

CBS Scholar was bestowed the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the University of Chicago

Congratulations to Prof. William S-Y. Wang (王士元教授), Chair Professor of the Department of Chinese & Bilingual Studies (CBS), the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HK PolyU), on receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Chicago. Being one of the five honorary degree recipients who are pioneers in different professional disciplines from around the world, Prof. Wang is recognized for his tremendous contributions to the studies of language evolution and the emergence of new languages.

Prof. Wang received the honorary degree at the convocation of the University of Chicago on 9 June 2018.



Prof. William S-Y. Wang

Prof. William S-Y. Wang is an internationally renowned linguist whose scholarship and academic impact have spanned two continents across the Pacific Ocean. He has performed inter-disciplinary research on the biological and evolutionary basis of language, as well as computational linguistics with a focus on the production and processing of language, the brain and computer interface, machine translation, and speech synthesis and recognition. He was one of the first speech scientists to apply a combination of linguistics and acoustics to the problem of machine recognition of speech.

Prof. Wang is the founder and lead editor of the *Journal of Chinese Linguistics*, which is the top publication in this field. Before joining CBS Department in 2015, he had held full professorial careers at the University of California, Berkeley; at the City University of Hong Kong; and at National Taiwan Normal University. His wide-ranging scholarship has been written in or translated into Chinese, English, French, German, Italian and Japanese.

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