

# Adam N. Goodkind

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## RESEARCH STATEMENT

I study social interactions through the lens of keystroke timing, using HCI theories in combination with linguistic analysis. My thesis is titled *Using keystrokes to predict social dynamics in online dialogue*. It identifies how we can use timing differences in keystrokes to recover many of the same social cues we usually detect in signals such as tone-of-voice or pauses, but are lost in text-based digital communication. The thesis brings together HCI, Cognitive Science, NLP and statistical modeling. I have a passion for applying findings from HCI to creating more useful tools for users, alongside creating engaging visualizations to improve understanding.

## EDUCATION

### PhD, Northwestern University

Media, Technology & Society Program

2019–Present

PI: Darren Gergle (CollabLab)

Dissertation: [Using keystrokes to predict social dynamics in online dialogue](#)

### Linguistics Department

2016–2019

PI: Klinton Bicknell (Language & Computation Lab)

#### Honors:

Data Science Fellowship

Cognitive Science Specialist

### M.A., CUNY Graduate Center

2016

#### Computational Linguistics

M.A. Thesis: [Utilizing Linguistic Context To Improve Identification in Typed Text](#)

Thesis Advisors: Prof. Andrew Rosenberg and Prof. Martin Chodorow

### B.A., Columbia University

2007

Religion (Study of Science & Religion)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant, CollabLab, Evanston, IL, USA

2019–Present

PI: Darren Gergle

- Running a crowd-sourced experiment for my dissertation utilizing keystroke-level analysis to understand social and cognitive differences in production timing and linguistic choices, depending on the social perceptions of a partner in a collaborative task.
- Supervise a Research Assistant tasked with creating a code base and setting up a database.
- Analyze patterns of conversational turn-taking, depending on the social function of an utterance as well as linguistic aspects of the utterances.

### Research Assistant, LangComp Lab, Evanston, IL, USA

2017–2019

PI: Klinton Bicknell

- Researched how linguistic predictability, measured with neural language models, affects sentence processing via eye-tracking.
- Investigated autism diagnoses using linguistic markers, using semantic similarity (word vectors) and pragmatic deficiencies.

### Research Assistant, CUNY Speech Lab, New York, NY, USA

2012–2016

PI: Andrew Rosenberg

- Managed DARPA-funded initiative to improve security and personal authentication in computer use, by predicting keystroke and language patterns with machine learning algorithms.

### Research Assistant, Columbia NLP Group, New York, NY, USA

2006–2007

PI: Rebecca Passonneau

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	<b>PhD Data Science Intern</b> , Vail Systems, Chicago, IL, USA <b>Summer 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Created experiments to empirically evaluate the quality of text-to-speech (TTS) systems</li></ul>
	<b>Software Developer in Test Intern</b> , Microsoft, Redmond, WA, USA <b>Summer 2013</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed website (back- and front-end) to diagnose licensing issues with Microsoft products</li><li>Developed decision-making pipeline to aid in issue diagnosis</li></ul>
	<b>Operations Analyst</b> , Goldman Sachs, Multiple Locations, USA <b>2008–2011</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Team Leader for Technology Enhancements</li><li>Created software to streamline daily asset delivery workflow, from 3 hours to 25 minutes</li></ul>
LANGUAGES	<b>Computer:</b> Java, Python, R (ggplot2, plotly, lme4), C++, C#, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Beginner in {HTML, JavaScript, React, CSS}
	<b>Human:</b> American Sign Language (ASL), Hebrew, Latin
HONORS AND AWARDS	<b>Incubation Prize</b> , Hack4Rare Hackathon (Recursion Pharmaceuticals & CTF) <b>2021</b>
	<b>Best Paper Award</b> , Cognitive Modeling & Computational Linguistics (CMCL) <b>2018</b>
	<b>Data Science Fellowship</b> , Northwestern University <b>2016–2017</b>
	<b>Google Lime Connect Scholarship-Finalist</b> <b>2014</b>
	<b>Thomas W. Smith Academic Fellowship</b> , CUNY Graduate Center <b>2013–2014</b>
	<b>National Science Foundation, Undergraduate Research Grant</b> , Columbia University <b>2007</b>
SELECT PUBLICATIONS	<b>King's Crown Award for Outstanding Leadership</b> , Columbia University <b>2006</b>
	2021 <b>Goodkind, A.</b> TypeShift: A User Interface for Visualizing the Typing Production Process. <a href="#">[arXiv paper]</a>
	<b>Goodkind, A.</b> , Bicknell, K. Local word statistics affect reading times independently of surprisal. <a href="#">[arXiv paper]</a>
	2020 <b>Goodkind, A.</b> An analytic model for human subjective judgements of computer-generated synthetic voice (TTS) quality. Technical Report for Vail Systems. Chicago, IL.
	2018 <b>Goodkind, A.</b> , Lee, M., Martin, G. E., Losh, M., & Bicknell, K. Detecting language impairments in autism: A computational analysis of semi-structured conversations with vector semantics. In <i>Proceedings of the Inaugural Meeting of the Society for Computation in Linguistics</i> . Salt Lake City, UT: Linguistic Society of America. <a href="#">[paper]</a> <a href="#">[slides]</a>
	<b>Goodkind, A.</b> & Bicknell, K. Predictive power of word surprisal for reading times is a linear function of language model quality. In <i>Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL 2018)</i> . Salt Lake City, UT: Linguistic Society of America. <a href="#">[paper]</a> <a href="#">[slides]</a>
	2016 <b>Goodkind, A.</b> , Brizan D.G. & Rosenberg, A. <i>Utilizing Overt and Latent Linguistic Structure to Improve Keystroke-Based Authentication</i> . <a href="#">Image and Vision Computing: Best of Biometrics Special Issue</a> .
	2015 <b>Goodkind, A.</b> & Rosenberg, A. <i>Muddying The Multiword Expression Waters: How Cognitive Demand Affects Multiword Expression Production</i> . <a href="#">11th Workshop on Multiword Expressions at NAACL-HLT 2015</a> . (Slides)
	Brizan, D. G.*, <b>Goodkind, A.*</b> , Koch, P., Balagani, K., Phoha, V. V., & Rosenberg, A. <i>Utilizing Linguistically-Enhanced Keystroke Dynamics to Predict Typist Cognition and Demographics</i> . <a href="#">International Journal of Human-Computer Studies, October 2015, vol. 84, 57-68</a> .
	2008 <b>Goodkind, A.</b> <i>Tracking the Emergence of Narrative Competence in Story Retelling</i> . <a href="#">Quebec Student Journal of Linguistics, Vol. 3</a> .
	2007 Passonneau, R. J., <b>Goodkind, A.</b> , & Levy, E. T. <i>Annotation of Children's Oral Narrations: Modeling Emergent Narrative Skills for Computational Applications</i> . <a href="#">Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society (FLAIRS), 253-258</a> .

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**Teaching Assistant***Northwestern University*

- Communication Studies 351: Technology & Human Interaction (Prof. Darren Gergle), 2021
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- Linguistics 220: Language & Society (Prof. Annette D’Onofrio), 2018
  - Guest lecture on quantitative data analysis
- Cognitive Science 210: Language & the Brain (Profs. Matt Goldrick & Mark Beeman), 2019