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Education

Stanford University

PhD in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics

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National University of Singapore

BA with Honors (Highest Distinction) in English Language

Department of English, Linguistics, and Theater Studies

University Scholars Program

2016–2020

Thesis: *Rhythm in English, Mandarin, and English-Mandarin code-switching*

Advisor: Rebecca Starr

Areas of Interest

Variation, sociolinguistics, phonetics, speech perception, language contact, multilingualism

Papers and Manuscripts

Yong, Zheng Xin, Ruochen Zhang, Jessica Forde, Skyler Wang, Arjun Subramonian, Holy Lovenia, Samuel Cahyawijaya, Genta Winata, Lintang Sutawika, Jan Christian Blaise Cruz, **Yin Lin Tan**, Long Phan, Rowena Garcia, Thamar Solorio, and Alham Fikri Aji. 2023. Prompting large language models to generate code-mixed texts: The case of South East Asian languages. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Linguistic Code-Switching*. 43–63.

Aji, Alham Fikri, Jessica Zosa Forde, Alyssa Marie Loo, Lintang Sutawika, Skyler Wang, Genta Indra Winata, Zheng Xin Yong, Ruochen Zhang, A. Seza Doğruöz, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Jan Christian Blaise Cruz. 2023. Current status of NLP in South East Asia with insights from multilingualism and language diversity. *Proceedings of the 13th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*. 8–13.

In prep. **Yin Lin Tan**, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. To appear in *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*.

In prep. **Yin Lin Tan**, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. Prosody in listener categorizations of Singlish.

In prep. Ng, Bee Chin, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Francesco Cavallaro. An alternative perspective on matched-guise study: The effect of topic formality on accent evaluation.

Conference Presentations

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Identifying the social correlates of Singlish: The relationship between Singlish-ness and locally relevant meanings. Talk to be presented at *Sociolinguistics Symposium 25 (SS 25)*. Perth, Australia, 24–27 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, Robert Podesva, and Meghan Sumner. 2024. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. Talk at *The 100th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2024)*. New York City, NY, USA, 4–7 Jan.

Yong, Zheng Xin, Ruochen Zhang, Jessica Forde, Skyler Wang, Arjun Subramonian, Holy Lovenia*, Samuel Cahyawijaya*, Genta Winata, Lintang Sutawika, Jan Christian Blaise Cruz, **Yin Lin Tan**, Long Phan, Rowena Garcia, Thamar Solorio, and Alham Fikri Aji. 2023. Prompting large language models to generate code-mixed texts: The case of South East Asian languages. Talk at *6th Workshop of Computational Approaches to Linguistic Code-Switching (CALCS 6)* collocated with *The 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2023)*. Singapore, 6–10 Dec.

Aji, Alham Fikri*, Jessica Zosa Forde, Alyssa Marie Loo, Lintang Sutawika*, Samson Tan, Skyler Wang, Genta Indra Winata, Zheng-Xin Yong, Ruochen Zhang, A. Seza Doğruöz, **Yin Lin Tan**, and Jan Christian Blaise Cruz. 2023. Current status of NLP in South East Asia with insights from multilingualism and language diversity. Tutorial at *13th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (IJCNLP-AACL 2023)*. Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, 1–4 Nov.

Tan, Yin Lin*, Ting Lin, and Meghan Sumner. 2023. Pitch variability cues perceptions of Singlish: A perceptually-guided approach to sociophonetic variation. Talk at *New Waves of Analyzing Variation 51 (NWAV 51)*. New York City, NY, USA, 13–15 Oct.

Ng, Bee Chin, **Yin Lin Tan***, and Francesco Cavallaro. 2023. Five decades of matched guise studies – what do we know about contextual constraints?. Talk at *International Symposium of Bilingualism 14 (ISB 14)*. Sydney, Australia, 26–30 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*. 2023. Variation in multilingual communities: Rhythm and English-Mandarin code-switching in Singapore. Poster at *International Symposium of Bilingualism 14 (ISB 14)*. Sydney, Australia, 26–30 Jun.

Tan, Yin Lin*. 2022. Rhythmic variation in code-switching between Mandarin, English, and Singlish in Singapore. Talk at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation Asia-Pacific 7 (NWAV-AP 7)*. Bangkok, Thailand, 14–16 Dec.

Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2024	First Generation Access and Equity Travel Award <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>	(US\$500)
2023	Cantonese Summer Fellowship “A comparative analysis of Cantonese spoken in diaspora communities” (with Irene Yi) <i>Stanford University</i>	(US\$10,000)
2023	East Asia Graduate Summer Grant “Style, space, and the body among freestyle dancers” <i>Stanford University</i>	(US\$6,893)

*Presenting author(s)

2022–2027 **Overseas Graduate Scholarship**
National University of Singapore

2014 **English Language Elective Scholarship**
Ministry of Education (Singapore)

Teaching Experience

Guest Talks

Oct 2023 “Phonetics and Sociophonetics”, Undergraduate Research Workshop
Stanford University

Nov 2022 “Phonetics and Sociophonetics”, Undergraduate Research Workshop
Stanford University

Research Positions

Project Officer Sep 2021–Sep 2022

Nanyang Technological University

Full-time project officer position at the School of Humanities with the Linguistics and Multilingual Studies program. Member of the [Neurolinguistics and Cognitive Science Lab](#). Supervised by Bee Chin Ng and Alice Chan.

Research Assistant Mar 2021–Aug 2021

Nanyang Technological University

Full-time traineeship position at the School of Humanities with the Linguistics and Multilingual Studies program. Worked with the sociolinguistics research group comprising Francesco Cavallaro, Ivan Panović, and Luke Lu.

Research Assistant Jun 2020

National University of Singapore

Part-time position at the Department of Computer Science with the Objective Assessment of Sung Lyrics for Applications to Language Learning project. Supervised by Wang Ye.

Research Assistant May 2018–May 2020

National University of Singapore

Part-time positions at the Department of English, Linguistics, and Theater Studies with the Singapore Multilingual Corpus (SMC) and the Voices of Children Singapore (VOCS) projects. Supervised by Rebecca Starr.

Research Assistant Feb 2018–Nov 2018

National University of Singapore

Part-time position at the Department of Psychology with the [Auditory English Lexicon Project \(AELP\)](#). Supervised by Winston Goh and Melvin Yap.

Service

Stanford University

2023–present Colloquium Committee, *Department of Linguistics*

2023–2024 Organizing Committee, *California Annual Meeting of Psycholinguistics 6 (CAMP 6)*

2023–2024 Peer Mentor, *Department of Linguistics*

2023 Graduate Student Mentor, *Stanford Arts Institute*

2022–2023 Social Committee, *Department of Linguistics*

2022 Volunteer, *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50 (NWAV 50)*

National University of Singapore

2022 Alumni Interviewer, *NUS College*
2018–2019 Vice President, *Linguistics Interest Group*

Other Service:

2023–present First Generation Access and Equity (FGAE) Committee Member, *Linguistic Society of America*
2023 Reviewer, *California Annual Meeting of Psycholinguistics 6 (CAMP 6)*

Working Experience

Freelance Writer and Editor Nov 2016–Aug 2021
Multiple Publications

Wrote and edited features, press releases, and whitepapers across a range of beats, such as culture, tech, and current affairs. Clients included Atlas Obscura, Meantime Magazine, RADII China, PR Newswire Asia, and others.

Journalism Trainee Oct 2020–Feb 2021
TODAY

Reported on local news across a variety of beats, including transport, culture, and health. Bylines at <http://www.todayonline.com/authors/tan-yin-lin>.

Journalism Intern Aug 2020–Oct 2020
KrASIA

Reported on tech and startup ecosystems in Southeast Asia and China. Bylines at <http://www.kr-asia.com/author/yinlin>.

Editorial Intern May 2020–Sep 2020
RICE Media

Reported and wrote features, op-eds, and commentaries with a focus on culture, current affairs, politics, and breaking news. Bylines at <http://www.ricemedia.co/author/tan-yin-lin>.

Other Honors

2020 President's Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, *National University of Singapore*
2020 Best Story (**Winner**), *Stories of a Pandemic Awards*
2020 Best Story (**Merit**), *Stories of a Pandemic Awards*
2020 Best Story (**Merit**), *Stories of a Pandemic Awards*
2019 Fourth Place, *XDS Data Storytelling Competition*
2018 Senior Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, *National University of Singapore*
2017 Special Book Prize, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, *National University of Singapore*
2017 Honor Roll, University Scholars Program, *National University of Singapore*

Memberships

2023– Psychonomic Society
2022– Linguistic Society of America

Miscellaneous

Languages Native: English, Mandarin, Singlish
Basic: Cantonese, Hokkien

Software Praat, Audacity, Elan, Audition, Photoshop, Premiere Pro

