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Research Interests

Broad Syntax, semantics, pragmatics, and interfaces, field work, East Asian & African linguistics

Narrow Left-periphery, clausal structures, *say*-complementation, embedding
Complex predicates, compounding, serial verb constructions
Subject clitics vs. agreement
Evidentiality, mirativity, modality, speaker commitment, speech acts
Use-conditional semantics, honorification, epithets, definites

Research languages

Asian languages: Mandarin, Korean, Kazakh, Nuosu Yi, Shanghaiese, Vietnamese

African languages: Baatonum, Yemba, Yoruba

Others: Arabic, Armenian

Education

- 2022-present **Ph.D in Linguistics**(expected Spring 2027), Rutgers University
Dissertation: Syntax at the Interfaces in Mandarin and across Languages: Complementation, Coordination, Compounding, and Evidentiality (tentative)
Committee: Mark Baker (chair), Troy Messick (co-chair), Ryan Walter Smith, Lisa Cheng (external)
- 2016-2019 **M.A. in English Language and Literature**, with 'Excellent Graduate' distinction, Fudan University
Thesis: On the Semantics of Temporal and Logical *Then*
- 2012-2016 **B.A. in English**, with 'Excellent Graduate' distinction, Beijing Language and Culture University
Minor in Teaching Chinese as A Foreign Language
Thesis: A Contrastive Study of English and Chinese Subjunctive Conditionals

Non-degree Education

- Summer 2022 North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, University of Southern California
- Fall 2017 Exchange program at Ewha Womens University

Publications

† Indicates co-first authors

Journal articles

Under review	Ye, Ariela. A say verb or complementizer: analyzing <i>shuo</i> following communicatives and non-communicatives. <i>Syntactic Theory and Research</i> .
In revision	Ye, Ariela, and Ahn, Dorothy. Embeddability and context sensitivity in honorification: the syntax and semantics of Korean <i>si</i> . <i>Natural Language & Linguistic Theory</i> .
In revision	Chen, Jiayuan, and Ye, Ariela †. Definite markings in vocatives: a unified argument saturation approach. <i>Glossa</i> .
In prep	Baker, Mark, Ye, Ariela, and Bui, Beryl. The relationship of Agreement to clitic doubling: subject clitics in Baatonum.
In prep	Kouneli, Maria, Bui, Beryl, and Ye, Ariela †. True causative recursion in Baatonum.

Conference proceedings with peer-reviewed abstracts

To appear	Chen, Jiayuan, and Ye, Ariela †. On overt and covert definite marking in vocatives: Selecting vs. non-selecting calls. <i>In Proceedings of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-56)</i> .
2026	Hu, Yaqing, and Ye, Ariela †. When evidentiality meets deonticity: A case study of Nuosu Yi <i>di</i> ^{31/44} & <i>zo</i> ⁴⁴ . <i>In Proceedings of Sinn und Bedutung 30 (SuB-30)</i> . DOI: https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2026.v30.1348 .
2026	Ye, Ariela, and Sharma, Aidan. From converb to complementizer: On the syntactic flexibility of <i>dep</i> in Kazakh. <i>In Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 11(1)</i> . DOI: https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v11i1.6083 .
2026	Marutyan, Nelli, and Ye, Ariela †. The multifunctionality of Armenian complementizer <i>te</i> . <i>In Proceedings of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 47</i> , 1–14. DOI: https://doi.org/10.11576/glow-1267 .
2025	Ye, Ariela, and Ahn, Dorothy. Rethinking embeddability and context sensitivity in Honorification: Evidence from Korean <i>si</i> . <i>In Proceedings of the 35th meeting of Semantics and Linguistics Theory (SALT-35)</i> . DOI: https://doi.org/10.3765/a7zjsq07 .
2025	Chen, Jiayuan, and Ye, Ariela †. The distribution of definite markings in vocatives. <i>In Proceedings of the 27th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-27)</i> .
2025	Ye, Ariela. Say Verb or Complementizer: Analyzing <i>shuo</i> following communicatives and noncommunicatives. <i>In Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS-55)</i> .

- 2023 **Ye, Ariela.** Say Complementation in Mandarin: Analyzing postverbal *shuo* and sentence-initial *shuo*. In *Proceedings of the 25th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-25)*.

Presentations

Invited talks

- 2025 Rethinking embedded honorification: Syntactic insights from Korean *si*. *Syntax Reading Group (SynRG)*, Yale University, April 25, 2025.
- 2025 Theories of politeness in linguistics: honorification. *Cognitive Science Club*, Rutgers University, January 22, 2025.

Peer-reviewed conference presentations

- 2027 The Relationship of Agreement to Clitic Doubling: Subject Clitics in Baatonum
Clitics and agreement markers across languages: from Balkan to Bantu and Beyond (DGfS 2027 Workshop), University of Jena, Germany, March 2-5, 2027 (with Mark Baker and Thuong Bui)
- 2026 Speaker Commitment in Arabic Complementizers Evidence from ?inna
MACSIM-12, Rutgers University, October 3, 2026 (with Fahad Almalki)
- 2026 On say-conditionals: from speech verbs to conditional marking
SICOGG-28, Chungnam National University, August 10-12, 2026 (with Jiayuan Chen)
- 2026 Demonstratives in epithets cross-linguistically
SICOGG-28, Chungnam National University, August 10-12, 2026 (with Jiayuan Chen)
- 2026 Person Restrictions in Tagalog Imperatives
AFLA-33, Victoria University of Wellington, June 23-25, 2026 (with Gerard Avelino)
- 2026 Demonstratives and epithets in bare noun languages
TEAL-15, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 5-6, 2026 (with Jiayuan Chen)
- 2026 Demonstratives and anti-uniqueness in Baatonum
ACAL-57, University at Buffalo, May 21-23, 2026 (with Jiayuan Chen)
- 2026 When causatives really iterate: The case of Baatonum
ACAL-57, University at Buffalo, May 21-23, 2026 (with Thuong (Beryl) Bui)
- 2026 Person Restrictions in Tagalog Imperatives
SULA-TripleA, University of British Columbia, May 12-15, 2026 (with Gerard Avelino)
- 2026 A Binary Analysis of *dep* in Kazakh: Category V or C
Tu+-11, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 11-12, 2026 (with Aidan Sharma)
- 2026 From Converb to Complementizer: On the Syntactic Flexibility of *dep* in Kazakh
LSA, New Orleans, January 8-11, 2026 (with Aidan Sharma)
- 2025 On overt and covert definite marking in vocatives: selecting vs. non-selecting calls
NELS-56, New York University, October 17-19, 2025 (with Jiayuan Chen)

- 2025 When evidentiality meets deonticity: A case study of Nuosu Yi *di*³¹ and *zo*⁴⁴
SuB-30, Goethe University Frankfurt, September 23-27, 2025 (with Yaqing Hu)
- 2025 Definiteness and Familiarity in Yemba
TripleA-12, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, September 10-12, (with Aidan Sharma and Jiayuan Chen)
- 2025 The distribution of definite markings in vocatives
SICOGG-27, Sogang University, August 14-16, 2025 (with Jiayuan Chen)
- 2025 Rethinking embeddability and context sensitivity in honorification: Evidence from Korean *si*
SALT-35, Harvard University, May 20-22, 2025 (with Dorothy Ahn)
- 2025 The multifunctionality of Armenian complementizer *Te*
GLOW-47, Frankfurt & Göttingen, March 24-28, 2025 (with Nelli Marutyan)
- 2025 Extra *cái* definites in Vietnamese
TEAL-14, University of Southern California. March 18-20, 2025 (with Aidan Sharma)
- 2025 The direct indirect object asymmetry in Korean honorification
TEAL-14, University of Southern California, March 18-20, 2025
- 2025 The multifunctionality of Armenian complementizer *te*
 Tu+ 10. University of Southern California. March 1-2, 2025 (with Nelli Marutyan)
- 2024 Say Verb or Complementizer: Analyzing *shuo* following communicatives and noncommunicatives
NELS-55, Yale University, October 17-18, 2024
- 2023 A say verb or complementizer: Analyzing postverbal ‘*shuo*’ and sentence-initial ‘*shuo*’ in Mandarin
SICOGG-27, Dongguk University, August 14-16, 2023
- 2023 On the nature of say in Mandarin: Postverbal *shuo* and sentence-initial *shuo*
TEAL-13, National Taiwan Normal University, May 12-14, 2023
- 2019 On the semantics of temporal and logical *then*
Heterotopic Junction Graduate Conference in Language, Literature and Culture 1, Hong Kong Baptist University, April 13, 2019

Teaching

Instructor

- Summer 2026 **Semantics (325)**, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University
 Course description: Upper-level undergraduate semantics course. Covers types of inferences, set theory, Propositional & Predicate Logic, Lambda Calculus, definite descriptions, pronouns, relative clauses, quantifiers, and scope & binding, and intensional semantics
- Spring 2025 **LING 201**, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University
 Course description: Introductory course to linguistics. Prerequisite for all upper-level linguistics courses at Rutgers. Covers different subfields including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.
- 2019-2021 **Advanced English**, College of Continuing Education, Fudan University
 Course description: Advanced course to English grammar, academic reading, writing, and speaking for undergraduate English majors.

2019-2021 **English Translation & Writing**, College of Continuing Education, Fudan University
 Course description: English–Chinese translation and academic writing, emphasizing syntactic structure, lexical choice, discourse organization, and effective written communication.

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2025 **LING 201**, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University
 Course description: Introductory course to linguistics. Led recitation sessions once per week (reviews, discussions, exercises). Main lectures led by Dr. Justin Bland.

Fall 2024 **LING 201**, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University
 Course description: Introductory course to linguistics. Led recitation sessions once per week (reviews, discussions, exercises). Main lectures led by Prof. Maria Kouneli.

Tutor

Fall 2025 **LING 201, Syntax (305), Semantics (325), Pragmatics (350), Phonology (315)**, Rutgers Learning Center
 Job description: Led tutorial sessions and adapted explanations to different student levels

Awards & Honors

2024-2026 **Research & Travel Award**, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University

Fall 2024-2025 **Teaching Assistantship**, Rutgers University

2022-2024 **Excellence Fellowship**, Rutgers University

2022-2023 **Presidential Summer Stipend**, Rutgers University

2018 **Outstanding Teaching Assistant**
 Fudan University

2016-2019 **Excellence Scholarship**
 Fudan University

2016 **Outstanding Student & Student Leadership**
 Beijing Language and Culture University

2012-2016 **Excellence Scholarship**
 Beijing Language and Culture University

Academic Service

Reviewing

2026 *The Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 62*

Conference/Summer School Organization

- 2026 **Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM-12) student-organizer**
Rutgers University
- 2022 **North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI-22) student-organizer**
University of Southern California

Departmental service

- 2023-2024 **Colloquium Committee (co-organizer)**
Rutgers University
- 2023 **Student co-organizer, Linguistics Open House**
Rutgers University

Professional Affiliations

- 2023- Linguistic Society of America
- 2026- Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

Skills

- Languages Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Korean (Intermediate), Shanghainese (Basic), French (basic reading)
- Technical Skills LaTeX, Qualtrics, Haskell, Praat

Field work

- Languages Baatonum, Kazakh, Yemba, Yoruba

References

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