

# Ana Brassard

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## Current position

(Dec. 2018-) Technical Staff I, Riken AIP Natural Language Understanding Team

Location: Tohoku NLP Lab, Tohoku University, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan

Description: conducting independent and collaborative NLP research

## Research interests

Natural language processing, common sense, commonsense reasoning, model testing/probing/diagnostics, dataset creation.

## Skills

### Language proficiency

- ▶ English: fluent
- ▶ Japanese: upper-intermediate  
(japanese workplace experience)
- ▶ French: upper-intermediate  
(native speakers in close family)
- ▶ Croatian: native

### Programming

- ▶ python: comfortable, regular use.  
(mainly PyTorch-based)
- ▶ html, CSS, javascript: some experience  
(mainly Amazon Mechanical Turk forms)
- ▶ Java, C/C++: novice  
(used during formal education)

### Misc

Particularly enjoy visualization and other aspects of scientific communication.

Certified PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (2012).

Lived in Canada, the USA, Croatia, Japan.

Hobbies include drawing, cooking, reading.

## Formal education

### PhD (in progress)

2021-\*2024, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University

### Master of Science in Computing

2016-2018, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, University of Zagreb

### Bachelor of Science in Computing

2013-2016, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, University of Zagreb

## Publications

- *Learning to Learn to be Right for the Right Reasons*. Kavumba, P.; Henzerling, B.; Brassard, A.; and Inui, K. (NAACL 2021)
- *Diamonds in the Rough: Generating Fluent Sentences from Early-Stage Drafts for Academic Writing Assistance*. Ito, T.; Kuribayashi, T.; Kobayashi, H.; Brassard, A.; Hagiwara, M.; Suzuki, J.; and Inui K. (INLG 2019)
- *TakeLab at SemEval-2018 Task12: Argument Reasoning Comprehension with Skip-Thought Vectors*. Brassard, A.; Kuculo, T.; Boltužić, F.; and Šnajder, J. (SemEval 2018)