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EDUCATION

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Ph.D., Linguistics 2019 – 2025

M.S., Data Science 2022 – 2024

M.A., Linguistics with a TESOL focus 2018 – 2019

B.A., Linguistics, and Italian, minor in Latin 2014 – 2018

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director of Academic Success, 2025 – Present

Louisiana State University in Shreveport – Shreveport, LA

Writing Center Tutor, 2018-2024

University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

Lecturer of ESL Academic Writing, 2021 – 2022

University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2019 – 2024

University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

1. **Zeng, W.**, & Shea, C. (accepted). The influence second dialect use on the production of lexical tones in native dialect. *Journal of Acoustical Society of America*.
2. Severino, C., Plakans, L., Shui, X., & **Zeng, W.** (forthcoming, 2025). Selected bibliography of recent scholarship in second language writing. *Journal of Second Language Writing*, 67.
3. **Zeng, W.**, Shea, C., Beckman, J., & Kutlu, E. (2024). Bidialectal variety switching: The effects of language use and social contexts. *Frontiers in Language Sciences*. Doi: 10.3389/flang.2023.1302027.
4. Fuchs, Z., & **Zeng, W.** (2024). Facilitative processing of grammatical gender in heritage speakers with two gender systems. *Heritage Language Journal*, 21(1), 1-33. Doi: 10.1163/15507076-bja10028.
5. **Zeng, W.**, Parker, O., & Shea, C. (under review). Individual variability in native categorization and its effects on the perception of non-native sounds.

Conference Proceedings

1. **Zeng, W.**, & Shea, C. (2024). Bidialectal phonetic realization is modulated by dialect experience and homophone status. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 9(1). Doi: 10.3765/plsa.v9i1.5664.
2. **Zeng, W.**, & Shea, C. (2024). Phonetic and phonological factors in cross-dialectal tone perception. *Proceedings of Speech Prosody*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Talks

1. Brice, C., Severino, C., Pelaez-Morales, C., Plakans, L., Shui, X., & **Zeng, W.** (2024). Scholarship in SLW: 2023 in review. *Symposium on Second Language Writing*, November, 2024, University of Arizona, Tucson.
2. **Zeng, W.** (2024). Homophones enhance cross-dialect phonological interference. *2024 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, January 6th, 2024, New York, NY.
3. **Zeng, W.**, Will, K., & Gonzalez, B. (2023). Feature reassembly in adult SLA – a bi-directional study of Spanish and English relative pronouns. *The 48th Boston University Conference on Language Development*, November 3rd, 2023, Boston University.
4. Gonzalez, B., **Zeng, W.**, & Will, K. (2023). Production and comprehension of relative pronouns in L1 Spanish/L2 English. *Bilingualism Matters*, October 20th, 2023, University of South Carolina.
5. Gonzalez, B., **Zeng, W.**, & Will, K. (2023). ¿Que o quien? Examining the acquisition and use of relative pronouns in L2 Spanish. *Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*, October 13rd, 2023, Brigham Young University.
6. Fuchs, Z., & **Zeng, W.** (2023). Facilitative use of grammatical gender in heritage bilingual speakers. *International Symposium on Bilingualism 14*, June 2023, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.
7. **Zeng, W.**, Parker, O., & Shea, C. (2023). L1 phonetic categorization on the acquisition of a new sound contrast. *International Conference on Experimental Phonetics*, June 2023, Universidade de Vigo, Spain.
8. **Zeng, W.** (2023). The effects of phonological similarity on bilingual and bidialectal language-switching in auditory comprehension. *The 5th Annual Sociolinguistics Symposium at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, March 2nd-3rd, 2023, Illinois, US.
9. **Zeng, W.**, Parker, O., & Shea, C. (2023). The effects of native phonetic categorization gradience on L2 sound acquisition. *The 2nd Korean Applied Conference: Exploring New Waves in Korean Applied Linguistics*, February 18th, 2023, The Penn State Institute for Korean Studies, Pennsylvania, US.
10. Fuchs, Z., & **Zeng, W.** (2020). The influence of dominant language on gender processing in heritage speakers: Evidence from eye-tracking. *Bilingualism, Heritage Languages and Migration, Second International Conference on Bilingualism*, Madrid, Spain.

Posters

1. **Zeng, W.**, & Shea, C. (2024). Phonetic and phonological factors in cross-dialectal tone perception. Poster presented at *Speech Prosody*, July 2nd, 2024, Universiteit Leiden, Leiden, Netherlands.
2. **Zeng, W.**, Park, O., & Shea, C. (2024). The effects of native phonetic categorization on L2 sound acquisition. Poster presented at *The 19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology*, June 28th, Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea.
3. **Zeng, W.**, Park, O., & Shea, C. (2024). The effects of native phonetic categorization on L2 sound acquisition. Poster presented at *SLA Graduate Symposium*, April 6th, 2024, University of Iowa.
4. **Zeng, W.** (2021). The effects of between-language phonological similarity on bilingual language switch costs in auditory comprehension. Poster presented at: *The 3rd International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics*, November 21st, 2021, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan.