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Education

Present	Cornell University Human Development, Visiting student
Present	University of Chicago Ph.D. in Psychology, Cognition
2012-2013	The New School for Social Research Psychology graduate student
2009-2010	National Institute of Education Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Primary level
2005-2009	National University of Singapore B.A. in Psychology

Awards

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

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Proceedings

Yap, D. F., Brookshire, G., & Casasanto, D. (2017). *Beat gestures encode spatial semantics*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

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., Brookshire, G., & Casasanto, D. (2018). *Beat gestures encode spatial semantics*. Poster to be presented at the 31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Davis, California.
- Yap, D. F., Vaid, S.S., Brookshire, G., & Casasanto, D. (2017). *Semantics of beat gestures*. Talk 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.
- Bottini, R., Casasanto, D., Yap, D. F., Crepaldi, D., & Collignon, O. (2016). *Metaphorical gestures for time in the congenitally blind*. 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 Casasanto, L., & Casasanto, D. (2016). *Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages*. Talk presented at the 88th Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
Graduate Student Paper Award.
- Yap, D. F., Staum Casasanto, L., & 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: Linguistic Summer Institute (2015)

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

Outreach and community: Judge for the Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium (2016–17)

Teaching Experience

2017	Cognitive Psychology, TA University of Chicago Introduction to Developmental Psychology, TA University of Chicago
2016	Cognitive Psychology, TA University of Chicago Psychology of Decision Making, TA University of Chicago
2015	Introduction to Developmental Psychology, TA University of Chicago
2012	Experiential Relativity, TA The New School for Social Research

Research Experience

2013-Present	The University of Chicago PI: Daniel Casasanto
2012-2013	The New School for Social Research PI: Daniel Casasanto
2011-2012	Ministry of Education, Singapore Project Facilitator: Curriculum design and assessment
2009	National University of Singapore Honors Thesis: Iconic gestures prime words. Supervisors: Dr. Catherine So Wing-Chee & Dr. Melvin Yap Ju-Min
2008-2009	Simei Care Centre, Singapore Research Assistant: Cognitive assessment and intervention for patients diagnosed with Schizophrenia
2008-2009	National University of Singapore, Neurolinguistic lab Research Assistant: Neural correlates associated with the pronunciation of regular and irregular verbs
2007-2009	National University of Singapore, Psycholinguistic Lab Research Assistant: Longitudinal analysis and norming of cognitive battery

Past Employment

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