese (2006), Minimalist Syntax (2004),
Syntactic theory (2000-2003), Typology (2002)

PhD Theses (Defense committee membership not included)

- Basciano, Bianca. 2010. *Verbal compounding and causativity in Mandarin Chinese*. Università degli studi di Verona. Co-tutor.
- Riedel, Kristina. 2009. *The Syntax of object marking in Sambia. A comparative Bantu perspective*. Co-supervisor/Promotor.
- Schoorlemmer, Erik. 2009. *Agreement, dominance and doubling: the morphosyntax of DP*. Co-supervisor/Promotor.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2009. *Word order and information structure in Makhuwa-Enahara*. Co-supervisor/Promotor.
- Gouguet, Jules. 2008. *La Reduplication syntaxique et la structure du groupe verbal en mandarin, en anglais et en autres langues*. Université Paris 7. External Thesis Committee Member.
- Vicente Tojo, Luis. 2007. *The syntax of heads and phrases: a study of verb (phrase) fronting*. Co-supervisor/Promotor.
- Badan, Linda. 2007. *High and low periphery: a comparison between Italian and Chinese*. Università di Padova. External Thesis Committee Member.
- Pirani, Laura. 2007. *Morphological processes in the Mandarin nominal domain*. Università degli studi di Verona. External Thesis Committee Member.
- Salzmann, Martin. 2006. *Resumptive prolepsis: a study in A'-indirect dependencies*. Co-supervisor/Promotor.
- Arsenijevic, Boban. 2006. *Inner aspect and telicity: A decompositional model of eventualities at the syntax-semantics interface*. Thesis Committee Member.
- Sio, Joanna. 2006. *Reference and modification in Chinese*. Co-supervisor/Promotor.
- Li, Boya. 2006. *The functional structure of final particles in Chinese*. Co-supervisor/Promotor
- De Vos, Mark. 2005. *The syntax of pseudo-coordination in English and Afrikaans*. Thesis Committee Member.
- Van Koppen, Marjo. 2005. *One probe – Two Goals: Aspects of agreement in Dutch Dialects*. Thesis Committee Member.
- Devos, Maud. 2004. *A Grammar of Makwe*. Thesis Committee Member.
- Van Craenenbroeck, Jeroen. 2004. *Ellipsis in Dutch Dialects*. Thesis Committee Member.
- Van der Meulen, Ineke. 2004. *Syntactic Movement and Comprehension Deficits in Broca's Aphasia*. Thesis Committee Member

- Van Gelderen, Véronique. 2003. *Scrambling Unscrambled*.
Co-supervisor/Promotor
- Surányi, Balász. 2003. *Multiple Operator Movement in Hungarian*.
External Thesis Committee Member, Utrecht University
- De Vries, Mark. 2002. *The Syntax of Relativization*.
External Thesis Committee Member, University of Amsterdam
- Hara, Takaaki. 2002. *Anaphoric Dependencies in Japanese*.
External Thesis Committee Member, Utrecht University.
- Zuo, Yan. 2002. *Classical Chinese Verse Grammar*.
External Committee Member, Catholic University of Brabant.
- Zimmermann, Malte. 2002. *Boys Buying Two Sausages Each*.
External Thesis Committee Member, University of Amsterdam.
- Elordieta, Aran. 2001. *Verb movement and Constituent Permutation in Basque*.
Co-Supervisor/Promotor
- Lipták, Anikó. 2001. *On the Syntax of Wh-items in Hungarian*.
Co-Supervisor/promotor

MA Theses

- Patricia Willers. 2009. *Poverty of Stimulus: evidence from the intersection of child language acquisition and native speaker errors*. (Co-supervisor)
- Geschler, Gea. 2008. *Syntactic Optionality*. (Supervisor)
- Komen, Erwin. 2007. *Focus in Chechen*. (Co-supervisor)
- Kerr, Lindsey. 2007. *The Syntax-phonology Interface: a prosodically-based look*. (Supervisor)
- Haan den, Femmy. 2006. *Adjective Position in Romance and Germanic Languages*. (Supervisor)
- Sjerp, Arlette. 2005. *Spontaneous yet determined*. (Supervisor)
- Van Gerven Oei, Vincent. 2005. *Inuit Case and Agreement*. (Supervisor)
- Schoorlemmer, Erik. 2004. *Subjects in French Complex Inversion, an investigation into the left periphery*. (Supervisor)
- Souman, Agnita. 2004. "Die Feest Blijf Drie Dagen." Agreement Defaults In Second Language Acquisition. (Supervisor)
- Vink, Marlies. 2004. *DP in the Nederlandse Gebarentaal, een crosslinguistische vergelijking*. (Supervisor)

1991-2000 University of California, Irvine
 Department of Linguistics
 Associate Professor (with tenure) (1997-2000)
 Chair of the Department (1999-2000)
 Assistant Professor (1991-1997)

Teaching

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to Linguistics; Languages of the World
 Undergraduate syntax sequence

Language Typology; Linguistic Structure of Chinese

Graduate courses

Graduate syntax sequence

Graduate Syntax Seminars

Syntax and Semantics of Noun Phrase (1997)

On the Syntax of Logical Form (1994)

Negation and Negative Polarity Items (1992)

Typology of Wh-questions (1991)

Thesis supervision

Agbayani, Brian. 1998. *Feature attraction and category movement*.

Thesis committee member.

Mok, Sui-Sang. 1998. *Cantonese Exceed Comparatives*.

External Member, UC San Diego.

Ishii, Toru. 1997. *An asymmetry in the composition of phrase structure and its consequences*. Thesis committee member.

Zhang, Ning. 1997. *Syntactic Dependencies in Mandarin Chinese*.

External Thesis Committee Member, University of Toronto.

Griffith, Terri. 1996. *Projecting transitivity and agreement*.

Supervisor.

Sakai, Hiromu. 1996. *Derivational uniformity: a study of syntactic*

derivation in parametric setting. Thesis committee member.

Ikawa, Hajime. 1996. *Overt movement as a reflex of morphology*.

Thesis committee member.

Lu, Hui-Chuan. 1994. *Preverbal NPs in Spanish and Chinese*.

External Member, University of California, Los Angeles

Ning, Chunyan. 1992. *The overt syntax of relativization and topicalization in Chinese*. Thesis committee member.

Other Functions

2007-2010	Panel Member, European Research Council, Panel SH4: <i>The Human Mind and its Complexity: Cognition, Linguistics, Psychology, Philosophy and Education</i> .
9/2006-2007	Member of VENI committee for the Humanities, Dutch National Science Foundation (NWO).
5/2006-2007	Member of review committee, Huygens Scholarship Program, Nuffic.
5/06-present	Member of Pool of Reviewers, European Science Foundation.
2004 & 2005	NWO Mozaik adviseur for applicants.

Awards & Grants

2008-2012	Research grant on the Functional Categories in Analytic Languages. NWO, Co-PI, with Rint Sybesma (Principal Investigator), Enoch Aboh and Umberto Ansaldo.
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- 2007-2010 Network grant on Bantu, Chinese and Romance nouns and noun phrases. NWO, Principle Investigator (with network partners in SOAS-London UK, ZAS-Berlin Germany, Verona Italy).
- 2004-2008 Research grant on the Word order and Morphological Marking in Bantu. NWO, Principal Investigator, with co-investigator Thilo Schadeberg. 2 PhD students and one Postdoc appointed to work in this project.
- 1993-1995 Research grant on the functional structure of Chinese. Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Taipei, Taiwan, Co-investigator, with James Huang (Principal Investigator), Audrey Li, and Jane Tang.

Visiting Fellow/Professorship

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- 2005 Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (June-July)
- 2004 Research Fellow, the Center of Chinese Linguistics of Peking University
- 2003 Research Fellow, Zentrum fuer Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin (April)
- 1999 Visiting Professor, Holland Institute of Linguistics, Leiden
- 1997 Research Fellow, Zentrum fuer Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin (April)
- 1995 Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (August-December)

Service

Editor

Glott International (1996-2003)

Advisory Editor

Linguistic Inquiry (2009 to present)

Member of Editorial Board

Cahiers de Linguistique - Asie Orientale

Contemporary Chinese Linguistics

Journal of East Asian Linguistics

Lingua (2000-2003)

Linguistic Inquiry

Syntax: Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research

The Linguistic Review

and occasional reviewer for many other publishers, journals, conferences, and funding organizations.