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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Sept 2016 – May 2020

A.B. with Honors in Computer Science and Philosophy (Joint)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (AI2), AllenNLP

July 2020 – Present

Predoctoral Researcher

Mentors: Ana Marasović and Matthew E. Peters

Harvard University, Computer Science and Philosophy

Sept 2019 - May 2020

Mentors: Himabindu Lakkaraju and Bernhard Nickel

Senior Thesis: Using Linear Approximations to Explain Complex, Blackbox Classifiers Awarded Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for "outstanding scholarly work" by undergraduates.

Microsoft Research May 2019 – Aug 2019

Research Intern, Project Hanover

Mentor: Tristan Naumann

Project: Machine Reading for Precision Medicine

Harvard University, NLP Group

March 2019 - May 2019

Research Assistant

Mentors: Yonatan Belinkov and Alexander Rush

Project: Probing for Neurons that Encode and Exploit Negation in BERT

Johns Hopkins, Center for Language and Speech Processing

June 2018 - Aug 2018

Undergraduate Researcher, JSALT Workshop

Mentor: Ellie Pavlick

*Project*: General-Purpose Sentence Representation Learning

Harvard University, Cognitive Neuropsychology Laboratory

Feb 2017 – Aug 2017

Research Assistant

Mentors: Gilles Vannuscorps and Alfonso Caramazza

Project: Object Orientation Perception

**PREPRINTS** 

[1] Tailor: Generating and Perturbing Text with Semantic Controls.

Alexis Ross\*, Tongshuang Wu\*, Hao Peng, Matthew Peters, Matt Gardner. In submission, 2021.

**PUBLICATIONS** 

 $[2]\ \, {\rm Learning\ Models}$  for Actionable Recourse.

Alexis Ross, Himabindu Lakkaraju, and Osbert Bastani. NeurIPS, 2021.

[3] Competency Problems: On Finding and Removing Artifacts in Language Data.

Matt Gardner\*, William Merrill\*, Jesse Dodge, Matthew E. Peters, **Alexis Ross**, Sameer Singh,
Noah Smith. *EMNLP*, 2021.

[4] Explaining NLP Models via Minimal Contrastive Editing (MiCE).

Alexis Ross, Ana Marasović, and Matthew E. Peters. Findings of ACL 2021.

[5] How well do NLI models capture verb veridicality?

Alexis Ross and Ellie Pavlick. EMNLP 2019. Oral presentation.

[6] Probing what different NLP tasks teach machines about function word comprehension. Najoung Kim, Roma Patel, Adam Poliak, Alex Wang, Patrick Xia, R Thomas McCoy, Ian Tenney, Alexis Ross, Tal Linzen, Benjamin Van Durme, Samuel R Bowman, and Ellie Pavlick. \*SEM 2019. Best Paper Award. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## CS 121: Introduction to the Theory of Computation

 $Sept\ 2018-Dec\ 2018$ 

Teaching Fellow, Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Instructor: Boaz Barak

Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for a student evaluation of 4.8/5.0.