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Employment

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Natural language processing (NLP); language modeling for automatic speech recognition, text entry and other applications; weighted transducers and grammars; supervised and unsupervised learning of language models; text normalization; text entry, accessibility and augmentative & alternative communication (AAC); syntactic parsing of text and speech; statistical models of human language processing; spoken language processing for diagnosis of neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders

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- B. Roark. 2001. Storing automatically generated treebanks in lattices of derivations. In *Proceedings of the IRCS Workshop on Linguistic Databases*, pp. 210-218.
- B. Roark and E. Charniak. 2000. Measuring efficiency in high-accuracy, broad-coverage statistical parsing. In *Proceedings of the COLING-2000 Workshop on Efficiency in Large-scale Parsing Systems*, pp. 29-36.

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- B. Roark. 2007. Review of Rayner et al. "Putting Linguistics into Speech Recognition". *Computational Linguistics*, , 33(2), pp. 271-273.

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- D. Bikel, C. Callison-Burch, Y. Cao, N. Glenn, K. Hall, E. Hasler, D. Karakos, S. Khudanpur, P. Koehn, M. Lehr, A. Lopez, M. Post, E. Prud'hommeaux, B. Roark, D. Riley, K. Sagae, M. Saracclar, I. Shafran and P. Xu. 2011. [Confusion-based Statistical Language Modeling for Machine Translation and Speech Recognition](#). Final Report from 2011 CLSP Summer Workshop.
- B. Roark. 2011. [Expected surprisal and entropy](#). Technical Report CSLU-2011-04, Center for Spoken Language Processing, Oregon Health & Science University.
- A. Dunlop, N. Bodenstab and B. Roark. 2010. [Reducing the grammar constant: an analysis of CYK parsing efficiency](#). Technical Report CSLU-2010-02, Center for Spoken Language Processing, Oregon Health & Science University.
- N. Bodenstab, A. Dunlop, B. Roark and K. Hall. 2010. [Exponential Decay Pruning for Bottom-Up Beam-Search Parsing](#). Paper presented at NW-NLP Workshop, Microsoft Research, April.
- C. Monson, K. Hollingshead, and B. Roark. 2009. Probabilistic ParaMor. In *Working Notes for the CLEF 2009 Workshop*, Corfu, Greece.
- T. Tchoukalov, C. Monson, and B. Roark. 2009. Multiple Sequence Alignment for Morphology Induction. In *Working Notes for the CLEF 2009 Workshop*, Corfu, Greece.
- B. Roark. 2009. [Open vocabulary language modeling for binary response typing interfaces](#). Technical Report CSLU-09-001, Center for Spoken Language Processing, Oregon Health & Science University.
- S. Fisher, A. Dunlop, B. Roark, Y. Chen and J. Burmeister. 2009. OHSU Summarization and Entity Linking Systems. In *Proceedings of the Text Analysis Conference (TAC)*.
- K. Hollingshead and B. Roark. 2008. [Reranking with baseline system scores and ranks as features](#). Technical Report CSLU-08-001, Center for Spoken Language Understanding, Oregon Health & Science University.
- B. Roark. 2007. [Structural Alignment for Finite-State Syntactic Processing](#). Technical Report CSLU-07-001, OGI School of Science & Engineering, Oregon Health & Science University.
- A.M. Cohen, J. Yang, S. Fisher, B. Roark and W.R. Hersh. 2007. The OHSU Biomedical Question Answering System Framework. In *Proceedings of the Text Retrieval Conference (TREC)*.
- S. Fisher and B. Roark. 2007. [Feature expansion for query-focused supervised sentence ranking](#). In *Document Understanding (DUC-2007) Workshop Papers and Agenda*.
- A.M. Cohen, J. Yang, S. Fisher, B. Roark and W.R. Hersh. 2006. [Combining Lexicon Expansion, Information Retrieval, and Cluster-based Ranking for Biomedical Question Answering](#). In *Proceedings of the Text Retrieval Conference (TREC)*.
- S. Fisher and B. Roark. 2006. [Query-focused summarization by supervised sentence ranking and skewed word distributions](#). In *Document Understanding (DUC-2006) Workshop Papers and Agenda*.
- S. Fisher, B. Roark, J. Yang and B. Hersh. 2005. [OGI/OHSU baseline query-directed multi-document summarization system for DUC 2005](#). In *Document Understanding (DUC-2005) Workshop Papers and Agenda*, pp. 100-102.
- M. Mohri and B. Roark. 2005. Structural Zeros versus Sampling Zeros. Technical Report CSEE-05-003, OGI School of Science & Engineering, Oregon Health & Science University.

Presentations

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (UNPUBLISHED)

- U. Orhan, M. Akcakaya, D. Erdogmus, B. Roark, M. Moghadamfalahi, M. Fried-Oken. 2013. Comparison of Adaptive Symbol Presentation Methods for RSVP Keyboard. Poster at *Fourth International BCI Meeting*, Pacific Grove, CA, June.
- B. Peters, D. Erdogmus, A. Fowler, A. Mooney, B. Oken, U. Orhan, B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken. 2013. Effects of Varying Presentation Rate and Sequence Length on User Performance with the RSVP Keyboard BCI. Poster at *Fourth International BCI Meeting*, Pacific Grove, CA, June.
- E. T. Prud'hommeaux, M. Rouhizadeh, B. Roark and J. van Santen. 2013. Identifying Unexpected and Inappropriate Words in ASD Language Samples. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, San Sebastián.

- B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken and R. Sproat. 2012. Communication partner co-construction in speech generating devices. Presentation at *15th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)*, Pittsburgh, July.
- B. Oken, U. Orhan, K. Hild, D. Erdogmus, B. Roark, M. Miller, A. Mooney, S. Purwar, and M.B. Fried-Oken. 2013. EEG-based typing interface with language model for individuals who are functionally locked-in. 65th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, San Diego.
- E. T. Prud'hommeaux, B. Roark, L. M. Black and J. van Santen. 2012. Identifying Features of ASD Language Impairment in Narrative Retellings. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, Toronto.
- U. Orhan, D. Erdogmus, K. E. Hild II, B. Roark, B. Oken, M. Fried-Oken. 2011. Context Information Significantly Improves Brain Computer Interface Performance – a Case Study on Text Entry Using a Language Model Assisted BCI. In *Proceedings of Asilomar SSC*, 2011.
- R. W. Sproat, L. M. Black, E. T. Prud'hommeaux, J. van Santen and B. Roark. 2011. Automated Analysis of Natural Language Samples: Comparison of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Language Disorders, and Typical Development. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, San Diego.
- C. Whelan, B. Roark, C. Tamerler, M. Sarikaya and K. Sönmez. 2010. Design of Inorganic Binding Peptides by a Finite-State Transducer Based Transform Framework. Poster at *Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)*, Boston, July.
- B. Roark, C. Gibbons and M. Fried-Oken. 2010. Binary coding with language models for EEG-based access methods. Poster at *14th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)*, Barcelona, July.
- D. Erdogmus, K. Hild, B. Oken, B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken. 2010. Initial design of an AAC device with non-invasive BCI, adaptive language modeling and Rapid Serial Visual Presentation (RSVP). Poster at *Fourth International BCI Meeting*, Pacific Grove, CA, May/June.
- E.T. Prud'hommeaux, J. van Santen, L. Black, and B. Roark. 2010. Automatic detection of idiosyncratic word use in autism spectrum disorders. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, Philadelphia, May.
- A. Bachrach, B. Roark, C. Cardenas and C. Pallier. 2009. Parser derived surprisal and entropy measures: The effect of corpus and lexical information. Presentation given at *The Annual Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing*, Barcelona, September.
- B. Roark and M. Johnson. 1999. Broad-coverage predictive parsing. Paper presented at *the 12th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, New York, March.

INVITED TALKS

- Pronunciation modeling. Oregon Health & Science University, Jan 2017 (NLP course guest lecture)
- Good-Turing estimation from uncertain data for semi-supervised language model adaptation
- Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, July, 2016
- Distributed representation and estimation of WFST-based n-gram models
- Oregon Health & Science University, May 2016 (NLP course guest lecture)
- MaxEnt, features and marginal distribution constraints
- New York University, April 2015 (ASR course guest lecture)
- Learning high precision text normalization systems from (mostly) unlabeled data
- Columbia University, Sept. 2014 (“From Data to Solutions” program)
- Alignment of clinically-elicited spoken language samples for neuropsychological assessment
- Facultad de Ingeniería. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Mar. 2013
- Imposing marginal distribution constraints on language models
- Google Research, NYC, Jan., 2013
- Hallucinating system outputs for discriminative language modeling
- Aalto University, Finland, Dec., 2012
- Nuance Communications Technical Speaker Series, Webinar, Nov., 2012
- Symposium on Machine Learning in Speech and Language Processing, Portland, Sept., 2012

- Confusion-based Statistical Language Modeling
 - NAACL-HLT Workshop on the Future of Language Modeling for HLT, Montreal, June, 2012
- Improving text entry in augmentative and alternative communication devices with language models
 - Universities of Texas (Dallas) and Oregon, May, 2012
- Natural Language Processing for psycholinguistic modeling and neuropsychological assessment
 - Universities of Dundee and Aberdeen (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011
- Learning hard chart constraints for efficient context-free parsing
 - Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011; Cambridge, Oct. 2011
- Language modeling and coding for fixed grid keyboard emulation interfaces
 - Universities of Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011
- Applications of Lexicographic Semirings in Speech and Language Processing
 - University of Edinburgh (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011; Cambridge, Oct. 2011; Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 2011
- Open vocabulary language modeling for binary switch typing interfaces
 - Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, Oct., 2010
 - Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, Oct., 2010
- Classifying chart cells for quadratic complexity context-free inference
 - Signal, Speech and Language Interpretation Lab (SSLI), University of Washington, July, 2008
- The Utility of Parse-derived Features for Automatic Discourse Segmentation
 - Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 2007
- Structural alignment for finite-state syntactic processing
 - Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, Sept., 2007
 - Signal, Speech and Language Interpretation Lab (SSLI), University of Washington, Oct., 2007
- Joint discriminative language modeling and utterance classification
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond and CLSP, Johns Hopkins, September, 2004
- Efficient incremental beam-search parsing with generative and discriminative models
 - *ACL workshop on Incremental Parsing*, Barcelona, July, 2004
- Supervised and unsupervised statistical grammar adaptation to novel domains
 - OGI School of Science & Engineering, Oregon Health & Science University, October, 2003
- Incremental stochastic parsing for speech recognition
 - Departments of Linguistics at: Georgetown University; University of Texas, Austin; University of Washington; University of Michigan; and UCLA. February, 2002.
- Lexical and Lexico-syntactic probabilistic language models. Brown University, IGERT Conference on Stochastic and Deterministic Approaches to Vision, Language, and Cognition, May, 2001.
- Incremental Broad-coverage Predictive Parsing
 - University of Minnesota, Departments of Psychology and CSE, January, 2001.
 - University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics, January, 2001.
 - San Diego State University, Department of Linguistics, December, 2000.
 - *The 2nd Annual Graduate Conference of the Northeastern Cognitive Science Society*, University of Pennsylvania, IRCS, May, 1999.
- Probabilistic top-down parsing and language modeling.
 - AT&T Labs - Research, New Jersey, December, 2000.
 - IBM Research, New York, October, 2000.
 - Johns Hopkins, The Center for Language and Speech Processing, June, 2000.

Selected Honors, Fellowships and Awards

- Best Paper Award for articles published in *Computer Speech and Language* (2007-2011), for “Discriminative n-gram language modeling” (with Murat Saraçlar and Michael Collins)
- Excellence in Teaching Award, OHSU 2010-2011 (selected by graduate students)
- Best Short Paper Award, ACL 2011, for “Lexicographic Semirings for Exact Automata Encoding of Sequence Models” (with Richard Sproat and Zak Shafran).

Scottish Informatics & Computer Science Alliance (SICSA) Distinguished Visiting Fellowship, 2011.

Google Faculty Research Award, 2009

Member, DARPA Computer Science Study Panel, 2008.

Best Paper Award, HLT-NAACL 2006, for “Probabilistic Context-Free Grammar Induction Based on Structural Zeros” (with Mehryar Mohri).

Patents

F. Biadys and B. Roark. 2014. Enhanced maximum entropy models. U.S. Patent Number [9,412,365](#).

D. Erdogmus, B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken, J. van Santen and M. Pavel. 2010. Rapid serial presentation communication systems and methods. Pending application #[20100280403](#).

M. Bacchiani and B. Roark. 2004. System and method for using meta-data dependent language modeling for automatic speech recognition. U.S. Patent Number [7,752,046](#).

M. Bacchiani, S. Maskey, B. Roark and R. Sproat. 2003. System and method of using meta-data in speech processing. U.S. Patent Number [7,996,224](#).

Selected Grants

NIH 1R01DC012033-01A1. [Computational characterization of language use in autism spectrum disorder](#) (PI: Richard Sproat). Funded as co-PI (20%). 09/01/2011 - 08/31/2016.

NSF IIS-0964102. RI-Medium: [Semi-supervised Discriminative Training of Language Models](#) (PI: Brian Roark; Collaborative with PI Sanjeev Khudanpur, JHU). 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2013. \$500,000.

NIH 1R01DC009834-01. [Translational refinement of adaptive communication system for locked-in patients](#) (PI: Melanie Fried-Oken). Funded as co-PI (25%), plus one student, 02/01/2009 - 01/31/2014.

NSF BCS-0826654. DHB: [Measuring Spoken Language Variability in Elderly Individuals](#) (PI: Brian Roark). 11/01/2008 - 10/31/2011. \$750,000.

NSF IIS-0811745. RI-Small: [Efficient hidden structure annotation via structural multiple-sequence alignments](#) (PI: Brian Roark). 08/01/2008 - 07/31/2011. \$400,000.

DARPA HR0011-09-1-0041. CSSG: Learning within NLP pipelines for scalable data mining and information extraction (PI: Brian Roark). 05/07/2009 – 05/06/2011.

NSF IIS-0447214. CAREER: [Discriminative Syntactic Language Modeling: Automatic Feature Selection and Efficient Annotation](#) (PI: Brian Roark). 04/01/2005 - 03/31/2010. \$500,000.

Autism Speaks. Automated Measurement of Dialogue Structure in Autism (PI: Brian Roark). 12/01/2007 - 11/30/2009. \$100,000.

Department of Defense. Computer Science Study Group Participant Proposal (PI: Brian Roark). 02/01/2008 - 01/31/2009. \$100,000.

NSF IIS-0741585. SGER: RI: Text-Based Discriminative Language Modeling (PI: Brian Roark). 09/01/2007 - 08/31/2008. \$100,000.

OHSU Medical Research Foundation. Differentiating between Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Language Disorder via Story Recall (PI: Brian Roark). 12/01/2006 - 11/30/2007. \$30,000.

Intel. OHSU BAIC: Technologies for behavioral assessment and intervention (PI: Tamara Hayes). Funded as co-PI (15%), 09/25/2006 - 09/24/2007.

Oregon Center for Aging and Technology. Automated Analysis of Spoken Story Recall Tests (PI: Brian Roark). 08/01/2005 - 07/31/2006. \$50,000.

Oregon Partnership for Alzheimer’s Research, Tax Checkoff Research Fund. Annotation and Automatic Approximation of Language-use Metrics for Detection of Mild Cognitive Impairment (PI: Brian Roark). 05/01/2005 - 04/30/2006. \$25,000.

NSF IIS-0313383. Objective Methods for Predicting and Optimizing Synthetic Speech Quality (PI: Jan van Santen). Funded as co-PI (2 months), 09/01/2004 - 08/31/2005.

Teaching and Advising

Graduate courses taught, Program in Computer Science & Engineering, OGI/OHSU:

- CSE606 Topics in Information Retrieval: 2012(f) co-taught with S. Bedrick and E. Prud'hommeaux
- CSE606 Topics in Natural Language Processing: 2012(sp) co-taught with E. Prud'hommeaux
- CSE606 Speech and Language Processing for Augmentative and Alternative Communication: 2010(sp)
- CSE662 Natural Language Processing: 2005-2007(w), 2008(f), 2010(w) (co-taught w/ K. Hollingshead in 2010)
- CSE655 Biological and Linguistic Sequence Analysis: 2007(sp), 2008(w), 2011(w)
- CSE654 Text-Based Language Processing Systems: 2008(sp)
- CSE606 Computational Approaches to Speech and Language Disorders: 2006(su) co-taught with 3 others

Other courses taught

- Biological and Linguistic Sequence Analysis, intensive course, December 1-19, 2008
Facultad de Ingeniería. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay

Ph.D. students advised (OHSU Computer Science & Engineering program):

- Russ Beckley, 2010–2015. Went to Ernst & Young.
- Nate Bodinstab, 2005–2007 (M.S., 2006), 2009–2012. Ph.D., Aug., 2012. Went to Nuance.
Now Senior Research Scientist Manager at Nuance.
- Yongshun Chen, 2008–2011 (M.S., 2011).
- Aaron Dunlop, 2008–2014. Ph.D., Jan., 2014. Research Scientist at Intel 2013–2016.
Now Senior Research Scientist at Nuance.
- Seeger Fisher, 2004–2011.
- Andrew Fowler, 2011–present. Software Engineer at Google.
- Kristy Hollingshead, 2004–2010. Ph.D., Aug., 2010. Post-doc at UMD 2010–2012. At DoD, 2012-2014.
Now Research Scientist at Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC).
- Eric Morley, 2012–2016. Ph.D., April 2016. Senior Data Scientist at Red Owl Analytics 2015–2016.
Now at Goldman Sachs.
- Emily T. Prud'hommeaux, 2009–2012. Ph.D., Aug., 2012. Post-doc at U. of Rochester 2013–2014.
Now Assistant Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology.
- Mahsa Yarmohammadi, 2009–2016. Ph.D., Sept. 2016. Software Architect at Intel.

Post-doctoral fellows

- Steven Bedrick (Ph.D. OHSU, 2011), 2/2011–2/2013. Now faculty at OHSU.
- Christian Monson (Ph.D. CMU, 2008), 12/2008–11/2010. Senior Research Scientist at Nuance 2010–2013.
Now Machine Learning Scientist at Amazon.

Visiting Ph.D. students advised:

- Ebru Arisoy (Bogaziçi Univ.), 3/2007–12/2007. Now Asst. Professor at MEF University, Istanbul.
- Erinc Dikici (Bogaziçi Univ.), 10/2012–1/2013. Now Speech Scientist at SAIL LABS Technology, Vienna.
- Meg Mitchell (Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland), 8/2010–4/2012. Now Research Scientist at Google.

Member of completed Ph.D. Thesis committees

- Kyle Ambert, Oregon Health & Science University, Biomedical Informatics. Defended 2013.
- Meysam Asgari, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2014.
- Tom Kalt, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Computer Science. Defended 2005.
- Maider Lehr, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2014.
- Ethan Selfridge, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2013.
- Chris Whelan, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2014.
- Fan Yang, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2008.
- Jianji Yang, Oregon Health & Science University, Biomedical Informatics. Defended 2007.

Ph.D. Thesis reader/opponent/referee/examiner

- Trevor Cohn, Melbourne University, Australia, 2006.
- Felice Dell'Orletta, Università di Pisa, Italy, 2008.
- Kathleen Fraser, University of Toronto, 2016
- Guillermo Moncecchi, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, 2013.
- Ehsan Shareghi, Monash University, Australia, 2017.
- Sami Virpioja, Aalto University, Finland, 2012.

Summer intern host at Google:

- Felix Stahlberg, Cambridge University, UK, 2017.
- Ryan Cotterell, Johns Hopkins University, 2017 (co-hosted with Vlad Schogol).

Undergraduate summer interns advisor at OHSU (mainly through NSF-REU program):

- 2008: Joseph Greer (Oregon); Adam Hesterberg (Princeton)
- 2009: Josh Burmeister (Northern Colorado); James Elwell (Lewis & Clark); Elijah Hamovitz (Oregon); Tzvetan Tchoukalov (Stanford)
- 2010: Kari Baker (Arizona); Jessica Ferguson (Pacific); Tzvetan Tchoukalov (Stanford)

Software

[OpenGrm library](#) (with Cyril Allauzen, Michael Riley, Richard Sproat and Terry Tai). An open-source collection of libraries for constructing, combining, applying and searching formal grammars.

[Incremental top-down parser](#). Open-source code for incremental statistical parsing and training of statistical parsing models.

[BUBS parser](#): written by PhD students Nate Bodenstab and Aaron Dunlop.

[GRM library](#) (with Cyril Allauzen and Mehryar Mohri). A general software collection for constructing and modifying weighted automata and transducers representing grammars or language models.

Professional activities and affiliations

ACTION EDITOR, Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL): 2012-present

MEMBER, IEEE Signal Processing Society Speech and Language Technical Committee (2006-2008)

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER, Computational Linguistics (2003-2005)

GUEST EDITOR, special issue of Computer Speech and Language on Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies, 2012

BOARD MEMBER, ACL Special Interest Group in Speech & Language Processing for Assistive Technologies (SIG-SLPAT), founding (interim) Secretary-Treasurer, 2011-2012.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE AREA CHAIR

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL): 2005, 2014

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP): 2016

Human Language Technology / N.American Chapter of the ACL (HLT-NAACL): 2004, 2007

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Co-organizer, Workshop on Designing and Evaluating Text Entry Methods at CHI, 2012

Local arrangements chair, 49th Annual Meeting of the ACL, 2011

Co-organizer, Workshop on Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies (SLPAT) at HLT-NAACL, 2010; and at HLT-NAACL, 2012

Best paper selection committee, ACL 2010; 2014

Tutorials co-chair, HLT-NAACL, 2009

Student Research Workshop co-chair (Faculty advisor), ACL, 2009

Publications chair, IEEE/ACL Spoken Language Technology Workshop, 2006

Publications co-chair, HLT-NAACL, 2006

INTERNAL SPONSOR of Google Faculty awards:

Benjamin Snyder (2015); Adam Lopez (2015); Trevor Cohn (2016); Jason Eisner (2017).

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, NIDILRR funded Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (RERC on AAC), 2015-present.

CLSP SUMMER WORKSHOP TEAMS, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

- TEAM LEADER, “[Confusion-based Statistical Language Modeling for Machine Translation and Speech Recognition](#)”, 2011
- MEMBER, “[Parsing and Spoken Structural Event Detection.](#)”, Team leader: Mary Harper, 2005.

PANELIST

HLT-NAACL Student Research Workshop, 2009

HLT-NAACL Doctoral Consortium, 2007

ACL Student Research Workshop, 2007

ACADEMIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Senior Member, IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS).

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA).

REVIEWER

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Journals		
ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing		x
Cognition		x
Computational Linguistics	xxxxxxxxx	xxx
Computer Speech and Language	x x x	xx
IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing	x xx	xx xx x
IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence	x	
Int'l Journal of Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing	x	
Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research		x
Journal of Biomedical Informatics		x
Journal of Machine Learning Research	x	
Journal of Neural Engineering		x
Language and Speech		x
Machine Learning	x	
Natural Language Engineering	x	xx
Speech Communication	xx x	x x
Topics in Cognitive Science		x
Conferences		
ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)		x
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)	xxx xx xx	x xx xxx
Annual Meeting of the European Chapter of the ACL (EACL)	x x	x x
Annual Meeting of the N.American Chapter of the ACL (NAACL)	x	x x xx
Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech)		x
Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)	x xx xx	x x x x
Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)		x x xxx
Human Language Technology Conference (HLT)	x x x	x
IEEE Int'l Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Proc. (ICASSP)	xxxx	
Int'l Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)	x x x	x x
Int'l Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)		x
Int'l Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP)		x x
Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)	x xx	xx
Workshops		
Biomedical Natural Language Processing (BioNLP)		x x x
Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics at ACL		x x xx
Computational Linguistics and Clinical Psychology at ACL		xxxx
Computational Neurolinguistics at HLT-NAACL		x
Computationally Hard Problems and Joint Inference for NLP at HLT-NAACL	x	
Designing and Evaluating Text Entry Methods at CHI		x
IEEE/ACL, Spoken Language Technology (SLT)		x x
IEEE, Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU)	x x x x	
Incremental Parsing Workshop at ACL	x	
On the Future of Language Modeling for HLT at NAACL HLT		x
Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies (SLPAT)		xxx
Speech and Multimodal Interaction in Assistive Environments at ACL		x
Spoken Language Understanding for Conversational Systems at HLT-NAACL	x	
Statistical NLP and Weighted Automata at ACL		x
Student Research Workshop at ACL or NAACL	x	x
Workshop on Software at ACL	x	
Granting agencies		
National Science Foundation	xx xxx	xxx xx
Alzheimer's Association		x
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada		x x
UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)		x