

Lichao Sun

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EDUCATION

Houston University, Texas, TX **Sept.2016 – now**

Graduate student in the developmental, cognitive, & behavioral neuroscience program in the department of psychology

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), California, CA **Sept.2014 – Jun.2016**

Master of Arts, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies (GSE&IS)

- Major in Human development and Psychology, GPA: 3.9/4.0

University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver), Denver, CO **Aug.2010 – Dec.2013**

Bachelor of Arts, the College of Liberal Arts and Science (CLAS)

- Major in Psychology, GPA: 3.9/4.0
- Major in Communication, GPA: 3.8/4.0

China Agricultural University (CAU), Beijing, China **Sept.2009 – Dec.2013**

Bachelor of Arts, the International College at Beijing (ICB)

- Major in Communication, GPA: 3.7/4.0

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Televisa Foundation Education Fund for Graduate Research, UCLA **Fall 2015**
- College Honors of CLAS, CU Denver **Fall 2013**
- Cum Laude Honors in the Department of Communication, CU Denver **Fall 2013**
- Academic Athletes Award, CU Denver **2011-2012**
- Dean's list of CLAS, CU Denver **Fall 2010 –Fall 2012**
- ICB Denver Merit Scholarship, CU Denver **2011-2013**
- Outstanding student list in CAU **2009-2011**
- ICB Beijing Merit Scholarship, CAU **2009-2011**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Dr. Alison L. Bailey **Sept.2014 – Jun.2016**

GSE&IS, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), California, CA

- Participated in the research project titled "Learning Two Languages" (LTL)
- Assisted in the data entry and organization for the cognitive measures including skills of executive functioning and perspective taking
- Designed and conducted the research analysis investigating the effect of metalinguistic awareness on the trajectories of reading comprehension in monolinguals and bilinguals

Research Assistant for Dr. Sarah E. Watamura **Jan.2014 – Jun.2014**
Child Health and Development Lab, University of Denver, Denver, CO

- Participated in the “Buffering Environmental Stress Together” project (BEST)
- Prepared equipment and assisted in data collection during home visit, such as spin saliva samples
- Participated in data entry and analysis of Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL for 1½-5) from parents and teachers

Research Assistant for M.D. Darcy A. Thompson **Nov.2013 – Jul.2014**
Department of Pediatrics, Section of Nutrition, University of Colorado School of Medicine Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO

- Participated in the TV study, investigating the relations with TV viewing behaviors, parenting and childhood health issues
- Assisted in the data collection and entry of 7-day TV viewing diaries from 300 participants
- Prepared literature review for the influences of TV viewing behavior on child-parent interactions and children’s health issues

ACADEMIC PROJECT

Mater thesis, “Bilingualism and Metalinguistic Awareness” **Jun.2016**
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Alison Bailey, GSE&IS, UCLA, California, CA

- Investigating the differences between English monolinguals and English-Spanish bilinguals in the abilities of metalinguistic awareness and executive functioning
- Worked with sixty 2nd graders in a demonstration school for three interview sessions including six sub-tests in total
- Designed child-friendly computer programs via E-prime for measuring executive functioning including interference suppression, inhibitory control, and working memory

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer: MS Office, SPSS, MATLAB, E-prime; Yabus and Premiere; Mac and PC competent.

Language: fluent in Mandarin Chinese

WORKING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Project Assistant, Center of English Testing & Assessment **Jun.2015 – Sept.2015**
New Oriental Education & Tech. Group., Beijing, China

- Designed the score report of TOEFL vocabulary test
- Completed the data collection and analysis for the marketing survey of English Language Learners (ELLs) who prepare for SAT and ACT tests

Student Assistant in the Office of International Affairs Jan.2012 – Dec.2013
University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO

- Wrote at least 5 news articles each semester as the primary author of ICB Newsletter
- Interviewed 3-5 ICB students, alumni, and faculty each semester

Personal English tutor in Pop Child English Sept.2009 – Aug.2011
New Oriental Education & Tech. Group., Beijing, China

- Taught basic English skills to three children (6-8 yrs), 2-3 hours per week for each child
- Helped students learn and improve skills in vocabulary, spelling, and reading comprehension

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Research and Inquiry Conference, UCLA, California, CA May 2016
Sun.L., & Bailey.A.L. (2016). *Analyzing Bilingual Advantage in Metalinguistic Awareness: the role of executive functioning and vocabulary knowledge on metalinguistic tasks*. Poster presentation for master thesis

SoCal Conference, UCLA, California, CA Mar.2016
Sun.L., & Bailey.A.L. (2016). *Analyzing Bilingual Advantage in Metalinguistic Awareness: the role of executive functioning and vocabulary knowledge on metalinguistic tasks*. Poster presentation for master thesis

Western Psychological Association, California, CA Mar.2016
Sun.L., & Bailey.A.L. (2016). *Analyzing Bilingual Advantage in Metalinguistic Awareness: the role of executive functioning and vocabulary knowledge on metalinguistic tasks*. Poster presentation for master thesis

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer at the Project C.U.R.E warehouse, Denver Feb. 2013

- Assisted in sorting supplies and checking in medical equipment

Vice president of Red Cross Society, CAU Sept. 2009 – May 2011

- Served in the blood donation vehicle on the Qianmen Street and the Wangfujing Shopping Zone
- Prepared for the speeches about public health on the CAU campus

REFERENCES

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