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# Alexander M. Rush

Appointment

Harvard University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences 2015-. Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Facebook Artificial Intelligence Research Lab 2015. Post-Doctoral Fellowship Advisor: Yann LeCunn

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2009-2014. Ph.D, Computer Science.

Advisor: Michael Collins

Dissertation: Relaxation Methods for Natural Language Decoding.

Columbia University

2011-2014. Visiting Scholar, Department of Computer Science.

Harvard University

2007. B.A., Computer Science.

Grants and Awards

2017 National Science Foundation (Medium) A Cloudless Universal Translator

Bloomberg Faculty Award Best Demo (Runner-Up), ACL

2016 Microsoft Azure Award

Google Faculty Award

Best Paper (Runner-Up), EMNLP

2012 Best Paper Award, NAACL

2010 Best Paper Award, EMNLP

2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, Computing Re-

search Association

**Publications** 

Conference Papers

Junbo Zhao, Yoon Kim, Kelly Zhang, Alexander M. Rush, Yann LeCun. Adversarially Regularized Autoencoders. In submission

Sam Wiseman, Stuart M Shieber Alexander M. Rush. Challenges in Data-to-Document Generation. EMNLP 2017

Allen Schmaltz, Yoon Kim, Alexander M. Rush, Stuart M. Shieber. *Adapting Sequence Models for Sentence Correction. EMNLP 2017* 

- Guillaume Klein, Yoon Kim, Yuntian Deng, Jean Senellart, Alexander M. Rush. OpenNMT: Open-Source Toolkit for Neural Machine Translation. ACL Demo 2017 (Best Demo Runner-up)
- Ankit Gupta, Alexander M. Rush. Dilated Convolutions for Modeling Long-Distance Genomic Dependencies. ICML CompBio 2017 (Best Poster)
- Yuntian Deng, Anssi Kanervisto, Jeffrey Ling, and Alexander M. Rush. *Image-to-Markup Generation with Coarse-to-Fine Attention*. *ICML* 2017
- Hendrik Strobelt, Sebastian Gehrmann, Hanspeter Pfister, and Alexander M. Rush. LSTMVis: A Tool for Visual Analysis of Hidden State Dynamics in Recurrent Neural Networks. InfoVis 2017
- Yoon Kim, Carl Denton, Luong Hoang, and Alexander M. Rush. *Structured Attention Networks. ICLR* 2017
- Greg Yang and Alexander M. Rush. *Lie-Access Neural Turing Machines*. *ICLR* 2017
- Yoon Kim and Alexander M. Rush. Sequence-Level Knowledge Distillation. EMNLP 2016
- Sam Wiseman and Alexander M. Rush. Sequence-to-Sequence Learning as Beam-Search Opimization. EMNLP 2016 (Best Paper Runner-Up)
- Peter Kraft, Hirsh Jain, and Alexander M. Rush. An Embedding Model for Predicting Roll-Call Votes. Proceedings of EMNLP 2016
- Allen Schmaltz, Alexander M. Rush, and Stuart M. Shieber. Word Ordering Without Syntax. EMNLP 2016
- Allen Schmaltz, Yoon Kim, Alexander M. Rush, and Stuart M. Shieber. Sentence-Level Grammatical Error Identification as Sequence-to-Sequence Correction. Workshop Submission for AESW 2016 (Top Performing System)
- Sam Wiseman, Alexander M. Rush, and Stuart M. Shieber. Learning Global Features for Coreference Resolution. NAACL 2016
- Sumit Chopra, Michael Auli, and Alexander M. Rush. Abstractive Sentence Summarization with Attentive Recurrent Neural Networks. NAACL 2016
- Yoon Kim, Yacine Jernite, David Sontag, and Alexander M. Rush. *Character-Aware Neural Language Models. AAAI* 2016
- Alexander M. Rush, Sumit Chopra, and Jason Weston. A Neural Attention Model for Abstractive Sentence Summarization. EMNLP 2015.
- Jason Weston, Antoine Bordes, Sumit Chopra, Tomas Mikolov, and Alexander M. Rush. Towards AI-Complete Question Answering A Set of Prerequisite Toy Tasks. Arxiv Preprint
- Sam Wiseman, Alexander M. Rush, Jason Weston, and Stuart M. Shieber. *Learning Anaphoricity and Antecedent Ranking Features for Coreference Resolution. ACL* 2015.

- Yacine Jernite, Alexander M. Rush, and David Sontag. A Fast Variational Approach for Learning Markov Random Field Language Models. ICML 2015.
- Lingpeng Kong, Alexander M. Rush, and Noah A. Smith. *Transforming Dependencies into Phrase Structures*. NAACL 2015.
- Yin-Wen Chang, Alexander M. Rush, John DeNero, and Michael Collins. *A Lagrangian Relaxation Algorithm for Bilingual Word Alignment*. Proceedings of ACL 2014.
- Alexander M. Rush, Yin-Wen Chang, and Michael Collins. *Optimal Beam Search for Machine Translation*. Proceedings of EMNLP 2013.
- Karl Stratos, Alexander M. Rush, Shay B. Cohen, and Michael Collins. *Spectral Learning of Refinement HMMs*. Proceedings of CoNLL 2013.
- Alexander M. Rush, Roi Reichert, Michael Collins, and Amir Globerson. *Improved Parsing and POS Tagging Using Inter-Sentence Consistency Constraints*, Proceedings of EMNLP 2012.
- Alexander M. Rush and Slav Petrov, *Vine Pruning for Efficient Multi-Pass Dependency Parsing*. Proceedings of NAACL 2012. (Best Paper Award)
- Alexander M. Rush and Michael Collins. *Exact Decoding of Syntactic Translation Models through Lagrangian Relaxation*. Proceedings of ACL 2011.
- Terry Koo, Alexander M. Rush, Michael Collins, Tommi Jaakkola, and David Sontag. *Dual Decomposition for Parsing with Non-Projective Head Automata*. Proceedings of EMNLP 2010. (Best Paper Award)
- Alexander M. Rush, David Sontag, Michael Collins, and Tommi Jaakkola *On Dual Decomposition and Linear Programming Relaxations for Natural Language Processing*. Proceedings of EMNLP 2010.
- Rebecca Nesson, Stuart M. Shieber, and Alexander M. Rush. *Induction of probabilistic synchronous tree-insertion grammars for machine translation*. Proceedings of AMTA 2006.

## Journal Papers

Alexander M. Rush and Michael Collins. A Tutorial on Dual Decomposition and Lagrangian Relaxation for Inference in Natural Language Processing. Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research 2012.

- 2018 Instructor, Machine Learning for NLP, Harvard University, Spring.
- Instructor, Machine Learning , Harvard University, Spring.Instructor, Graduate Machine Learning , Harvard University, Fall.
- 2016 Instructor, Machine Learning for NLP, Harvard University, Spring.
- 2015 Instructor, Artificial Intelligence, Harvard University, Fall.
- 2013 Instructor (with Michael Collins), Natural Language Processing, Columbia University, Fall.
  - Head Teaching Assistant, Natural Language Processing , Michael Collins, Columbia University, Spring (taught on Coursera, 30,000+ registered students).
- 2012 Head Teaching Assistant, Natural Language Processing, Michael Collins, Columbia University, Fall.

#### Patents

- A neural attention model for abstactive summarization (Facebook). Alexander M. Rush, Sumit Chopra, Jason Weston 2017.
- Techniques for discriminative dependency parsing (Google). Slav Petrov, Alexander M. Rush, 2015.
- Efficient parsing with structured prediction cascades (Google). Slav Petrov, Alexander M. Rush, 2013
- Determining user affinity towards applications on a social networking website (Facebook., Thomas S. Whitnah, Alexander M. Rush, Ding Zhou, Ruchi Sangvhi, 2010.

# Libraries

# **OpenNMT**

Open-source neural machine translation system.

### **LSTMVis**

Visual analysis of recurrent neural network dynamics.

# Sequence-to-Sequence with Attention

General-purpose sequence-to-sequence model.

### **CNN** for Text Clasification

Convolutional sentence classification.

## Im2Markup

A neural image-to-markup system.

Academic

Internships

Research Intern, Google Research, 2011 – 2013, New York, NY. Advisor: Slav

Petrov.

Research Intern,  $\mathit{USC/ISI}$ , Summer 2010, Marina Del Rey, CA. Advisor: Liang

Huang.

Industry

Lead Engineer (Platform Team), Facebook, 2007 – 2009, Palo Alto, CA.

Developed compiler for Facebook Markup Language (FBML) to sanitize

user content.

Developed system for crowd-sourced translation of Facebook user text.

Service

Area Chair: NAACL (Machine Learning) 2016, ICLR (NLP) 2017, 2018, EMNLP (Generation/Summarization) 2017, ACL (Parsing and Tagging) 2017

Tutorial Chair: NAACL 2016

Reviewer:

EMNLP, NAACL, ACL, EACL, (Natural Language Processing).

UAI, NIPS, ICML, AAAI, ICLR (Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence).

Invited Talks

2018 Invited Talk, University of Washington, Spring.

Invited Talk, Allen Institute for AI, Spring.

Invited Talk, MSR, Spring.

Invited Talk, American Machine Translation Association, Spring.

Invited Talk, University of Texas, Spring.

Invited Talk, University of Maryland, Spring.

Invited Talk, Georgetown, Spring.

Invited Talk, Lisbon ML Summer School, Spring.

2017 Invited Talk, Google Faculty Day, Spring.

Invited Talk, New England Machine Learning Day, Spring.

Invited Talk, Google, Spring.

Invited Talk, Berkeley CS, Spring.

Invited Talk, Notre Dame, Spring.

Colloquium, TTI-Chicago, Spring.

Invited Talk, Apple, Siri Team, Spring.

Colloquium, Samsung Global AI Forum, Fall.

Invited Talk, AMD, Fall.

2016 Invited Talk, NYU, Fall.

Invited Talk, BBN Research, Fall.

Invited Talk, Bloomberg, Fall.

Invited Talk (Speech Group), MIT, Fall.

Invited Talk, IBM Research, Fall.

Colloquium, CMU, Fall.

Invited Talk, Stanford NLP, Summer.

Invited Talk, Oracle Labs, Summer.

Invited Talk, Twitter, Summer.

Colloquium, John Hopkins University, Spring.

Colloquium, Rakuten, Spring.

2014 Colloquium, University of Washington, Spring.

Colloquium, NYU, Spring.

Colloquium, CMU, Spring.

Colloquium, MIT, Spring.

Colloquium, Harvard, Spring.

Colloquium, TTIC, Spring.

Colloquium, University of Maryland, Spring.

2013 Invited Tutorial, UMBC, October.

Invited Talk, CS and Social Science Seminar, UMass Amherst, October.

Talk, NLP Seminar, Columbia University, October.

Invited Talk, ML Seminar, UMass Amherst, October.

Invited Talk, Johnson Research Labs, NY, August.

Invited Talk, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, June.

Invited Talk, Columbia University, Spring.

Invited Talk, NLP Seminar, City University of New York, Spring.

- 2012 Invited Tutorial, Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), December.
- 2011 Invited Tutorial, Google Research, Mountain View, August.

Tutorial. Association of Computational Linguistic (ACL), June.

Invited Talk, ML Seminar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Spring.

ML Tea, MIT, January.

- 2010 NLP Seminar, USC/ISI, Summer.
- 2006 Invited Talk, Computational Linguistics Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, November.