

# RUOQING YAO

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## EDUCATION

- 2023 - **Ph.D. student** in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2019 - 2023 **B.S.** (*summa cum laude*) in Computer Science and Linguistics, with Departmental Honors in Linguistics, William & Mary  
Thesis: *Referential resolution for resumptive pronouns in island-violating sentences*  
Advisor: Anya Hogoboom
- 2022 Stanford CSLI Summer Internship Program, Stanford University
- 2020 Semester exchange student, Beijing Normal University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sentence processing, Reference processing, Ambiguity resolution, Psycholinguistics

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Yao, R.**, Lu, J., Degen, J. *Perceived interpretability predicts satiability for CNPC islands but not WH islands*. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics[6]. Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- Yao, R.**, Hogoboom, A. *Resumptive Pronouns in Islands Show Confusability Advantage Effect*. 2024 Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting. New York City, NY.
- 2023 **Yao, R.** *The Processing of Resumptive Pronouns in Islands*. Graduate and Honors Research Symposium. William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

## POSTERS

- 2022 Parker, D., Glauser, C., Rust, G., Wright, N., **Yao, R.**, *Antecedent reactivation leads to faster retrieval: Evidence from ellipsis*. Poster at the 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.
- Yao, R.**, *Satiability and Interpretability*. Poster at the W&M 2022 Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium. William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA .

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

### At UC Santa Cruz

- 2024 Graduate Research Assistant, Writing With ChatGPT: The Learning Promises and Perils of Co-Writing with Generative Models in College Linguistics Classes (sponsored by the Spencer Foundation)  
*PI: Pranav Anand; Co-PIs: Matt Wagers, Hannah Hausman*

### **At Stanford**

2022 Summer Research intern, ALPS  
*Supervisor: Judith Degen, Jiayi Lu*

### **At William & Mary**

2021 - 2022 Research assistant, The Cognitive Basis of Linguistic Illusions (under NSF-BCS1843309),  
CELL Lab

*PI: Dan Parker*

2021 - 2022 Research assistant, LabPhon Lab

*PI: Anya Hogoboom*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

At UC Santa Cruz

2024 Teaching assistant, LING171 Psycholinguistics 1

At William & Mary

2022 Grader, MATH 211 Linear Algebra

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

2024 - 2025 Coordinator, Speech and Sentence Processing Lab (s/lab), UCSC

2024 Spring Co-coordinator, Speech and Sentence Processing Lab (s/lab), UCSC

2024 Reviewer, CogSci 2024

2023 - Reviewer, California Meeting on Psycholinguistics[6, 7]

## WORK AND MENTORING EXPERIENCES

2024 - 2025 Mentor, GradPath, UCSC

2021 Linguistics specialist intern, NetEase Youdao Co. Ltd

2020 - 2022 Peer advisor, William & Mary Academic Advising

2019-2020 Research assistant, William & Mary Global Research Institute

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2024 - Captain and Coach, UCSC Club Table Tennis Women's Team

2021 - 2023 President, William & Mary Club Table Tennis

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Graduate Dean's Research Travel Grant (\$300), UC Santa Cruz

- 2023 Phi Beta Kappa, William & Mary
- 2019-2023 W&M Dean's List: Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- 2020 Ranked (Top 20%), 2020 ICPC Mid-Atlantic North America Regional Programming Contest

## SKILLS

**Languages** | Mandarin Chinese (Native); English (Proficient); French (research ability); Korean (research ability); Japanese (research ability)

**Programming Languages** | Python; R; Java; JavaScript; HTML; SQL; C++

**Software and Tools** | Ixex; Praat; L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; Prolific & Proliferate