

# Zhi-Ling Lien

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## Education

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### **ABD Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Cultures**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2017-present

Also in the Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE) program

Thesis (tentative title): *The development and validation of an online Chinese assessment (OCEAN)*

Advisors: Chilin Shih and Xun Yan

### **M.A. in Second Language Acquisition**

University of Maryland, College Park, 2016

Advisor: Robert DeKeyser

### **B.A. in English**

National Chengchi University, 2013

Minor: Japanese

Completed Teacher Education Program

### **Chinese pedagogical training**

Washington University in St. Louis, June-August 2016

Alliance for Language Learning and Educational Exchange (ALLEX) Foundation

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## Research

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### **Publications**

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**Lien, Zhi-Ling**, Green, Jeffrey, and Shih, Chilin. Parallelism effects in Chinese word segmentation in reading. Manuscript under revision.

### **Presentations**

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**Lien, Zhi-Ling.**, Li You, Lin, Jiani, and Meng Junghwan. Computer-assisted language teaching and learning. *The Chinese Language Teacher Association Annual Conference*. Washington D.C. April 3-5, 2020. (Accepted but cancelled due to covid)

**Lien, Zhi-Ling.** Effects of parallelism on Chinese readers. 12th Illinois *Language and Linguistics Society Conference*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. February 29, 2020.

**Lien, Zhi-Ling.** Virtual trip to Taiwan: A speaking activity by Flipgrid. *CLIC Share Fair*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. February 21, 2020.

**Lien, Hsin-Yi.** Re-examine the effects of talk-listener distance on tones. *11th Illinois Language and Linguistics Society Conference*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. April 27, 2019.

## Posters

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**Lien, Hsin-Yi.** Communicative verbs in Chinese and English: Hong Lou Meng as an example. *11th Annual SLATE Graduate Research Symposium*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. May 3, 2019.

**Lien, Hsin-Yi** and Guan, K. Frequency and recurrence of vocabulary and critical structure: a case study of first and second-year Chinese textbooks. *10th Annual SLATE Graduate Research Symposium*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. May 2, 2018.

## Invited Talk

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**Lien, Zhi-Ling.** Effects of parallel structures on word segmentation of Chinese readers. *Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) Linguistics Roundtable*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. November 15, 2019.

## Other Research Experience

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### **The development of a semi-adaptive, curriculum-based Chinese placement test**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021 (in progress)

Advisors: Chilin Shih and Xun Yan

### **The development and validation of a curriculum-based self-assessment**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021

Advisors: Chilin Shih and Xun Yan

### **An investigation of an ACTFL-based self-assessment**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020

Advisor: Xun Yan

### **Validity of self-assessment on language performance: a meta-analysis**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020

Advisor: Xun Yan

### **A curriculum-based elicited imitation test of Chinese**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2019

Grading assistant

Project by: Yuyun Lei

Advisors: Chilin Shih and Xun Yan

### **A study of Korean phonetics**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2018

Advisor: Ryan Shosted

### **Attentional control and relatedness proportion effect in semantic priming: differences between native and non-native speakers**

University of Maryland, College Park, 2015

Advisor: Nan Jiang

**Chinese internet language: a sociolinguistic analysis of internet language used in Mainland China and Taiwan within friendly and conflict Contexts**

University of Maryland, College Park, 2015

Advisor: Steven Ross

## Grants and Fellowships

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**EALC Graduate Research Fellowship**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021. 2500 USD.

**SLATE Doctoral Dissertation Grant**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020. 500 USD.

**Supplemental Summer Block Grant**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020. 2000 USD.

**EALC Graduate Research Fellowship**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020. 2000 USD.

**SLATE Spring Travel Grants**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020. 250 USD.

**CEAPS Spring Travel Grants**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020. 500 USD.

**EALC Graduate Research Fellowship**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2019. 2500 USD.

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## Working Experience

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### Research & Leadership

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**Director of Elementary Chinese Program**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, fall 2017-present

**Research assistant, English Placement Test (EPT), rater and researcher**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, summer 2021

**Research assistant, translator**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, fall 2017

### Teaching

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**Chinese teaching assistant, various level Chinese**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, fall 2017-present

CHIN201 & CHIN202 (Elementary-level Chinese)

CHIN409 (Superior-level Chinese)

**Chinese teaching assistant, intensive summer program**

STARTALK summer program at Wofford College, summer 2018

**Visiting Chinese instructor, all-level Chinese**

Centre College, fall 2016 – spring 2017

CHN110 & CHN120 (Elementary-level Chinese)

CHIN220 & CHIN320 (Intermediate-level Chinese)

CHIN401 & CHIN402 (Advanced-level Chinese)

### Awards and Honors

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**Best Chinese TA Award**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021.

**Best Chinese TA Award**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020.

**Teacher Ranked as Excellent**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

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## Professional Memberships

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International Language Testing Association (ILTA)  
Asian Association of Language Assessment (AALA)  
The Chinese Language Teacher Association (CLTA)

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## Campus and Departmental Service

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**Chinese table teacher**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2017, 2020-present  
**Graduate student representative**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2019-2020  
**Chinese partner**, University of Maryland, College Park, 2015-2016  
**Chinese tutor**, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), 2012-2014  
**Culture ambassador**, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), 2012-2013

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## Certificates and Skills

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### Certificates

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English placement test rater certificate for Essays, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
English placement test rater certificate for oral performance, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
High school teaching certificate for English teacher, Taiwan  
Middle school teaching certificate for English teacher, Taiwan

### Languages

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Mandarin (Native)  
English (Native-like)  
Japanese (Advanced)  
Korean (Beginner)

### Programming Languages and Tools

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Programming: R, Linux, Python (basic), Latex (basic)  
Experimental software: SPSS, DMDX, Paradigm, Psychopy, Praat  
Psycholinguistic experimental methods: lexical decision, self-paced reading