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RESEARCH INTERESTS • Multilingual natural language processing

Model probing and interpretability

· Machine translation

EDUCATION Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Ph.D. student, Computer Science. August 2018 - Present

M.S.E., Computer Science. May 2020

GPA: 3.9/4.0.

Advisors: Mark Dredze, David Yarowsky.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

B.S., Computer Science. Honors. May 2018
B.S., Linguistics. Honors. May 2018

GPA: 4.0/4.0. Summa cum laude.

Thesis: Neural Machine Translation for Canadian French.

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Center for Language & Speech Processing

Research Assistant August 2018 - Present

Advisors: Mark Dredze, David Yarowsky

- Research in probing pre-trained multilingual neural models for linguistic knowledge, multilingual text analysis, and massively multilingual NLP applications (e.g., machine translation).

BBN Technologies, Cambridge, MA **Analytics & Machine Intelligence**

Research Intern May - August 2019

Supervisors: Roger Bock, Ilana Heintz

 Research in word alignment, entity linking, and improving the speed-accuracy trade-off in neural machine translation.

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA

Statistical Social Language Analysis Lab

Research Intern May - August 2017

Supervisor: Brendan O'Connor

- Research in entity-event extraction.
- Integrated entity mention and relation systems into pre-existing sentence-level model. Also integrated document-level information (e.g., noun coreferences) as features.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Center for Language & Speech Processing

Research Intern May - August 2016

Supervisor: David Yarowsky

- Research in statistical machine translation for low-resource languages.
- Implemented a lemma-based English-Uyghur translation model, built a morphological generator for Crimean Tatar, and created parsers to extract translation tables from foreign editions of Wiktionary.

PUBLICATIONS REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Aaron Mueller, Garrett Nicolai, Panayiota Petrou-Zeniou, Natalia Talmina, and Tal Linzen. Cross-Linguistic Syntactic Evaluation of Word Prediction Models. Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2020.
- 2. **Aaron Mueller**, Garrett Nicolai, Arya D. McCarthy, Dylan Lewis, Winston Wu, and David Yarowsky. *An Analysis of Massively Multilingual Neural Machine Translation for Low-Resource Languages*. Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC), 2020.
- 3. Arya D. McCarthy, Rachel Wicks, Dylan Lewis, **Aaron Mueller**, Winston Wu, Oliver Adams, Garrett Nicolai, Matt Post, and David Yarowsky. *The Johns Hopkins University Bible Corpus: 1600+ Tongues for Typological Exploration*. Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC), 2020.
- 4. Garrett Nicolai, Dylan Lewis, Arya D. McCarthy, **Aaron Mueller**, Winston Wu, and David Yarowsky. *Fine-Grained Morphosyntactic Analysis and Generation Tools for More Than One Thousand Languages*. Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC), 2020.
- 5. Marten van Schijndel, **Aaron Mueller**, and Tal Linzen. *Quantity Doesn't Buy Quality Syntax with Neural Language Models*. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2019.
- Arya D. McCarthy, Winston Wu, Aaron Mueller, Bill Watson, and David Yarowsky. Modeling Color Terminology Across Thousands of Languages. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2019.

REFEREED WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

7. **Aaron Mueller*** and Yash Kumar Lal*. *Sentence-Level Adaptation for Low-Resource Neural Machine Translation*. Machine Translation Summit (MTSummit) Workshop on Technologies for Machine Translation of Low-Resource Languages (LoResMT), 2019. [*Equal contribution]

PRE-PRINTS AND NON-REFEREED PAPERS

- 8. Aaron Mueller, Zach Wood-Doughty, Silvio Amir, Mark Dredze, and Alicia Nobles. *Demographic Representation and Collective Storytelling in the Me Too Twitter Hashtag Activism Movement.* arXiv pre-print, 2020. In submission to Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW), 2021.
- 9. **Aaron Mueller***, Alexandra DeLucia*, Xiang Lisa Li, and João Sedoc. *Decoding Methods for Neural Narrative Generation*. arXiv pre-print, 2020. In submission to North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2021. [*Equal contribution]
- 10. **Aaron Mueller**, Mark Richard Lauersdorf, Kevin McGowan, and Ramakanth Kavuluru. *Neural Machine Translation for Canadian French*. Undergraduate thesis, 2018.

FELLOWSHIPS	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow	2018 - 2023
AND AWARDS	Gaines Fellow, University of Kentucky	2016 - 2018
	Patterson Scholar, University of Kentucky	2014 - 2018
	Raymond F. Betts Scholar, University of Kentucky	2017
	Goldwater Scholarship (Honorable Mention)	2017
	Phi Beta Kappa	2017
	Linguistics Research Award, University of Kentucky	2016
	National Merit Semifinalist	2014

TEACHING

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- Machine Learning: AI System Design & Development, Mathias Unberath. Spring 2020.

COMPUTING

Programming:

SKILLS

- Languages: Python, C++, C, HTML, CSS, Javascript, bash.
- Machine Learning Toolkits: PyTorch (incl. huggingface, fairseq, sockeye), Keras, TensorFlow.
- Version Control: DVCS (Git, Bitbucket).
- Development Environments: Vim, VSCode.

Linguistic Tools:

Praat, AntConc, QGIS, Audacity.

Languages

English (native language), French (B2, Canadian). Experience with Chatino and Uyghur through research.