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Academic Qualifications and Awards

Ph.D. University of Michigan. Department of Linguistics.

Dissertation title: *Phonological Contrast in Bai*.

Committee members: Andries Coetzee, San Duanmu, Bill Baxter, Pam Beddor

Degree conferred on April 28, 2017.

B.A. Rutgers University. Fall 2006 - Spring 2010. Henry Rutgers Honors Scholar.

Major: Chinese and Linguistics. Minor: Asian Studies.

Highest Honors in Linguistics, High Honors in Chinese.

Selected Academic Awards

- Fulbright US Student Award for China. Academic year 2013-2014. \$22,000.
- National Science Foundation – Graduate Research Fellowship. Tuition & Stipend. 2012-2013 (\$30,000), 2014-2015 (\$32,000), and 2015-2016 (\$34,000).
- FLAS for Chinese language study at IUP Tsinghua. Summer 2011. \$7,500.
- Huayu Enrichment Scholarship. Republic of China Ministry of Education. Monthly stipend for Chinese language study at Mandarin Training Center at Taiwan National Normal University. Summer 2009. Roughly \$2400.

Academic Employment History

08/2017 – Present Foreign Expert in Phonology (Southwest University: Chongqing)

Summary of Teaching Record

- Fall 2017 ‘Phonetics & Phonology’ and ‘English Academic Writing’

Responsibilities include:

- Designing and teaching a curriculum for phonetics and phonology
- Conducting original linguistics research for publication in peer-review venues
- Offering language, cultural, and academic assistance to junior foreign teachers

09/2011 – 12/2016 Graduate Student Instructor (University of Michigan)

Summary of Teaching Record

- Fall 2016 ‘Writing & Academic Inquiry’
- Fall 2015 ‘Second-Year Chinese’
- Summer 2012 ‘Languages of the World’
- Winter 2012 ‘Introduction to Language’
- Fall 2011 ‘Introduction to Language’

09/2007 – 08/2010 Editor of the *Rutgers Multimedia Chinese Teaching System*

- Responsible for editing the RMCTS (<http://chinese.rutgers.edu>)
- Helped develop the Pinyin version of this system, currently used as the primary course material for ‘Basic Spoken Chinese’ at Rutgers University

Publication List

- Opper, Michael. 2016. Features in Phonology: Summary and Open Questions. [theLinguist@NTNU 2](http://theLinguist@NTNU2).
- 欧迈珂 [Oū Mài kē]. 撒梅语的概况 [Sǎméiyǔ de gài kuàng: Samei Language General Overview]. This work is a brief description of the Samei language to appear in 《高坡社区志》 [Gāopō Shèqū Zhì: Gaopo District Annals].
- Opper, Michael (80%) and Alexander Sugar (20%). To appear. Truncation and headedness in Chinese compounding: a dictionary-based study. *Proceedings of North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics 25*.
- Opper, Michael. 2010. *Aspects of the Morpho-phonology and Classification of Taiwan Hakka Dialects*. BA Thesis, Rutgers University.

Invited Lectures (“*” indicates that talk was presented in Chinese)

- Opper, Michael. (June 17, 2017). *Mapping Linguistic Boundaries in China with QGIS*. North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics – 29. New Brunswick, NJ.
- Opper, Michael. (May 23, 2017). *Language and Ethnicity in Yunnan*. Minds Abroad (Academic Study Abroad Office in Kunming).
- Opper, Michael.* (April 13, 2017). *On the Representation of Phonological Contrast: A Look at Bái*. Southwest University: College of International Studies. Beibei, Chongqing.
- Opper, Michael. (March 27, 2017). *Onset, Rime, and Pre-nuclear Glides*. Millersville University. Millersville, PA.
- Opper, Michael.* (November 12-13, 2013). 国际音标概要. Intensive two-day course on phonetic and phonological transcription. This course was directed toward researchers of Naxi philology at the Dongba Cultural Research Center [东巴文化研究院] in Lijiang, China.

Conference Presentations (“*” indicates that talk was presented in Chinese)

- Opper, Michael. (May 8, 2016). *Interpreting phonological representations of Initial-Final linguistic descriptions*. Ninth North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC9). Concordia University: Montreal, Quebec.
- Opper, Michael. (April 2, 2016). *Incorporating Truncation into Chinese Language Pedagogy*. International Symposium on Chinese Teaching and Learning (CLTA-S2). University of Maryland.

- Opper, Michael. (September 12, 2015). *Pre-nuclear Glides in Bai Syllable Structure*. Mid-Phon 20. Indiana University: Bloomington, IN.
- Opper, Michael. (June 13, 2015). *Prosody and Chinese Truncation*. The 1st International Conference on Prosodic Studies: Challenges and Prospects (ICPS-1). Tianjin Normal University: Tianjin, China.
- Opper, Michael.* (October 20, 2014). *Bái Phonotactics: Contraction, Rhyming, and Word Formation* [白语配音律: 合音, 押韵, 构词法]. 47th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, China.
- Opper, Michael and Yanzhen Zhao. (May 28, 2014). *Prosodic Size and Ordering of Constituents within Dali Bai Nominal Expressions*. South East Asian Linguistics Society 24. Yangon University. Yangon, Myanmar.
- Opper, Michael. (August 8, 2013). *Word Length Flexibility in Standard Chinese and Nuosu Yi*. 46th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH.
- Opper, Michael and Alexander Sugar. (June 22, 2013). *Truncation and headedness in Chinese compounding: a dictionary-based study*. North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics – 25. Ann Arbor, MI.
- Opper, Michael. (April 6, 2013). *Word Length Flexibility in Nuosu Yi*. Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 5. Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Opper, Michael. (March 22, 2013). *A Morpho-Prosodic Typology of Compound Truncation*. Mid-Phon 18. Ann Arbor, MI.
- San Duanmu, Xinting Zhang, Yan Dong, and Michael Opper. (November 3, 2012). *A Comparative Study of Lexicon Sizes in Chinese and English*. Fifth Meeting of the Chinese Language Association of Michigan (CLAM).
- Opper, Michael and San Duanmu.* (June 11, 2011) 现代汉语语料中的日语借词统计 [A Corpus-Based Approach to Calculating the Japanese Loanwords in Modern Chinese]. 19th International Association of Chinese Linguistics Conference. Tianjin, China.
- Opper, Michael (March 12, 2011) *Problems with the Póyáng/Bōyáng Dialect*. 221st Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL.
- Opper, Michael. (May 1, 2010) *A New Classification for Yuè-Tái Hakka Dialects*. Workshop on Chinese Dialects, Phonology, and Lexicography. Rutgers University.
- Opper, Michael. (2008). *Written Taiwanese: A Problem with Many Solutions*. Presented at MARAAS (Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Asian Studies) Conference, Rutgers University.

Community Presentations (“*” indicates that talk was presented in Chinese)

- Opper, Michael. (September 26, 2016). *Phonetic and Phonological Transcription*. Linguistics 313 – Sound Patterns. Instructor: San Duanmu.
- Opper, Michael. (November 6, 2015). *Segmental Contrast in Southern Bai*. Phondi discussion group. University of Michigan.

- Opper, Michael. (November 2, 2015). *Fieldwork on Bai*. Linguistics 792 – Field Methods. Instructor: Prof. Jeff Heath.
- Opper, Michael. (September 25, 2015). *Three moribund languages spoken by the ethnic Yi of Kunming*. HistLing discussion group. University of Michigan.
- Opper, Michael.* (May 25, 2015). 用 PRAAT 分析语音文件 [Using PRAAT to analyze sound files]. Graduate Level Introduction to Linguistics: Yunnan University. Instructor: Prof. Yanzhen Zhao
- Opper, Michael. (December 4, 2014). *Language Typology*. Guest Lecture for Intro to Linguistics. Yunnan University: Foreign Languages Department. Instructor: Prof. Xinfeng Zhang
- Opper, Michael.* (April 24, 2014). 用 PRAAT 分析语音文件 [Using PRAAT to analyze sound files]. Linguistic Field Methods: Yunnan University. Instructor: Prof. Yanzhen Zhao
- Opper, Michael.* (April 17, 2014). 普通话有重音吗? [Does Standard Chinese Have Stress?]. Introduction to Linguistics: Yunnan University. Instructor: Prof. Liquan Yang
- Opper, Michael. (June 14, 2013). *Sino-Tibetan Languages*. Linguistics 112 – Languages of the World. Instructor: Tridha Chatterjee.
- Opper, Michael. (March 28, 2013). *Using CELEX for Phonological Research*. Linguistics 513 – Phonology (Graduate). Instructor: Prof. San Duanmu.
- Opper, Michael. (March 21, 2013). *Stress, Stress Rules, and Syllable Weight*. Linguistics 313 – Sound Patterns. Instructor: Prof. Jeff Heath.
- Opper, Michael. (January 17, 2013). *Tutorial on P-Base and Excel for Phonological Research*. Linguistics 513 – Phonology (Graduate). Instructor: Prof. San Duanmu.
- Opper, Michael. (December 7, 2012). *Word Length Flexibility in Chinese, English, and Nuosu Yi*. Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop. Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan. Chaired by William H. Baxter.
- Opper, Michael. (November 30, 2012). *Compound Truncation in English*. PhonDi group. University of Michigan.
- Opper, Michael. (October 25, 2012). *Morphology*. Three Guest Lectures for Linguistics 111 – Intro to Linguistics. Instructor: Jon Yip.
- Opper, Michael. (March 20, 2012). *Language Typology*. Guest Lecture for Linguistics 111 – Intro to Linguistics. Instructor: Prof. Andries Coetzee.
- Opper, Michael. (December 5, 2011). *Language Typology*. Guest Lecture for Linguistics 111 – Intro to Linguistics. Instructor: Prof. Ezra Keshet.
- Opper, Michael. (November 15, 2011). *Prosody Cloning*. Guest Lecture for Linguistics 102 - Sounds of English. Instructor: Prof. San Duanmu.
- Opper, Michael. (November 15, 2011). *Syllable Structure*. Guest Lecture for Linguistics 313 - Phonology. Instructor: Prof. San Duanmu.
- Opper, Michael. (October 14, 2011). *Reconstructing Chinese: Written Sources and Modern Dialects*. HistLing discussion group. University of Michigan
- Opper, Michael. (May 10, 2011). *Phonetics I*. Guest Lecture for Linguistics 111 summer session. Instructor: Tridha Chatterjee.

- Baxter, William H. and Michael Opper. (November 12, 2010) *Language Contact in China*. HistLing discussion group. University of Michigan.
- Opper, Michael. (October 15, 2010) *Morpho-phonology of the Nominal Suffix in Taiwan Hakka Dialects*. Phondi discussion group. University of Michigan.
- Opper, Michael. (Spring 2010) *Common Dialectal Chinese and Chinese Phonetics*. Guest Lecture for Writing and Literacy of East Asia. Instructor: Prof. Young-Mee Cho.
- Opper, Michael.* (February 1, 2010) *About Learning Chinese*. Edison Chinese School.

Community and Professional Service

- Fall 2015 – Winter 2016: Member. Linguistics undergraduate committee.
- Summer 2014: Manuscript reviewer for *Morphology*.
- Fall 2013: Manuscript reviewer for *Lingua*.
- Winter 2012 – Winter 2013: Co-chair. MidPhon-18 (with San Duanmu).
- Fall 2012 – Summer 2013: Student co-chair. Linguistics colloquium committee.
- Fall 2012 – Summer 2013: Secretary. NACCL-25.
- October 31, 2012: Led a workshop on graduate school applications for undergraduate students in linguistics at the University of Michigan.
- Fall 2011: Editor of two linguistics articles for *Linguistics in China No. 2*. 《语言学文选（第二辑）》. Published Feb 2014 by World Publishing Corp.
- Fall 2011, Winter 2012, and Winter 2013: President. Graduate Linguists at Michigan. (Organizing committee for linguistics graduate students).
- Fall 2009 – Spring 2010. Translation assistant to Richard V. Simmons for *Research in Tōng-Tài Dialect Phonology*. Published 2015 by Lincom Europa.

Referees

Doctoral Mentors

- San Duanmu, Professor of Linguistics, University of Michigan, duanmu@umich.edu (Phonology, Chinese)
- Andries Coetzee, Associate Professor of Linguistics, University of Michigan, coetzee@umich.edu (Phonology, Linguistics)
- William H. Baxter, Professor of Asian Languages & Cultures and Linguistics, University of Michigan, wbaxter@umich.edu (Chinese, Sound Change)

Former Supervisors for Research and Teaching Related to Chinese

- Richard VanNess Simmons, Professor of Chinese, Rutgers University, rsimmon@alc.rutgers.edu
- Haiqing Yin, Lecturer I, UC Davis, hqyin@ucdavis.edu