# HONGLI ZHAN

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#### Education

#### The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

Ph.D. in Computational Linguistics (Minor in Computer Science)

2021 - Present

Advisor: Professor Junyi Jessy Li

#### Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China

B.A. in English Linguistics (Second Major in Law)

2017 - 2021

#### Refereed Publications

\* denotes equal contributions

[1] **Hongli Zhan\***, Tiberiu Sosea\*, Cornelia Caragea, and Junyi Jessy Li. Why do you feel this way? Summarizing triggers of emotions in social media posts. In Proceedings of the 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2022), pages 9436–9453, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, December 2022. Association for Computational Linguistics.

## Teaching Experience

**Guest Lecturer** 

Spring, 2023

LIN 306 Intro to The Study of Language

The University of Texas at Austin

Instructor: Seyeon Park

Lecture: Introduced the field of Computational Linguistics and

recent developments in NLP.

**Guest Lecturer** 

Fall, 2022

LIN 373N Machine Learning Toolbox for Text Analysis

The University of Texas at Austin

Instructor: Junyi Jessy Li

Lecture: Using the Hugging Face Transformers library to conduct sentiment analysis with BERT as well as machine transla-

tion with BART.

**Teaching Assistant** 

Fall, 2022

LIN 373N Machine Learning Toolbox for Text Analysis

The University of Texas at Austin

Supervisor: Professor Junyi Jessy Li

**Teaching Assistant** 

Fall, 2021

LIN 350 Computational Semantics

The University of Texas at Austin

Supervisor: Professor Katrin Erk

## **Employment**

Research Assistant Spring, 2023

Supervisor: Professor Junyi Jessy Li

The University of Texas at Austin

Research Assistant Spring, 2022

Supervisor: Professor Junyi Jessy Li

The University of Texas at Austin

#### **Professional Service**

Organizer Spring, 2023

Natural Language Learning Reading Group The University of Texas at Austin

#### Honors & Awards

Professional Development Award for Attending EMNLP 2022 Fall, 2022

The University of Texas at Austin, 1,200 USD

COLA Supplemental Graduate School Fellowship Spring, 2022

The University of Texas at Austin, 5,000 USD

Outstanding Graduate 2021

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award 2021

School of Foreign Languages, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

#### **Presentations**

Why Do You Feel This Way? Summarizing Triggers of Emotions in Social Media Posts The 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2022) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Dec 2022

# **Open Source Contributions**

#### CovidET https://github.com/honglizhan/CovidET

CovidET (Emotions and their Triggers during Covid-19) is a dataset of  $\sim$ 1,900 English Reddit posts related to COVID-19, which contains manual annotations of perceived emotions and abstractive summaries of their triggers described in the post.

# **Programming Skills**

- ♦ **Systems**: Windows, Linux/Unix
- ♦ **Programming Languages**: Python, R; MATLAB
- Machine Learning Tools: PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Huggingface Transformers, Scikit-learn, NLTK, SciPy, Git

 Research Methodologies: Crowdsourcing, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Computational Linguistics

## Language Skills

English: Near-Native

• TOEFL: 112 (Reading 30, Listening 30, Writing 27, Speaking 25)

• GRE: 329 + 5.0 (Verbal 162, Quantitative 167, Analytical Writing 5.0)

• Test for English Majors Band 8 (TEM-8): Good

• Test for English Majors Band 4 (TEM-4): Excellent (90/100)

**Chinese Mandarin**: Native **Japanese**: Upper-Intermediate

Italian: Intermediate

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