

# RUOYAO YANG

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## EDUCATION

### Washington University in Saint Louis

St. Louis, MO

- Master of Science in Computer Science
- GPA: 4.00/4.00; Honor: McKelvey School of Engineering Master's Pathway Scholarship

May 2021

### Beijing Language and Culture University

Beijing, China

- Bachelor of Arts in Translation and Localization, Bachelor of Economics in Finance (minor)
- GPA: 3.85 / 4.00; Grade Ranking: 1<sup>st</sup>; Honor: First-class Scholarship

Jun 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Ruoyao Yang**, Wanying Xie, Chunhua Liu, Dong Yu. "BLCU NLP at SemEval-2019 Task 7: An Inference Chain-based GPT Model for Rumour Evaluation." SemEval (2019). 2019

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Amazon.com, Inc.

Seattle, WA

SDE Intern

May – Aug 2020

- Modified API calls in Java to automate the integration between 2 services, facilitated cross-team collaboration
- Saved time, resources and manual onboarding efforts involved in 40% experiments in the Personalization department

### Washington University in Saint Louis

St. Louis, MO

Teaching Assistant (courses: Data Structures & Algorithms, Introduction to Machine Learning)

Jan – May 2020

### Beijing Fanyu Technology Co., Ltd.

Beijing, China

NLP Intern

Mar – Jun 2019

- Researched and experimented with Quality Estimation approaches for Chinese-English machine translation on Boeing Electronic Logbook to improve machine translation results
- Organized data annotation, pre-trained and fine-tuned Quality Estimation task on NLP deep learning models in Python and Tensorflow, conducted error analysis and applied word alignment & rule filter techniques

### Beijing Lingsail Technology Co., Ltd.

Beijing, China

SDE Intern

Aug 2017 – Feb 2018

- Developed PHP multilingual term website, MySQL database, C# desktop app for 2022 Olympic Winter Games
- Searched within the XML Chinese Wikipedia database with Python to extract all possible Winter Olympic terms; >70% extracted words proved to be formal terms

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Washington University in Saint Louis

St. Louis, MO

#### "Pawsgram" Web App Development

Nov – Dec 2020

- Developed a pet event tracking and sharing social webapp with React & Express/NodeJS & MongoDB, allowing users to keep track of photos, records, memorable events of their pets in a timeline perspective, and explore public events from the community

#### "SuperMario" 2D Game Development

Sep – Dec 2020

- Developed a 2D game similar to Super-Mario with Unity. Core loop: Input: keyboard keys; Action: player move, shoot rocks, avoid or kill enemies, interact with items; Obstacle: enemies; Goal: player finish three levels within health points limit

#### Project in "Visualization for Explainable Planning"

May 2020 – Nov 2020

- Implemented an interactive web tool in Jquery & Python Flask, to visualize robot plans generated by plan generator, allowed plan-editing by users and visualized explanations; generalized across domains and across plans

#### "MyRecipe" Android Mobile App Development

Mar – May 2020

- In consideration of grocery acquisition inconvenience and people's great need in cooking and keeping healthy during quarantine time, developed an Android mobile app that allowed users to search recipes with ingredients at hand, customize personal meal plans and receive personal intake suggestions

### Beijing Language and Culture University

Beijing, China

#### Research on Rumor Stance and Veracity Classification

Sep 2018 – Jan 2019

- Designed and implemented a system with NLP deep learning models in Python and Tensorflow; Compared experimental results with SOTA baseline models; Performed experiments on NLP data and model manipulation techniques
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>/21 in subtask A, and 4<sup>th</sup>/12 in subtask B for SemEval 2019 Task 7

#### Natural Language Processing Workshop

Apr 2018 – Jun 2019

- Organized NLP topic introduction, code sharing, paper presentation workshops with CS graduates

## SKILLS

- Programming languages: Python, Java, Kotlin, HTML & CSS & Javascript, PHP, Matlab, C, C++, C#
- Mobile app development (Android), 2D Game development, Website development, Machine learning, Deep learning