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Education

Present Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology
University of Chicago
2012-2013 M.A. in Psychology
The New School
2009-2010 Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Primary level
National Institute of Education
2005-2009 B.A. in Psychology
National University of Singapore
Honors Thesis: Iconic gestures prime words.
Supervisors: Dr. Catherine So Wing-Chee & Dr. Melvin Yap Ju-Min

Awards

2016 MPA Graduate Student Paper Award
2014-2018 Social Sciences Tuition Scholarship, University of Chicago
2013-2014 Dean's Fellowship, The New School (declined)
2012-2014 Merit-based scholarship, The New School
2009-2010 Teaching Award Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Singapore
2006-2007 Dean's List, National University of Singapore
2005-2006 Dean's List, National University of Singapore

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Presentations

Yap, D. F., Staum Casasanto, L., & Casasanto, D. (2014). Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp., 1808-1813). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

So, W. C., Low, A. Y., Yap, D. F., Kheng, E., & Yap, M. J. (2013). Iconic gestures prime words: comparison of priming effects when gestures are presented alone and when they are accompanying speech. *Frontiers in Psychology, 4*.

Yap, D. F., So, W. C., Yap, M. J., Tan, Y. Q., & Teoh, R. L. (2011). Iconic gestures prime words. *Cognitive Science, 35*(1), 171-183.

Conference Presentations

Yap, D. F., & Casasanto, D. (2017). *Semantics of beat gestures*. Talk to be presented at the 89th Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Yap, D. F., & Casasanto, D. (2016). *Semantics of beat gestures*. Talk presented at the 7th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies, Paris.

Yap, D. F., Casasanto, D. (2016). *Semantics of beat gestures*. Poster presented at the 28th Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois.

Yap, D. F., Staum, C., & Casasanto, D. (2016). *Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages*. Talk presented at the 88th Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Yap, D. F., Staum, C., & Casasanto, D. (2014). *Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages*. Talk presented at the 6th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies, San Diego, CA.

Yap, D. F., So, W. C., Yap, J. M., Tan, Y. Q., & Teoh, R. L. S. (2010). *Iconic gestures prime words*. Talk presented at the 4th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies, Frankfurt an der Oder.

Yap, D. F., So, W. C., & Chai, C. L. (2010). *Gestures disambiguate lexical ambiguity: A study on homonyms*. Talk presented at the 4th Meeting of the International Society for Gesture Studies, Frankfurt an der Oder.

Service and Memberships

Ad hoc reviewer: *Cognitive Science, Memory & Cognition, Acta Psychologica*

Department service: 2015 Linguistic Summer Institute

Memberships: *Association for Psychological Science, Cognitive Science Society, Psychonomic Society, Society for the Neurobiology of Language, International Society for Gesture Studies*

Teaching Experience

2016 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, UChicago

2015 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Developmental Psychology, UChicago

2012 Teaching Assistant, Experiential Relativity, The New School

Research Experience

2011-2012 Project Facilitator, Curriculum design, pedagogy and assessment
Research Activist Attachment Scheme, Ministry of Education

2008-2009 Research Assistant, Cognitive assessment and intervention for
patients diagnosed with Schizophrenia
Simei Care Centre, Singapore

2008-2009 Research Assistant, Neural correlates associated with the
pronunciation of regular and irregular verbs (fMRI)
Neurolinguistic lab, National University of Singapore

2007-2009 Research Assistant, Longitudinal analysis and norming of cognitive
battery

Psycholinguistic Lab, National University of Singapore

Past Employment

2010-2012 Teacher, Hong Kah Primary School
Hong Kah Primary School, Ministry of Education

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