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# The 7th Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics (WICL-7)

Friday & Saturday, 11-12 April 2025 (MDT)



**Venue:** Brigham Young University, Provo UT USA

**Time Zone:** Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

**BYU** Asian & Near Eastern  
Languages Department

Friday, 11 April 2025  
3380 WSC

9:30 -10:00a	<b>Day 1 Welcoming Remarks</b> WICL-7 Organizing Committee
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10:00 -11:30a	<b>Session 1: Cantonese Syntax</b> Chair: TBA
	<p><b>Cindy Wan Yee Lau</b>, Hong Kong Polytechnic University. “Application of Corpus Linguistic and Gen AI—Creating Teaching and Learning Experience of Teaching Cantonese to Non-Chinese speaking students”</p> <p><b>Ka Fai Law</b>, The Ohio State University “The perception of Sentence-final particles in different Cantonese speakers: a pilot study”</p> <p><b>Willis Chun Lai Wong</b>, The Chinese University of Hong Kong “Structure Determines Form: A Phase Account of Cantonese Reduplication”</p>

11:45 -1:00p	~ ~ ~ <b>Lunch Break</b> ~ ~ ~ 5119 WSC
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1:00 - 2:00p	<b>Plenary Session1: Keynote Speaker</b>
	<p><b>David B. Honey</b>, Brigham Young University “Traditional Poets from Guangdong and one Poet who Composed in Cantonese</p>

Friday, 11 April 2025 (cont'd)

2:15 - 3:15p

**Special Panel: Cantonese in North America: Past and Present**

Chair: Dana Bourgerie

**Kelly Summers**, Familysearch.org  
Sources on the North American Cantonese Diaspora

**Maria Lau, Director**, Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library,  
University of Toronto Building  
*Cantonese Language Resources: defining scope and focus*

**Jamie Tam**, Executive Director of Save Cantonese  
Grassroots Advocacy for Cantonese Language Education in California

3:30 - 5:20p

**Session 2: Corpus Linguistics and Technology**

Chair: TBA

**Ariel Chen, Billy Gao, and Grace Wong**, Stanford University

“The CANGLISH Bilingual corpus: A Scalable Approach to Analyzing  
Cantonese - English Code-Switching”

**Mingfei Lau**, Cantonese Computational Linguistics Infrastructure  
Development Workgroup

“The Zoeng Jyut Gaai Story-telling Speech Dataset: A multi-purposed  
Cantonese story-telling speech dataset for ASR, TTS linguistic analysis and  
more”

**Jon Chui**, Independent Scholar

“A Markup for Cantonese”

**Paul Ueda** (The Ohio State University ), **Ka Fai Law** (The Ohio State  
University ) **Justin Leung** (University of Toronto), and **Marjorie K.M. Chan**,  
(The Ohio State University)

“Harnessing Generative Artificial Intelligence to Study Cantonese Linguistic  
Variation”

5:30 - 6:45p

~ ~ ~ Dinner Provided ~ ~ ~

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**Saturday, 12 April 2025**  
**3322/3324 WSC**

9:00-10:30a	<b>Session 3: Diaspora and Heritage Issues</b> Chair: TBA
<p><b>Raymond Pai</b>, University of British Columbia “Identity negotiation of heritage Cantonese Learners: Navigating learner investments and language ideologies in multicultural Canada”</p> <p><b>Wah Sun Sze</b>, University of British Columbia “The Family Language Policies for Cantonese Heritage Language Maintenance”</p> <p><b>Marjorie K.M. Chan</b>, The Ohio State University “Poetry of the Chinese Immigrants from the Pearl River Delta on Angel Island (1910-1940): A Preliminary Linguistic Study”</p>	

10:45 – 11:45a	<b>Plenary Session2: Keynote Speaker</b>
<p><b>Professor Chaak-ming Lau</b>, The Education University of Hong Kong “Managing Variation in Cantonese Lexical Items and Orthographic Conventions for Dictionaries and Keyboards”</p>	

11:45 -1:00p	~ ~ ~ <b>Lunch Break</b> ~ ~ ~ <b>3322/3324 WSC</b>
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1:30 – 2:30p	<b>Session 4: Special Panel on Cantonese Pedagogy</b> Chair: Matthew Christensen
<p><b>Matthew Christensen</b>, Brigham Young University <b>Jon Chui</b>, Canto Fonts <b>Fiona Hui</b>, New York University <b>Samily Kwok</b>, University of British Columbia <b>Gary Law</b>, Ohio State University <b>Raymond Pai</b>, University of British Columbia</p>	

**Saturday, 12 April 2025 (cont'd)**

2:45 – 4:40p	<b>Session 5: Topics in Cantonese Linguistics</b> Chair: TBA
	<p><b>Dana Bourgerie</b>, Brigham Young University. “An Outline of Contemporary Vietnamese Cantonese”</p> <p><b>Meihao Wan and Peggy Mok</b>, The Chinese University of Hong Kong “Revisiting Cantonese syllable-final consonant variation: an ultrasound study”</p> <p><b>Yingxin Huo and Abraham Y. S. Chan</b>, UOW College Hong Kong “Cockroach” in Cantonese”</p> <p>“Sociative Causative <i>zing</i> in Cantonese”</p>

4:40 – 5:15p	<b>Conference Closing Remarks</b> WICL-7 Organizing Committee
<b>Thank you for joining us!</b>	

~~~Dinner and evening activities on your own~~~

**WICL-7 Organizing Committee:**

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- Matthew B Christensen
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- Raymond Kit Pai
- Toby Khung-Roylance

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