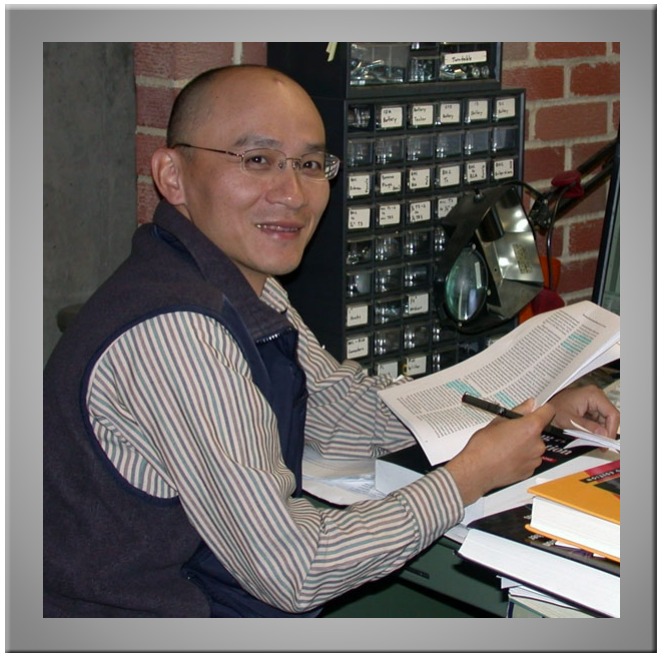




Graduate Student Spotlight



Yu-Hsiang Wu

PhD - Speech Pathology and Audiology

MD, - National Taiwan University

Winner of 3rd Place in the Biological & Health Sciences Division at the 2007 James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference

Please describe your thesis project in a short sentence.

The purpose of my thesis is to investigate the impact of visual cues on hearing aid directional microphone benefit and preference.

How did you decide to go to graduate school?

I was very interested in audiology when I was an otolaryngologist in Taiwan. Because I was eager to learn more about audiology, I decide to go to graduate school.

What made you decide to go to graduate school at Iowa?

Because the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology of UI is the best audiology program in the US. In addition, Dr. Bentler (my advisor) is famous in hearing aid research, which is the field I am interested in.

What are your long-term goals beyond your graduate degree?

My long-term goal is to become a faculty member in a research university.

What are some of your interests outside of school?

Fishing!!!!!! Bass fishing!!!!!!

How has being a graduate student at Iowa prepared you to achieve those goals?

No place can be better than here. We have best faculty, best students, and best facilities.

You are a winner of one of the top awards at the Jakobsen Conference in a previous year. What did you enjoy most about the Jakobsen Conference experience?

It was wonderful. It provided me an opportunity to organize, and to present my ideal in public.

Are there any particular challenges you've faced as a graduate student at Iowa?

The biggest challenge was to maintain a good balance between my study and my family.

Do you have a particular mentor who has played an important role in the development of your thesis or your career trajectory?

Yes, my advisor: Dr. Bentler. Without her, I simply could not study in this great university and enjoy the fun from hearing aid research.

Please note any significant honors you've received .

Student Research Grant award in Audiology, ASHFoundation, Student Scholarship, International Hearing Aid Conference (IHCON), Graduate Student Scholarship, The University of Iowa

Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan

Advisor: Ruth A. Bentler