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Profile

- Research interests: The phonetics-phonology interface and language contact
- Teaching philosophy: Rigorous understanding starting from first principles

Current

Senior Tutor

National University of Singapore · 2019

Position

• English Language 1101E: The Nature of Language

Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Yale University · 2007-2015

- Dissertation title: 'The phonology of contact: Creole sound change in context'
- Simultaneous degree: M.Phil. in Medieval Studies
- Qualifying examinations: Passed with distinction

Post-Grad. Dip. Education (Sec.) National Institute of Education · 2001–2002

• For teaching English Literature and English Language at secondary school level

B.A./M.A. (simultaneous) in English

Yale University · 1997–2001

- Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, distinction in the English major
- Singapore Government Scholarship (Ministry of Education)
- Paine Prize for the best undergraduate thesis in English
- Noah Webster Prize for best graduate essay on history of English

Academic Publications

- 2019. High-frequency initialisms: Evidence for Singaporean English stress. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 4(18): 1–15.
- In press. Phonology and contact-induced language change. In *The Oxford Handbook of Language Contact*, ed. by Anthony Grant. Oxford University Press. Co-authors: Anthony Grant and Thomas Klein.
- 2012. Chinese meets Malay meets English: Origins of Singaporean English word-final high tone. *International Journal of Bilingualism* 16(1): 83–100.
- 2011. Reconciling stress and tone in Singaporean English. In *Asian Englishes: Changing Perspectives in a Globalised World*, edited by Lawrence Zhang, Rani Rubdy & Lubna Alsagoff. Singapore: Pearson Longman. 76–92.
- 2009. Non-plateaus, non-toneless heads: Tone assignment in Colloquial Singaporean English. *Chicago Linguistic Society* 45(1): 487–501.

Singapore Research (selected)

- 2019. Singlish pragmatic particles: Tone or intonation? Paper presented at Chicago Linguistic Society 55, Chicago, 16–18 May.
- 2010. Reduction, frequency and morphology in Singaporean English prosody. Paper available at the Rutgers Optimality Archive, #1102.
- 2012. Language and ethnic politics in Singapore. Paper presented at Yale-Indonesia Forum: Language Ideologies in Indonesia. Yale University, 30-31 Mar.
- Ongoing, Singapore English: An annotated bibliography. With David Deterding. Online at http://www.eching.org/singapore/singapore-english-bibliography.htm.

Typology Research (selected)

- 2018. Word-final vowel epenthesis: An L2 sound change? Paper presented at the Language Variation and Change series, University of Chicago, 16 Feb.
- 2016. Transmission bias, language contact and sound change. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America, Washington DC, 7–10 Jan.
- 2016. The paradox of paragoge in the interior basilect of Vernacular Liberian English. Paper presented at the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Washington DC, 8–9 January. Co-author: John Victor Singler.
- 2015. Bâtarde in MS 427: Script evolution is a cycle, or detecting formal technique. Yale Lectures in Medieval Studies, New Haven, 9 Apr.
- 2013. Paragoge as an indicator of language contact. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, 3–6 Jan.
- 2011. Creole exceptionalism via transmission: The weak-to-strong harmony gap. Paper presented at the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Accra, 2-6 Aug.
- 2011. Vowel unrounding in French creoles. Paper presented at the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Pittsburgh, 7–8 Jan.

Employment Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Chicago · 2017–2019

Participated in Language Variation & Change and Modalities of Language groups

Lecturer and Tutor

National University of Singapore · 2016–2017

English Language 3202: Phonetics and Phonology

Teaching Fellow

Yale University · 2010–2013

- Linguistics 149b: Animal Communication
- Linguistics 107a: Linguistic Diversity & Endangerment (Writing Intensive)
- Linguistics 110b: Introduction to Linguistics
- Linguistics 130a: Evolution of Language

Junior College Teacher

Raffles Junior College · 2002-2007

- Taught General Paper, English Literature and Project Work
- Projectwork class (2004) topped the school with 19 Grade 1s and 6 Grade 2s

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Grants

- Council of Southeast Asian Studies, Yale (maximum grant of \$3000)
- Stephen Peck Award, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics (travel expenses)

Service

- Founder-coordinator, Language contact & historical reading group 2011–2015
- Coordinator, Monday Linguistics Colloquium

2008-2010

• Committee, FASL and NECPhon

2008

• US university advisor, Raffles Junior College

2002-7

Membership

- The Linguistic Society of America
- The Association for Laboratory Phonology
- The Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics
- Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics

Languages

- Fluent: English, Mandarin
- Reading: French, Latin, Old English (Anglo-Saxon)
- Basic: Malay, Hokkien Chinese, American Sign Language

Hobbies

- Calligraphy (Chinese, Latin, Arabic)
- Paleography (Medieval Latin, English)

Referees

- Alan Yu Professor of Linguistics · University of Chicago aclyu@uchicago.edu

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