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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad: grammar of sign languages; syntax, syntax-semantics/prosody interfaces; language acquisition; bimodal bilingualism; sociolinguistics of Deaf communities

Narrow: information structure & packaging; wh-questions; development of syntax & semantics by deaf children; code-blending; language accessibility & language attitudes in Deaf communities

EDUCATION

	University of Connecticut (UConn)	Storrs, Connecticut, USA
2019 – 2023	MA in Linguistics	
2019 – 2025	PhD in Linguistics	

Dissertation: *Information Structure of the Clause-final Position in Hong Kong Sign Language*
Supervisor: Diane Lillo-Martin
Committee: Željko Bošković, Magdalena Kaufmann, Jon Gajewski, Kathryn Davidson

	University of Amsterdam (UvA)	Amsterdam, Netherlands
2017-2019	MA (research) in Linguistics	

Thesis: *WH-questions in Hong Kong Sign Language*
Supervisor: Roland Pfau
Other major advisors: Vadim Kimmelman, Enoch Aboh

	Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	Hong Kong SAR, China
2014-2015	MA in Chinese Linguistics & Language Acquisition	

Major advisors: Gladys Tang, Felix Sze

	Minzu University of China	Beijing, China
2009 – 2013	BA in Chinese Minority Languages & Literature	

GRANTS

08/2024 – 01/2026	The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) 20-538 - Linguistics Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (Ling-DDRI). Project title: *Information Structure of the Clause-Final Position in Hong Kong Sign Language.* Award number 2416348.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

06/2024	Summer Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate School, UConn
09/2023	Fellowship semester, UConn Linguistics
01/2023	Conference Participation Award, The Graduate School, UConn
2019 – 2024	Predoctoral Fellowship, UConn Linguistics

2022	Annual Alumni Research Award, UConn Linguistics
2021	Annual Alumni Research Award, UConn Linguistics
07/2019	Horizon Fund (GSH), Graduate School of Humanities, University of Amsterdam
02/2019	Horizon Fund (GSH), Graduate School of Humanities, University of Amsterdam
08/2017	Horizon Fund (GSH), Graduate School of Humanities, University of Amsterdam
12/2016	The Best Oral Presentation of the session Audiology, Aural Rehabilitation & Deaf Education, *Hong Kong Speech & Hearing Symposium 2016*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

01/2026 –,   **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut
Supervisor: Diane Lillo-Martin

08/2024 – 12/2025,   **Research Assistant (Graduate Assistant-ship)**
01 – 12/2023,   Sign Linguistics & Language Acquisition Lab, University of Connecticut
06/2020–08/2022   Primary Investigator: Diane Lillo-Martin

06 – 08/2020,   **Graduate Student Technician**
2021, 2022, 2023,   Sign Linguistics & Language Acquisition Lab, University of Connecticut
2024, 2025   Primary Investigator: Diane Lillo-Martin

01/2016 – 06/2017   **Junior Research Assistant (full-time)**
Centre for Sign Linguistics & Deaf Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Supervisors: Gladys Tang, Jafi Lee

03 – 06/2015   **Student helper (part-time)**
Centre for Sign Linguistics & Deaf Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Supervisors: Jia Li, Jafi Lee

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024   **LING 3800 Structure of American Sign Language**
Instructor of Record (Graduate Assistant-ship)
Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut

Fall 2022   **LING 2850 Introduction to Sociolinguistics of the Deaf Community**
Instructor of Record (Graduate Assistant-ship)
Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut

Spring 2020   **LING 1010 Language and Mind**
Tech Teaching Assistant (Graduate Assistant-ship; Instructor: Harry Van der Hulst)
Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut

Fall 2019   **LING 2850 Introduction to Sociolinguistics of the Deaf Community**

Tech Teaching Assistant (Graduate Assistant-ship; Instructor: Diane Lillo-Martin)

Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut

Fall 2015   **LING 5104 Foundations in Sign Language Research**

Teaching Assistant (full-time; Instructor: Gladys Tang)

Department of Linguistics, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Fall 2015   **LING 5103 Foundations in Language Acquisition**

Teaching Assistant (full-time; Instructor: Ziyin Mai)

Department of Linguistics, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Fall 2015   **LING 5102 Foundations II: Syntax and Semantics**

Teaching Assistant (full-time; Instructor: Gang Gu)

Department of Linguistics, Chinese University of Hong Kong

PUBLICATIONS

Gan, Linghui. submitted. Last but not least: Focus and the clause-final position in Hong Kong Sign Language. *WCCFL 43 Proceedings*.

Chen Pichler, Deborah, Mary Cecilia Conte, Patrice Creamer, Martin Dale-Hench, Elaine Gale, **Linghui Gan**, Corina Goodwin, Shengyun Gu, Kaj Kraus, Margaret Chui-Yi Lee, Diane Lillo-Martin, Jeffrey Levi Palmer, Bettie Petersen, & Meghan Shaw. 2024. "Profile of a Family's Bimodal Bilingual Development." *BUCLD 48: Proceedings of the 48th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*, edited by Hayat Abdullah Ali AlThagafi and Jupitara Ray, 158–68. http://www.lingref.com/bucld/48/BUCLD48-12.pdf

Gan, Linghui. 2022. "Question Answer Pairs in Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL)." *Proceedings of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 58)*, edited by Lucas Fagen, Sam Gray, Quain, Stephanie Reyes, and Irene Tang, 103–18.

Gan, Linghui. 2022. "Scope Relation and Structure Hierarchy in Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL): Exploring Ditransitives." *Proceedings of the 30th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE XXX)*, edited by Annie Holtz, Iva Kovač, and Rasmus Puggaard-Rode, 201–19. Leiden: Published by Leiden University Centre for Linguistics. https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/events/series/sole.

Gobbo, Federico, **Linghui Gan**, and Xuan Zheng. 2022. "Contested Linguistic Heritages: CODAs and Denaskuloj in Comparison." *Proceedings of the International Conference on "Minority Languages Spoken or Signed and Inclusive Spaces"*, 44–49. Suresnes: INSHEA Publishing department. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5834265.

Gan, Linghui. 2021. "Shifted Indexicals in Hong Kong Sign Language with(-out) Role Shift." *The FEAST Journal (Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign language Theory)*, 4:74–86. https://doi.org/10.31009/FEAST.i4.06

Gan, Linghui, and Federico Gobbo. 2019. "Attitudes towards the Official Recognition of Hong Kong Sign Language by Hong Kong Citizens." *Journal of Linguistics and Education Research* 02 (02): 1–16. https://hdl.handle.net/11245.1/87570616-d0c4-42f0-a4b5-4b08bad93643.

Manuscripts in preparation

Lillo-Martin, Diane, **Linghui Gan**, Julie Hochgesang, Deborah Chen Pichler. in prep. "Understanding Morpho-Syntactic Development in Children Acquiring American Sign Language: MLU and ASL-IPSyn"

Gan, Linghui. in prep. "Perspective blend and indexical shift in Hong Kong Sign Language"

Gan, Linghui, and Diane Lillo-Martin. in prep. "Analyzing code-blending in ASL by adult CODAs"

Gan, Linghui. in prep. "Wh-questions in Hong Kong Sign Language"

Gan, Linghui, and Jon Gajewski. in prep. "Why do sign languages make prominent use of the sentence final position?"

Invited talks

05/2025   Information Structure of the clause-final position in Hong Kong Sign Language, *NYU Syntax Brown Bag*, New York University. New York, USA

02/2025   Last but not least: Focus and the clause-final position in Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL), *Department of Linguistics, Chinese University of Hong Kong*. Hong Kong

11/2024   Introduction to an Asian sign language: Hong Kong Sign Language, guest talk of the course *Variation and Discourse*, Central Connecticut State University. Connecticut, USA

08/2020   Wh-questions in Hong Kong Sign Language, *Sign language research group*, Shanghai International Studies University. Shanghai, China

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

01/2026   (with Bonnie Barret, Deborah Chen Pichler, & Diane Lillo-Martin) L2 Grammatical Development of ASL by Hearing Parents of Deaf Children (presentation). *Linguistic Society of America 2026 Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, USA

11/2025   (with Jon Gajewski) Why do sign languages make prominent use of the sentence final position? (presentation). *Interdisciplinary Workshop on Sign Language Grammars, Parsing Models, & the Brain*. Leipzig, Germany

11/2025   (with Angela Llerena, & Diane Lillo-Martin) What does bimodal bilingual acquisition look like in deaf children with hearing parents? (presentation). *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 50*. Boston, USA

04/2025   Correlation between focus and the clause-final position in Hong Kong Sign Language (presentation). *43rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 43)*. Seattle, USA

01/2025   Correlation between word order and information structure in Hong Kong Sign Language (poster). *Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR 2025)*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

01/2025   Question Answer Pairs in Hong Kong Sign Language (poster). *Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR 2025)*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

08/2024   (With Diane Lillo-Martin, Julie Hochgesang, and Deborah Pichler). Assessing the Development of ASL by Deaf Children: Longitudinal Spontaneous Production Data (presentation). *Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST 2024)*. Ann Arbor, USA

01/2023   Perspective blend and indexical shift in Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL) (presentation). *The 53th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS-53)*. Göttingen, Germany

05/2022	Syntactic structure of argument wh-questions in Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL) (presentation). *The 28th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-28).* Hong Kong, China
04/2022	Question Answer Pairs in Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL) (presentation). *Chicago Linguistics Society 58 (CLS 58).* Chicago, USA
01/2022	Scope relations and hierarchical structure in Hong Kong Sign Language: Exploring ditransitives (presentation). *Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 2022).* Nantes, France
06/2021	Indexical shift with(-out) role shift: Evidence from Hong Kong Sign Language (poster). *Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST 2021).* Hong Kong
07/2019	(With Federico Gobbo). Attitudes towards the official recognition of HKSL by Hong Kong citizens (presentation). *Symposium on Sociolinguistic Variation in Signed and Spoken Languages of the Asia-Pacific Region.* Lancashire, UK
10/2016	Acquisition of WH-question in Hong Kong Sign Language by Deaf Bilingual Children (presentation). *Hong Kong Speech and Hearing Symposium 2016.* Hong Kong, China

SERVICE (SELECTIVE)

Community service

2022 – 2023	Knowledge support for the 'Access to sign language interpretation in legal services' project, Liang Bei Shui (NGO), Shenzhen, China
2022/08 – 2024/03	Knowledge support for the project 'Reviewing International practices of sign language interpretation services in emergency settings' (PI: Lan Ni), Shanghai University, China
09/2021 – 09/2023	Graduate LingClub Graduate Student Representative, UConn
08/2018	Speaker of the public workshop series: *Introduction to sign linguistics and language acquisition by deaf children*, Sabah Society for the Deaf, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
2017 –	Informal peer support/mentor for undergraduates/postgraduates in China who work on sign linguistics-related disciplines
08/2017	Speaker of the public workshop series 'Let's learn more about sign linguistics and communication with deaf people', Liang Bei Shui (NGO), Shenzhen, China
01/2017	Volunteer coordinator (with Yi Hin Chan) of the knowledge support group for the proposal of *Recognising HKSL as an official language of Hong Kong* to the Council meeting at the Legislative Council of Hong Kong

Academic service

08/2024 –12/2025	Coordinator. UConn Sign Language Reading and Discussion Group (SLRDG)
02/2022	Session Chair, *the 7th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*
11/2021	Organizing Committee. *the 11th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable*
10/2019	Organizing Committee, *the 9th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable*
08-10/2016	Organizing committee. *Sign Linguistics Forum* at *the 16th China International Conference on Contemporary Linguistics*, Shanghai, China

Reviewing

| 2024 | *CLS 60 Abstracts* |
| 2022 | *TU +7 Proceeding* |

2022 *ConSOLE 30 Proceeding*

2021 *Linguistics* (with Diane Lillo-Martin)

Languages

Native:	Mandarin Chinese; Liuzhou Dialect
Fluent:	English, Cantonese, Hong Kong Sign Language (HKSL), American Sign Language (ASL)
Basic:	Thai, Hakka (heritage)

Technical

ELAN, R, LaTeX, MS Office, Adobe Photoshop, etc.