

## CHÉN Qiūshí

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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, language documentation

### Narrow

Agreement, allomorphy, argument structure, case, constituent order, discontinuity, grammatical tone, grammaticalization, inverse systems, morphosyntactic repairs, nominal structure, reanalysis

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### IN ENGLISH

#### Peer-reviewed conference proceedings papers

Chén, Qiūshí. accepted. A scattered deletion account of Chichewa partial dislocation. In *Selected papers from the 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*.

#### Conference proceedings papers with peer-reviewed abstracts

Chén, Qiūshí. to appear. The art of losing specifiers: On the synchrony and diachrony of N(P)-fronting in Shizhu and Zunyi. In *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 60)*.

Chén, Qiūshí. to appear. The hidden conjoint/disjoint alternation in Chichewa. In *WCCFL 42: Proceedings of the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.

Chén, Qiūshí. to appear. On the secondary nature of morphosyntactic change: An argument from Southwestern Mandarin. In *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 31.1: Proceedings of PLC 48*.

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.

## IN CHINESE

### Peer-reviewed journal papers

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]* 43:04–330.

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 relabeling: 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.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed conference presentations

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–

- 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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### At UConn

- Summer 2025 Instructor of Record, JAPN-1101 Elementary Japanese I (online synchronous course)
- Spring 2025 Instructor of Record, JAPN-1102 Elementary Japanese II  
Teaching Assistant, LING-1010 (leading 1 discussion section) Language and Mind
- Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant, LING-1010 (leading 1 discussion section) Language and Mind
- Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant, LING-1030 (leading 2 discussion sections) The Diversity of Languages
- Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant, LING-1010 (leading 4 discussion sections) Language and Mind
- Spring 2023 Teaching Assistant, LING-1030 (leading 3 discussion sections) The Diversity of Languages  
[Received David Michaels Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Linguistics, UConn]
- Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant, LING-1010 (leading 3 discussion sections) Language and Mind
- Spring 2022 Tech TA, LING-1030 The Diversity of Languages
- Fall 2021 Tech TA, LING-1020 Language and Environment

#### At Fudan University

- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, Modern Chinese (現代漢語) 2-2

### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 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

*The Penn Linguistics Conference* (PLC): 2024

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