

My career growth in academia was made possible through the voluntary service contributions of many academics. I believe it is my duty to repay the academic service I have benefited from. I have made several service contributions consistently throughout graduate school and afterwards. I am dedicated to service activities in the future, as a professor, to promote smooth functioning of the department I work in, as well as the broader research community.

Professional Service

I have contributed to the natural language processing (NLP) and artificial intelligence (AI) research communities via organizing workshops and tutorials, as well as reviewing and chairing areas in conferences.

I have had the honor to co-teach tutorials at two different conference venues. I co-taught the tutorial on [Frame Semantics Across Languages](#) with researchers from UC Berkeley at COLING 2018 [1]. This was primarily a linguistics venue, and I treated it as a compelling opportunity to teach concepts from NLP and machine learning. At NAACL 2019, I co-taught the tutorial on [Transfer Learning in NLP](#). It received an audience of about 350 people, and was one of the most-attended tutorials at the conference [2]. I have also co-organized a workshop on deep learning approaches for low-resource NLP ([DeepLo 2019](#)), collocated with EMNLP 2019 [3].

I have served as area chair twice at ACL 2020 for Semantics (Long) and for EACL 2021 (Sentence-level Semantics) and have volunteered to serve as the area chair for Sentence-level Semantics in the upcoming NAACL 2021. In each of these venues, as an area chair I was in charge of over 8 papers and wrote meta-reviews for each, helping the senior area chair make the final decision. In addition to broader conference and workshop organization, I have organized other local workshops and summits such as the [West Coast NLP Workshop](#) in 2018.

I have served on the program committee (PC) as a re-viewer for several conferences, journals, and workshops:

- **Conferences** ACL 2015-2020; NAACL 2015-2020; EMNLP 2015-2020; NeurIPS 2018-2020; ICML 2015,2019,2020; EACL 2017; AAAI 2017-2020; CoNLL 2017-2018, 2020
- **Journals** Computational Linguistics 2019 - Present; Transactions of ACL 2020 - Present; Journal of AI Research 2019
- **Workshops** NAACL Student Research Workshop 2016; Workshop for Women in Machine Learning (WiML) at NeurIPS 2016; Machine Reading for Question Answering (MRQA) Workshop 2017

I have additionally served as a mentor / "big sibling" for graduate and undergraduate students at some of these conferences, namely EMNLP 2020, ACL 2020, and EMNLP 2018.

Departmental and Community Service

As a visiting graduate student at the University of Washington (UW), I have contributed in several ways to the department of computer science. I served as a graduate student liaison for UW faculty interviews, co-organized and managed meetings between graduate student and faculty candidates. I helped with UW PhD application evaluations, organized the UW visit days for PhD admits and [welcome events](#) for new students, among other volunteering efforts at UW. I have also volunteered to organize research retreats within my immediate [research group](#). While at UW, I had the opportunity to participate in an outreach event at [Highline Public High School](#) in Burien, WA, and was glad to see the students' excitement for AI and language technologies.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts

During my UW years, I actively volunteered for UW CS-GradsWomen, a group devoted to bringing together women and gender minorities within the school of computer science. Throughout the year of 2018, I led the proceedings for CS-GradsWomen. I co-organized the annual [Women's Research](#)

Day, where members showcased their research to high school and undergraduate women, and increased awareness about life in academia. During the UW visit days, I was in charge of the Women’s Reception, a meet-and-greet event for all incoming women and gender minorities.

At my current role in the Allen Institute for AI, I have been actively involved in efforts to improve diversity, equity and inclusion within the organization. Together with my colleagues, I have led initiatives for rebuilding the interview process to consider candidates with non-traditional backgrounds, interviewed underrepresented minority candidates for scholarships, participated in outreach events, organized reading groups on equity, and raised intra-organization awareness about diversity.

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