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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. (Magna Cum Laude With Highest Honors.)

Grants and Awards

- 2017 Early Career Spotlight, International Joint Conference of Artificial Intelligence .
- 2016 Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing.
- 2016 Google Faculty Research Award.
- 2012 Best Paper Award, North American Association of Computational Linguistics.
- 2010 Best Paper Award, Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing.
- 2009 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation.
- 2006 Outstanding Undergraduate Award Finalist, Computing Research Association.

Publications

Conference Papers
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
- Alexander Rush. [Interpreting, Training, and Distilling Seq2Seq Models](#). Recent Overview Talk
- Yuntian Deng, Anssi Kanervisto, and Alexander M. Rush. [What You Get Is What You See: A Visual Markup Decompiler](#). Arxiv Pre-print
- Hendrik Strobelt, Sebastian Gehrmann, Bernd Huber, Hanspeter Pfister, and Alexander M. Rush. [Visual Analysis of Hidden State Dynamics in Recurrent Neural Networks](#). Arxiv Pre-print
- Yoon Kim and Alexander M. Rush. [Sequence-Level Knowledge Distillation](#). Proceedings of EMNLP 2016
- Sam Wiseman and Alexander M. Rush. [Sequence-to-Sequence Learning as Beam-Search Optimization](#). Proceedings of EMNLP 2016
- Peter Kraft, Hirsh Jain, and Alexander M. Rush. [An Embedding Model for Predicting Roll-Call Votes](#). Proceedings of EMNLP 2016
- Allen Schmalz, Alexander M. Rush, and Stuart M. Shieber. [Word Ordering Without Syntax](#). Proceedings of EMNLP 2016
- Allen Schmalz, 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](#). Proceedings of NAACL 2016
- Sumit Chopra, Michael Auli, and Alexander M. Rush. [Abstractive Sentence Summarization with Attentive Recurrent Neural Networks](#). Proceedings of NAACL 2016
- Yoon Kim, Yacine Jernite, David Sontag, and Alexander M. Rush. [Character-Aware Neural Language Models](#). Proceedings of AAAI 2016
- Alexander M. Rush, Sumit Chopra, and Jason Weston. [A Neural Attention Model for Abstractive Sentence Summarization](#). Proceedings of 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](#). Proceedings of ACL 2015.

- Yacine Jernite, Alexander M. Rush, and David Sontag. [A Fast Variational Approach for Learning Markov Random Field Language Models](#). Proceedings of ICML 2015.
- Lingpeng Kong, Alexander M. Rush, and Noah A. Smith. [Transforming Dependencies into Phrase Structures](#). Proceedings of 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.

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

Research Intern, USC/ISI , Summer 2010, Marina Del Rey, CA. Advisor: Liang Huang.

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

Teaching

- 2017 Instructor, Machine Learning , Harvard University, Spring.
- 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

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

(Selected widely used open-source research 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.

Invited Talks	2017	Invited Talk, Berkeley CS, Spring. Colloquium, TTI-Chicago, Spring. Colloquium, Apple, Siri Team, Spring.
	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.

Service

Tutorial Chair: NAACL 2016, Area Chair: NAACL 2016, ICLR 2017

Reviewer:

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

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

Misc

General Manager of Harvard Radio Broadcasting (WHRB).

Member ACM Programming Team, Harvard University.

Experienced in C/C++, Python, Javascript, Lua/Torch, Haskell, Java, PHP, OCaml, LaTeX, HTML/CSS.