

# Patrick Gaston

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Computational Linguist ▪ Full-Stack Java Developer

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Software Developer II

**ePlan Services Inc., A Paychex Company**, Denver, CO

February 2017 - Present

Software Engineering position within a large company's Engineering Department:

- Provided support with user requirements analysis, design and programming for uplift of a web application accessed by 100's of thousands of users nationwide.
- Contributed software engineering expertise in the development of products through the software lifecycle, from requirements definition through successful deployment.
- Collaborated with Engineering team to plan, design, and develop clean, efficient solutions that were based on client's needs.

### Research Assistant (Computational Linguistics Research)

**SUNY Research Foundation**, Stony Brook University, NY

August 2015 - May 2016

Computational Linguistics Research Assistant internship that included:

- Working with programming languages (Python and Java) to carry out linguistic Research.
- Used computational methods to carry out a Phonological Experiment.

### Linguist

**Multilingual and Multicultural Communications Center**, Stony Brook University, NY

January 2015 - May 2016

- Examining the communicative adaptations and transformations by individuals and groups as they transcend languages and cultures.
- Informing the public on the means and meanings of developing multilingual and multicultural repertoires.
- Generating knowledge on the impact of global mobility and technological innovation on language practices.

### Generator Technician/Paratrooper

**U.S. Army**, Fort Bragg, NC; Baghdad, Iraq

2010 – 2013

*Skills learned:* Leadership, Ultimate Teamwork, Organization, Stress Management

- Performed field and sustainment level maintenance on tactical, utility, and precise power generation sets, internal combustion engines and associated equipment.
- Supervised lower grade soldiers and provided technical guidance in the areas of field and sustainment level maintenance. Including: servicing, troubleshooting and repairing power generation equipment through 200KW.
- Provided technical guidance to lower-ranked soldiers in the principles of electrical and electronic circuitry.
- Helped supervise and teach the Iraqi Forces in the principles above on a Tour of Duty in Iraq (2011).

## EDUCATION

### **Master of Science in Computational Linguistics [In Progress]**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

September 2017 – Present [Anticipated completion date: December 2018]

- Thesis under development

### **Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics** Deans List // Graduated Cum Laude (GPA > 3.6)

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 2016

- B.A. Linguistics (Special Interest in Theoretical & Computational Linguistics)
- Focus on Natural Language Processing & Language Acquisition
- Studied 1 year (2 semesters) of both French and Arabic (NSA's STARTALK Government Program)
- Vice President of the Undergraduate Linguistics Club

### **Full-Stack Java Web Developer Certificate**

Skill Distillery, Denver, CO

July 2016 – November 2016

Skill Distillery's Full-Stack Java Programming Boot Camp is a coding school with an immersive, hands-on program where students learn the most critical programming skills to build a lasting career not only as a web developer, but as a full-stack Java application developer. The curriculum is divided into four, four-week sessions with one-week projects in between each:

- 19-week @ 50 hrs+ per week intensive programming boot camp. Technologies taught/practiced include a Java SE/EE, Spring MVC, Maven, MySQL, MongoDB, JPA, RESTful web services, XML, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, (jQuery, Node, Angular), Linux and Git/Github.
- Additionally, industry best practices in data-modeling, design patterns, Agile methodologies, and paired-programming were utilized daily.

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** Java, Python, JavaScript, SQL

**Front-end Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, AJAX, JQuery, AngularJS

**Server-Side Technologies:** MySQL, SQL Developer, Linux, Tomcat, AWS, JPA/Hibernate, Heroku

**Frameworks:** Spring (MVC, Boot, Security), AngularJS, NodeJS

**Automation/Build Tools:** Docker, Jenkins

**Patterns & Architectures:** REST

**Computational Linguistics Toolkits:** Python NLTK, Apache OpenNLP (Java)

**Software Development/Management Tools:** GitHub, Eclipse, Maven, IntelliJ, Jenkins, Ant, Subversion