

Keynote Speakers

William Baxter (白一平) is Professor of Chinese and Linguistics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He received his B.A. in Anthropology from Amherst College (1970), and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Linguistics from Cornell University (1974, 1977). His Ph.D. dissertation focused on the problem on the so-called “chóngniǔ 重紐” syllables in the rhyme books of the *Qièyùn* 《切韻》 and its implications for the reconstruction of Old Chinese. This and other research suggested that Old Chinese had a system of six vowels. In 1992 he published *A Handbook of Old Chinese Phonology* (Mouton de Gruyter), which proposed a new reconstruction system for Old Chinese and used a probabilistic analysis to argue that the six-vowel system correctly predicts the rhyming distinctions in the *Shījīng* 《詩經》 (*The Book of Odes*). Beginning in the mid 1990s, he began to collaborate with Laurent Sagart (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris) to do further research on Old Chinese. Their book *Old Chinese: A New Reconstruction* (Oxford University Press, 2014) proposed a significantly revised reconstruction system, taking into account several new kinds of evidence, including modern Chinese dialects, early loanwords from Chinese into other languages, and the script of recently discovered Chinese documents from the Warring States period (475-221 BCE), as well as an enhanced focus on the morphology of Old Chinese. In 2016, *Old Chinese: A New Reconstruction* won the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award of the Linguistic Society of America.

Ping Chen (陈平) is Chair and Professor in Chinese Studies at the School of Languages and Cultures of the University of Queensland, Australia. He obtained his MA in Modern Chinese from the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing, and MA and PhD in Linguistics from UCLA. He held teaching and research positions at UCLA, University of Oregon, Institute of Linguistics at CASS, and City University of Hong Kong before joining The University of Queensland. He teaches in the areas of Chinese language and linguistics. His research interests include functional syntax, discourse analysis, semantics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, and historical linguistics.

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BA (1972) and MA (1974) from National Taiwan Normal University, and his Ph.D. from MIT in 1982. He held teaching positions at the University of Hawai'i, National Tsing Hua University, Cornell University, and University of California before taking up his current position at Harvard University in 2001. He has also held short-term appointments as a visiting professor in other locations, including France, Spain, Australia, Hong Kong, Beijing, and Taiwan. His research focuses on syntactic theory, the syntax-semantics interface and parametric theory, with particular reference to Chinese and East Asian languages. He has presented his research in over 80 publications (articles, chapters and books) and over 200 talks or lectures around the world. He has taught a good number of graduate students, including more than 30 PhD advisees who now hold research or teaching positions in Asia, Europe and the US. He has received significant recognitions for his work, including a Guggenheim and several distinguished chairs. He is a Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America and an Academician of Academia Sinica. He has been active in serving the field of linguistics and Chinese linguistics. He is the Founding Editor of *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* (1992—present). In 1992 he chaired a committee to create the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL), and continued to serve as its Executive Secretary and Treasurer during the IACL's formative years up to 2000-2001, when he was President of the IACL.

Richard Larson received his MA and Ph.D. in Linguistics from University of Wisconsin-Madison (1978, 1983), and currently is Professor in the Department of Linguistics at Stony Brook University. He is also the Chair of the Linguistic Society of America's newly established AP Linguistics Committee. His research has spanned a wide range of topics in syntax and semantics, including relative and adverbial clauses, NP adverbs, disjunctions, quantifiers and quantifier scope, comparatives, prepositional phrases, double object and applicative constructions, psych verbs, pronoun interpretation, and clausal complementation. Languages of investigation include Warlpiri, Japanese, Turkish, Haitian, Russian, Mandarin, Persian, Gilaki, and Zazaki.

Chinfa Lien (连金发) received his Ph. D. in Linguistics from UC-Berkeley, and started his teaching career at the Graduate Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan,

as Associate Professor in 1987. He promoted to Full Professor in 1993, and served as the Director of the Graduate Institute of Linguistics at Tsing Hua from 1995-1998. He was appointed Chair Professor in Humanities and Social Sciences in 2004. His current research interests focus on diachronic change in Southern Min including the detailed syntactic analysis of Ming and Qing dynasty plays, the *Li Jing Ji/Li Zhi Ji*, and the interaction between chronological and dialectal strata in Chinese to which he has applied the theory of lexical diffusion. His recent research roughly falls into two major categories: (1) lexical semantics and (2) functional categories. He has coordinated many research projects mainly on the synchronic grammar of Southern Min grammar, including three on the language of Ming and Qing dynasty plays, with grants from the National Science Council of Taiwan and the Ministry of Science and Technology. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the prestigious National Science Council awards for Outstanding Research (1995, 1999, 2002), Outstanding Scholar Award (2003-2008) (offered by Foundation for the Advancement of Outstanding Scholarship) and National Science Council awards under the Contract Research Award (offered by NSC) (2004-2006, 2006-2008).

Danqing Liu (刘丹青) received his Ph.D. in linguistics from City University of Hong Kong. He is currently the Director of Linguistics Institute at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Chair and Professor of the Department of Linguistics, School of Graduate Studies, CASS, Chief Editor of *Zhongguo Yuwen (Studies of the Chinese Language)*, Vice President of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics, President of the National Association of Chinese Dialectology, and General Editor of the Volume of *Language and Linguistics of the Chinese Encyclopedia* (3rd Edition, in progress). His research fields include linguistic typology, syntax, Chinese dialectology, theoretical linguistics, language and culture, and applied linguistics. He has published several books and 180 plus papers written in Chinese and English, such as *Yuyan Leixingxue (Linguistic Typology)*, *Yuxu Leixingxue yu Jieci Lilun (Word Order Typology and a Theory of Adpositions)*, *Yufa Diaocha Yanjiu Shouce (A Handbook for Grammatical Investigation and Research)*, *Huati de Jiegou yu Gongneng (The Structure and Functions of Topic)* co-authored with Liejiong Xu, and *Nanjing Fangyan Yindang (An Audile Archive of the Nanjing Dialect)*. *Nanjing Fangyan Cidian (A Dictionary of the Nanjing Dialect)*.

Haihua Pan (潘海华) is Chairman and Chair Professor of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He received his PhD from the University of Texas at Austin in 1995, MA from Wuhan University, China in 1986, BA from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan in 1983. Before joining the Chinese University of Hong Kong at the end of December, 2015, he had taught at City University of Hong Kong for twenty years (1995-2015) and Huazhong University of Science & Technology, China for two years (1986-1988). He was awarded Changjiang Scholar-Chair Professor by the Ministry of Education, China in 2012 and the KC Wong Foundation (王宽诚基金会) Scholar in 2010. He was a Visiting Professor at the Department of Linguistics at University of Paris 7 in June 2014. He has published two books on Chinese reflexives and formal semantics and edited two on Chinese linguistics and focus structure, in addition to journal papers in *Language*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Language and Linguistics*, *中国语文*、*当代语言学*, etc. He is an editorial board member of the following journals: *International Journal of Chinese Linguistics*, *Lingua Sinica*, *现代外语*, *当代语言学*, *语言研究*, and a reviewer of journals such as *Language*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *中国语文*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Lingua*, *Language Sciences*, *Linguistics*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Natural Language Semantics*, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, etc. He was Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong, responsible for Postgraduate Education and Research during 2005-2010. He served on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics 2004-2006, and was the President of the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong 2010-2011.

Alain Peyraube (贝罗贝), Emeritus Director of Research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, Paris, France) and Chair Professor of Chinese Linguistics at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS, Paris), Director of the Institute of East Asian Linguistics (CNRS & EHESS) from 1985 to 2000 and Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies, Collegium de Lyon, from 2010 to 2016, has also been an Honorary Professor at Peking University since 2007, Distinguished member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences since 2009. As a founding member of the Scientific Council of the European Research Council (ERC), he had served ERC from 2005 to 2013. He became a member of the European Academy

(Academia Europaea) in 2006, Chair of its Linguistics Section in 2013, and member of the Board of Trustees in 2016. Alain Peyraube also served as President of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics in 1998. As a specialist in Chinese historical syntax and linguistic typology of Sinitic languages, he has authored five books and around two hundred articles on Chinese studies, mainly with respect to Chinese linguistics. His latest research has been done within a broadly functional and cognitive framework from a cross-linguistic perspective.

Irene Vogel received her BA in Linguistics from University of Wisconsin-Madison, and both her MA and PhD in Linguistics from Stanford University. She is currently Professor of Linguistics at the University of Delaware, having previously taught linguistics in the Netherlands and Italy, and as a visiting professor at SUNY Buffalo and Princeton University. Dr. Vogel's research focuses different aspects of phonology, and in particular prosodic phenomena and interfaces between phonology and other components of grammar. She approaches these issues from both theoretical phonological and acoustic phonetic perspectives. Her book, with Marina Nespors, *Prosodic Phonology* (1986, reprinted 2007), systematically developed a model of the prosodic hierarchy, from the syllable up to the phonological utterance. Since its publication, *Prosodic Phonology* has continued to spark research into phonological interfaces, advancing the field by drawing out support for, as well as challenges to, the original model. Dr. Vogel continues to work on the prosodic hierarchy, especially in the area of the phonological word, where the interface involves both morphology and syntax. Dr. Vogel also heads the Prosodic Typologies Lab at the University of Delaware, conducting a cross-linguistic investigation of the acoustic properties of word level (stress, tone) and phrase level (focus) prosodic phenomena. With systematic, comparable, data from over 15 languages, it is now possible to draw generalizations with regard to such issues as different types of stress systems, tone and phonation properties, linguistic rhythm, focus and boundary phenomena. Languages continue to be added to the project, each bringing more insight into typological aspects of prosodic systems.

Invited Speakers

Huba Bartos (Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)

Gong Cheng (Zhejiang University, Hangzhou)

Xiliang Cui (Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing)

Redouane Djamouri (French National Center for Scientific Research & Center for Linguistic Research on East Asia, Paris)

Ik-sang Eom (Hanyang University, Seoul)

Rui Guo (Peking University, Beijing)

Jianhua Hu (Institute of Linguistics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing)

Thomas Hun-tak Lee (Tianjin Normal University / The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Tianjin / Hong Kong)

Jo-Wang Lin (Academia Sinica, Taipei)

Yen-Hwei Lin (Michigan State University)

Jung-ku Park (Seoul National University, Seoul)

Ying Ren (Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Kobe)

Chaofen Sun (Stanford University)

James Tai (National Chung Cheng University, Chia-yi)

Gladys Tang (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Hongyin Tao (University of California at Los Angeles)

Wei-Tien Dylan Tsai (National Tsing Hua University, Hsin-chu)

Weihui Wang (Zhejiang University, Hangzhou)

Ning Yu (Pennsylvania State University)

Jie Zhang (University of Kansas)

Qingzhi Zhu (The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)