



Stuttering in Bilingual Speakers: Patterns in English and Mandarin

Pei-Tzu Tsai¹, Nan Bernstein Ratner¹, Valerie P. C. Lim², and Michelle Lincoln³

¹Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park;

²Speech Therapy Department, Singapore General Hospital; ³Discipline of Speech Pathology, The University of Sydney

Abstract (corrected)

Bilingual speakers who stutter (BWS) usually show stuttering in both languages, but the patterns of stuttering may or may not be similar across languages. This study re-examined stuttering in relation to language-related factors, grammatical class and phonology, across two very different languages, English and Mandarin, within five individual BWS. Results show *different* patterns of stuttering across languages for both grammatical and phonological factors, suggesting that linguistic factors might *not* relate strongly/directly to the distribution of stuttering events in spontaneous speech in adults who stutter. The relation between language and stuttering is discussed.

Contact author for a copy of poster and references. Pei-Tzu Tsai, ptsail@umd.edu