

## **Michael M. Opper, Ph.D.**

Curriculum Vitae

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### **Academic Qualifications and Awards**

Ph.D. University of Michigan. Fall 2010 – Winter 2017. 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. Chinese language study at Mandarin Training Center at NTNU. Summer 2009. Roughly \$2400.

### **Academic Employment History**

08/2018 – onwards    Lecturer II (Wenzhou-Kean University)

- Fall 2018    ESL 0303    ‘Academic Oral Discourse’ (two sections),  
                  ESL 0305    ‘Academic Written Discourse’ (two sections),  
                  ENG 1300    ‘College Composition I for English Language Learners’
- August 2018    PIEP            ‘MS Word Workshop’

Non-teaching Responsibilities: member of the ‘Revision Committee’ (English major and elective course curriculum) and ‘ESL Curriculum Committee’

09/2017 – 08/2018    Visiting Faculty Member (Southwest University: Chongqing)

- Spring 2018    ‘Advanced Phonology’ (MA-level), ‘Second Language Pronunciation’
- Fall 2017       ‘Phonetics & Phonology’ (MA-level), ‘English Writing’

Non-teaching Responsibilities: organizing workshops for academic software, conducting research for publication, and mentoring junior teachers as an experienced scholar in China

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

- Fall 2016       ‘Writing & Academic Inquiry’
- Fall 2015       ‘Second-Year Chinese’

- Summer 2012 ‘Languages of the World’
- Winter 2012 ‘Introduction to Language’ (three sections)
- Fall 2011 ‘Introduction to Language’ (three sections)

09/2007 – 08/2010 Asian Languages Computer Lab Technician (Rutgers University)

- Built and designed departmental websites
- Responsible for editing the RMCTS [Rutgers Multimedia Chinese Teaching System] (<http://chinese.rutgers.edu>)
- Helped develop the Pīnyīn version of this system, currently used as the primary course material for ‘Basic Spoken Chinese’ at Rutgers University

### **Invited Academic Lectures (‘\*’ indicates that talk was presented in Chinese)**

- Opper, Michael. (January 31, 2018). Popularizing the Study of Southern Bai: Problems and Prospects. Duke Kunshan University.
- 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

### **Academic Output (Conference Presentations)**

- Opper, Michael and Yao Bian. (November 25, 2018). *Allophony in Xichang Mandarin*. 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Formal Linguistics. Zhejiang University: Hangzhou, China.
- 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. Paper to appear in conference proceedings.
- 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. Digital version available online, cited by other researchers.

### **Academic Output (Theses, Non-Peer Reviewed Writings)**

- Opper, Michael. 2017. Phonological Contrast in Bai. University of Michigan Ph.D. Dissertation.

- 欧迈珂 [Oū Mài kē]. 2017. 撒梅语的概况 [Sǎméiyǔ de gàikuàng: Samei Language General Overview]. This work is a brief description of the previously undocumented Samei language in 《高坡社区志》 [Gāopō Shèqū Zhì: Gaopo District Annals].
- Opper, Michael. 2010. Aspects of the Morpho-phonology and Classification of Taiwan Hakka Dialects. Rutgers University BA Thesis.

\*Online information about my academic output (including downloadable papers) available on:  
 Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=hy2m2BoAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra>  
 Academia Page: <https://wku-cn.academia.edu/MikeOpper>

### **Community and Professional Service Prior to Appointment at Wenzhou-Kean University**

- 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.

### **Academic References outside of Wenzhou-Kean University**

- Dr. Andries Coetzee. Professor of Linguistics. University of Michigan. [coetzee@umich.edu](mailto:coetzee@umich.edu)
- Dr. San Duanmu. Professor of Linguistics. University of Michigan. [duanmu@umich.edu](mailto:duanmu@umich.edu)
- Dr. Richard VanNess Simmons. Professor of Chinese. Rutgers University. [rsimmon@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:rsimmon@rci.rutgers.edu)