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## EDUCATION

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### Degree programs

- 2021–      **Ph.D.** in Linguistics  
Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut
- 2017–2020 **M.A.** in Chinese Philology  
Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Fudan University
- 2012–2016 **B.A.** in Chinese Language and Literature  
School of Literature, Nankai University

### Non-degree programs

- 2023      The 2023 LSA Linguistic Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
[Received James McCawley Fellowship]
- 2019      Linguistics Institute of China (中國語言學書院), Tianjin
- 2019      Exchange student program, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu
- 2018      14th China Linguistics Summer Institute (全國語言學暑期高級講習班), Kunming

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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### Broad

Syntax and its interfaces, morphology, historical linguistics, generative typology

### Narrow

Agreement, allomorphy, argument structure, case, concord, constituent order, direct/inverse systems, discontinuity, grammatical tone, grammaticalization, indexical shift, locality, nominal structure, phasality, person hierarchy, reanalysis

African languages (Bantu, Kwa, etc.), East Asian languages (Ainu, Gyalrongic, Japonic, Sinitic, etc.)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed journal papers

Chén, Qiūshí. To appear. Discontinuous DPs, *wh*-in-situ, and lower copy pronunciation in Chichewa. *Linguistic Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1162/LING.a.565>

- Chén, Qiūshí. 2026. Scrambling in the nominal domain: Evidence from the Chichewa DP. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 44:13. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-026-09697-5>
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2024. 论汉语数词的句法位置：来自吴语和西南官话的证据 [On the positions of Chinese numerals: Evidence from Wu and Southwestern Mandarin]. *汉语语言学 [Chinese Linguistics]* 4:304–330.
- Chén, Qiūshí & Shèng Yìmin (盛益民). 2023. 重庆石柱方言表定指「名数量」结构 [The NOUN-NUM-CL phrase as a definite construction: A case study of Shizhu Mandarin]. *方言 [Dialect]* 4:416–425.
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2022. 言者意外与听者意外：从四川资阳方言看意外范畴的两个参项 [Now I am surprised, now you are surprised: On Mirativity in Ziyang and the sub-types of Mirativity]. *语言学论丛 [Essays on Linguistics]* 2:62–78.
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2022. 语法化与重新加标：以资阳方言的「样」为例 [Grammaticalization and re-labeling: A case study on *yang* in Ziyang]. *语言研究集刊 [Bulletin of Linguistic Studies]* 29:206–226.
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2022. 比较视野下的石柱方言定指「名数量」短语 [The definite N-(NUM)-CL phrase in Shizhu dialect from a comparative perspective]. *当代语言学 [Contemporary Linguistics]* 24.2:231–251.

### Book chapters

- Chén, Qiūshí. 2021. 重庆石柱方言的定指表达手段 [Definite expressions in Chongqing Shizhu]. In Shèng Yìmin (ed.), *汉语方言定指范畴研究 [Studies on Definiteness across Chinese Dialects]*, 44–55. Shanghai: 中西书局 Zhongxi Book Company.

### Peer-reviewed conference proceedings papers

- Chén, Qiūshí. to appear. A scattered deletion account of Chichewa partial dislocation. In Vicki Carstens, Katherine Russell, Olawale Akingbade, Deborah Morton & Michael Diercks (eds.), *Pamoja tena 'Together again': African linguistics after COVID*, 391–411. Berlin: Language Science Press.

### Conference proceedings papers with peer-reviewed abstracts

- Chén, Qiūshí. to appear. On the dual status of the *e*-ending in Old Japanese verbal morphology. In *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 32.
- Chén, Qiūshí. to appear. Deep and surface zeros in Japhug person agreement. In *Proceedings of GLOW* 47.
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2025. The art of losing specifiers: On the synchrony and diachrony of N(P)-fronting in Shizhu and Zunyi. In Xiaobei Chen, Sercan Karakaş & Jaehong Shim (eds.), *Proceedings of the Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, 113–126.
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2025. The hidden conjoint/disjoint alternation in Chichewa. In Shweta Akolkar, Amber Galvano, Akil Ismael, Kang Franco Liu & Line Mikkelsen (eds.), *Proceedings of the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 84–93.
- Chén, Qiūshí. 2025. N-to-D movement, scrambling, and DP-internal constituent order in Chichewa. In

Duygu Demiray, Roger Cheng-yen Liu & Nir Segal (eds.), *NELS 55: Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume One*, 129–138.

Chén, Qiūshí. 2025. On the secondary nature of morphosyntactic change: An argument from South-western Mandarin. In Muhammed İleri, Chun-Hung Shih & Wesley M. Lincoln (eds.), *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* volume 31.1: *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, 19–28.

Chén, Qiūshí. 2023. Deriving *Mizenkei* in Old Japanese verbal morphology. In Sara Williamson, Adeola Aminat Babayode-Lawal, Laurens Bosman, Nicole Chan, Sylvia Cho, Ivan Fong, & Kaye Holubowsky (eds.), *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 30:289–303.

### Unpublished manuscripts (selected)

Chén, Qiūshí. 2020. 「数量名」语言中的定指「名(数)量」短语：石柱方言名词性结构研究 [The definite 'NP-(NUM)-CL' phrase in a 'NUM-CL-NP' language: A Study on the nominal structure in Shizhu]. Master's thesis, Fudan University.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed conference presentations

- 2026 The interaction of person and number in Japhug: Towards a theory of cyclic fission  
GLOW Syntax Workshop—Less documented languages in formal linguistics: Empirical problems and theoretical perspectives. Florence. Apr. 20
- 2026 Accidental gaps and agreement in Hokkaido Ainu  
The 2nd GLOW in Asia Workshop for Young Scholars. Nanzan University, Nagoya. Mar. 13–15
- 2026 On fission and the cycle: Lessons from Japhug agreement  
The 2026 LSA Annual Meeting. New Orleans. Jan. 8–11  
[Received the [Centennial Student Fund](#)]
- 2025 On the dual status of *-e-* in Old Japanese verbal morphology  
The 32nd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (J/K 32; Satellite Workshop on Japanese/Korean Historical Linguistics). Cornell University, Ithaca. Jun. 13–15
- 2025 Sometimes tripartite, sometimes neutral, but underlyingly nominative-accusative: On Ainu person indexation and its variations  
The 61st Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 61). The University of Chicago, Chicago. May 9–11
- 2025 A tale of two zeros: Lessons from person indexation in Japhug [[Long talk \(45+15mins\)](#)]  
The 47th Generative Linguistics in the Old World Colloquium (GLOW 47). Frankfurt am Main and Göttingen. Mar. 25–27
- 2024 N-to-D movement, scrambling, and DP-internal constituent order in Chichewa [[Poster](#)]  
The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 55). Yale University, New Haven. Oct. 17–18

- 2024 From phrasal movement to head movement  
The 25th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS 25). University of Mannheim, Mannheim. Jun. 25–28
- 2024 The cyclic nature of grammatical tone in Chichewa  
The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55). McGill University, Montreal. May 2–4
- 2024 On the units of syntactic reanalysis: Evidence from two Sinitic languages  
The 60th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 60). The University of Chicago, Chicago. Apr. 26–28
- 2024 How to realize your lower copy: Evidence from Chichewa object dislocation  
The 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 42). UC Berkeley. Apr. 12–14
- 2024 Be careful where you reanalyze your syntax: On N(P)-fronting in two Southwestern Mandarin varieties  
The 36th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL 36). Pomona College, Claremont. Mar. 23–24
- 2024 On the secondary nature of (morpho-)syntactic change: Evidence from *yi* in Southwestern Mandarin  
The 48th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 48). UPenn, Philadelphia. Mar. 16–17
- 2023 On (partial) object dislocation without object marking in Chichewa  
The 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 54). UConn, Storrs. Jun. 12–14
- 2023 Deriving *Mizenkei* in Old Japanese verbal morphology  
The 30th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (J/K 30). Simon Fraser University, Vancouver. Mar. 11–13
- 2019 比较视野下的石柱方言定指「名(数)量」短语  
[The Shizhu definite [N-(NUM)-CL] phrase in comparative perspective]  
The 4th International Symposium on Linguistic Typology (語言類型學國際學術研討會), Renmin University of China, Beijing. Jul. 5–7
- 2019 「说」与「讲」: 四川资阳方言的两个意外范畴标记  
[*Shuo* and *jiang*: Two types of mirativity in Ziyang]  
The 5th Inter-Regional Forum on Dialectal Grammar (方言語法博學論壇), Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou. Jun. 15–16
- 2018 石柱方言「名数量」结构的指称属性与句法功能研究  
[The referential properties and syntactic functions of the [N-NUM-CL] phrase in Shizhu]  
The 4th Inter-Regional Forum on Dialectal Grammar (方言語法博學論壇), CUHK, Hong Kong. Jun. 15–16 [with Shèng Yímín]

- 2017 石柱方言「名数量」结构的句法功能与指称属性研究  
[On the syntactic functions and referential properties of the [N-NUM-CL] phrase in Shizhu]  
The Workshop on Definite CL-N Structures in Chinese Dialects (漢語方言定指「量名」結構  
研究工作坊), Fudan University, Shanghai. Nov. 11–12 [with Shèng Yímín]

#### Other presentations (selected)

- 2023 On the units of syntactic reanalysis: Evidence from two Sinitic languages  
UConn Linguistics LingLunch. Dec. 5
- 2023 Where does economy play a role in morphological reanalysis?  
13th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable. Dec. 2
- 2022 汉语普通话有几个「自己」?  
[How many *ziji* are there in Putonghua?]  
Weekly Grammar Salon at Fudan University (復旦大學語法沙龍). Sept. 8
- 2022 谈上代日语未然形的共时本质和两种中心语移位  
[On the essence of *mizenkei/a*-stem in Old Japanese and two types of head movement]  
Weekly Grammar Salon at Fudan University (復旦大學語法沙龍). May 19
- 2020 中心语还是指定语? 汉语中数词的句法位置  
[Head or specifier? On the position of numerals in Chinese]  
Weekly Grammar Salon at Fudan University (復旦大學語法沙龍). Mar. 19
- 2019 西南官话 DP 左缘结构的制图分析  
[The left periphery of Southwestern Mandarin DP: A cartographic approach]  
Weekly Grammar Salon at Fudan University (復旦大學語法沙龍). Dec. 5
- 2019 语法化与重新加标: 以资阳方言的「样」为例  
[Grammaticalization and relabeling: A case study of the final particle *yang* in Ziyang]  
Weekly Grammar Salon at Fudan University (復旦大學語法沙龍). Sept. 12

## TEACHING AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

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### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

#### At UConn

LING-2010Q *The Science of Linguistics*: Fall 2025

JAPN-1101 *Elementary Japanese I*: Winter 2026 (online synchronous)

JAPN-1102 *Elementary Japanese II*: Spring 2025

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

#### At UConn

LING-1010 *Language and Mind* (leading multiple discussion sections): Fall 2022 (×3), Fall 2023 (×4), Fall

2024 (×1), Spring 2025 (×1), Spring 2026 (×2)

LING-1030 *The Diversity of Languages* (leading multiple discussion sections): Spring 2023 (×3), Spring 2024 (×2)

[Received David Michaels Teaching Assistant Award in Spring 2023]

### At Fudan University

現代漢語 2-2 [*Modern Chinese 2-2*] (grading, holding office hours): Spring 2020

### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

Spring 2026 Research Assistant (PI: Željko Bošković), UConn

Summer 2025 Research Assistant (PI: Adrian Stegovec), UConn

Spring 2024 Research Assistant (PI: Željko Bošković), UConn

2020–2021 Assistant editor (助理編輯), Journal Publishing Center (期刊中心), Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press (外語教學與研究出版社)

2018–2019 Assistant librarian (資料室助管), Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Fudan University

### ACADEMIC SERVICE

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#### REVIEWING

##### Journals

*Asian Languages and Linguistics*: 2024

语言研究集刊 [*Bulletin of Linguistic Studies*]: 2023

*The Linguistic Review*: 2022, 2023, 2024

##### Conference proceedings

Proceedings of the *Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* (Tu+): 2022

##### Conference abstracts

*Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS): 2025, 2026

*The Penn Linguistics Conference* (PLC): 2024, 2025

*Jornadas de Filología y Lingüística Histórica* (JFILIH): 2024

*Annual Conference on African Linguistics* (ACAL): 2023

#### CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

2023 Organizing committee member, *The 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics* (ACAL 54). UConn, Storrs. Jun. 12–14

2017 Student helper, 漢語方言定指「量名」結構研究工作坊 [*Workshop on Definite CL-N Structures in Chinese Dialects*], Fudan University, Shanghai. Nov. 11–12

## SERVICE TO UCONN

- 2023–2025 Treasurer of UConn Linguistics Club  
2022–2023 Co-organizer of UConn LingLunch  
2021–2022 Member of UConn Linguistics Archive Committee

## PRIMARY DATA WORK

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- Jan. – May 2024 Twi (Kwa)  
Jan. – May 2023 Urhobo (Edoid, Volta-Niger)  
Jan. – Jun. 2022; ongoing Chichewa (Bantu)  
Jan. 2019; ongoing 石砬話 Shízhù (Southwestern Mandarin, Sinitic)  
Aug. – Sept. 2018 麗水話 Lìshuǐ (Southern Wu, Sinitic)  
Jan. 2018 餘杭話 Yúháng (Northern Wu, Sinitic)

## LANGUAGES

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### **Speaking & comprehension**

Mandarin Chinese (Southwestern Mandarin & Pǔtōnghuà), English, Japanese

### **Reading**

Old Japanese, Early Middle Japanese, Classical Chinese

### **Linguistic knowledge/research**

Sinitic (Mandarinic, Wu, Yue (Cantonese), etc.), Korean, Chichewa, Urhobo, etc.

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