

Lee Jiang

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Education

**2023 – 2028
(expected)**

Ph.D. (Linguistics), University of Toronto
Supervisor: Professor Atiqah Hachimi
Research interests: Variationist Sociolinguistics, CDA, Language
Ideology, Raciolinguistics, Queer Linguistics, Digital Discourse

Generals Paper I:

International Students and the Canadian Raciolinguistic Order
Committee: Profs Atiqah Hachimi, Derek Denis, Barend Beekhuizen

Generals Paper II:

Categorisation of Queer Identities by (Non)-Asexual YouTubers
Committee: Profs Derek Denis, Pocholo Umbal, Marisa Brook

2022 – 2023

M.A. (Linguistics), University of Toronto
Master's Thesis:
Resistance to singular “they” in Reddit communities
Supervisors: Profs Atiqah Hachimi, Barend Beekhuizen

2018 – 2022

Honours B.A. (Linguistics Specialist and Anthropology Major),
University of Toronto
GPA: 4.0

Research Assistantships

Summer 2025

Research Assistant under Dr. Samantha Jackson.

1. Annotated audio and textual responses by students of an undergraduate sociolinguistic class for applied linguistics research
2. Conducted literature review on extant works in the field of applied linguistics and social justice to see into which gaps of research our work could fall into
3. Communicated with other scholars at conferences like AAAL to inquire about additional methodologies which could be used in applied linguistics research

Summer 2021

Research Assistant under Dr. E. Natalie Rothman.

1. Helped populate the shell digital platform for The Dragoman Renaissance 2.0 web resource project with Text from academic sources
2. Identified multimedia objects to be incorporated into the platform from university and museum collections to further contextualise the written content
3. Created the visual blueprint for interactive mapping for the various keywords (e.g., people, places, and terms) in the Dragomans project

Summer 2020 Research Assistant under Dr. Barend Beekhuizen

1. Conducted literature review on topics pertaining to lexical Corpus Linguistics such as Glossomatics, Systemic Functional Grammar, and Semantic Primes
2. Evaluated the correctness of computational models of word meaning, judging word meanings based on dictionaries such as COBUILD and awb.saw-leipzig.de
3. Utilised historical corpora on languages such as Old High German to corroborate the diachronic conclusions of the research project

Volunteering

Ongoing Museum Guide (Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto)

- Explained the religious philosophy of Buddhism and how it relates to Chinese culture to both Chinese and non-Chinese audiences, in both English and Mandarin

Summer 2019 Conversation Practice Leader (Immigrant Services Guelph)

- Designed curricula and held weekly conversation sessions with new immigrants to Canada to acquaint them with cultural communicative practices beyond the textbook

Research Grants and Scholarships

Research Grants:

2023–2027 Faculty of Arts & Science Top Doctoral Fellowship (FAST)
Funder: University of Toronto, Project: PhD Dissertation

2023-2027 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)
Funder: Hong Kong RGC, Project: Caring transnationally: A spatiotemporal model of moral discourse and action

2022–2023 Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS-M) Programme
Funder: Government of Canada, Project: Master's Thesis

Scholarships:

2025 Professor Peter Reich Graduate Scholarship In Linguistics

2018–2021 University of Toronto Scholar's Programme

2021 McNab Scholarship in Linguistics

2021 Bill Fairley Scholarship in Anthropology

2019-2021 Innis College Later Life Learning Scholarship

2021 Elaine Gold Award

2020-2021 Jackman Scholars-In-Residence Award

Publications

Published Journal Articles

2023 **Lee Jiang**, Noun Class and Classification in Tshiluba (L.31). *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics*, 46, pp. 1-16.

2023 Barend Beekhuizen*, Maya Blumenthal, **Lee Jiang**,

Anna Pyrtchenkov, and Jana Savevska. Truth be told: a corpus-based study of truth and reality across languages. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, 20(2), pp. 433-459.

Publications in pipeline

2026 [expected submission date] **Lee Jiang.** A Critical Discourse Analysis of Canadian Media Reports on the 2024 Intake Cap of International Students.
Expected Journal: Discourse and Communication

Refereed Conference Presentations

2027 [submitted] **Lee Jiang.** “Ableism in Canadian News Media Discourse on Assisted Suicide.” AAAL 2027. Atlanta, GA, March 13-16 2027.

2026 **Lee Jiang.** “Categorisation of Queer Identities by (Non)-Asexual YouTubers” CVC 2026. Toronto, ON, May 23-24 2026.

2026 **Lee Jiang.** “Chinese International Students and the Canadian Raciolinguistic Order” AAAL 2026. Chicago, IL, March 21-24 2026.

2025 **Lee Jiang.** “A Critical Discourse Analysis of Canadian Media Reports on the 2024 Intake Cap of International Students” AAAL 2025. Denver, CO, March 22-25 2025.

2024 **Lee Jiang.** “Resistance to singular “they” in Reddit communities” NWAV 52. Miami, FL, November 7-9 2024.

2023 **Lee Jiang & Yueqi Huang.** “Differing systems of variation between homeland and heritage varieties of Calabrian Regional Italian final [o] and [u].” Change and Variation in Canada 12. Mississauga, ON, June 3 2023.

2022 **Lee Jiang.** “Noun Class and Classification in Tshiluba.” First Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium. Scarborough, ON, May 27 2022.

2021 Anna Pyrtchenkov, Maya Blumenthal, and **Lee Jiang.** “Truth be Told: A Corpus-Based Study of Adjectives of Truth and Reality across Languages.” TULCON 14. Toronto, ON, March 7 2021.

Public-Facing Presentations

2025 **Lee Jiang.** “Categorisation of Queer Identities by (Non)-Asexual YouTubers.” 15th Annual LGCU Graduate Workshop. Toronto, ON, Feb 14 2025

- 2023** **Lee Jiang.** “Resistance to singular ‘they’ in Reddit communities.” 15th Annual LGCU Welcome Workshop. Toronto, ON, Oct 20 2023
- 2019** **Lee Jiang.** “Wu Chinese: A Linguistic Introduction”. Wu Chinese Cultural Association. Toronto, ON, Oct 7 2019.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistantships:

Role: Designed & held weekly tutorials for students, Marked and gave feedback for student assignments, designed questions for formative and summative assessments.

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| Fall 2027 | LIN251: Introduction to Sociolinguistics (University of Toronto) |
| Winter 2026 | LIN208: Linguistic Discrimination and Justice (University of Toronto) |
| Fall 2025 | LIN204: English Grammar I (University of Toronto) |
| Winter 2024/ | LIN102: Introduction to Sentence Structure and Meaning |
| Winter 2025 | (University of Toronto) |
| Winter 2023/ | LIN202: English Grammar (University of Toronto) |
| Fall 2024 | |
| Fall 2023 | LIN101: Introduction to Sound Structure (University of Toronto) |
| Fall 2022 | LIN200: Introduction to Language (University of Toronto) |

Academic Services

Journal Reviewer:

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| 2026 | Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics (Special Issue on Arabic Sociolinguistics, Vol. 47 No. 1) |
| 2023 | Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics (Peer-reviewed proceedings of the First Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM)) |

Departmental Support:

CUPE 3902 Unit 1, University of Toronto

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| 2024– | Steward, Department of Linguistics |
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Linguistics Graduate Course Union, University of Toronto

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| 2025– | Member (Curriculum Design Committee) |
| 2022–2024 | Secretary (Executive Committee) |
| 2023–2024 | Tutoring Coordinator |
| 2022–2023 | Anti-Harassment Taskforce, Academic Writing Help |