

## Alan Ritter

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EDUCATION	<b>University of Washington</b> , Seattle, WA USA Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engineering, 2013 <b>Western Washington University</b> , Bellingham, WA USA B.S./M.S., Computer Science, 2006
PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b> , Atlanta GA USA <i>Associate Professor - School of Interactive Computing, College of Computing</i> <b>2020 - Present</b>  <b>The Ohio State University</b> , Columbus OH USA <i>Associate Professor - Computer Science and Engineering</i> <b>2020</b> <i>Assistant Professor - Computer Science and Engineering</i> <b>2014 - 2020</b>  <b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> , Pittsburgh PA USA <i>Visiting Faculty - Language Technologies Institute</i> <b>2019</b> <i>Postdoctoral Fellow - Machine Learning Department</i> <b>2013 - 2014</b>  <b>Microsoft Research</b> , Redmond WA USA <i>Consultant - Natural Language Processing Group</i> <b>2014 - 2016</b> <i>Intern - Natural Language Processing Group</i> <b>2009</b> <i>Intern - Knowledge Tools Group</i> <b>2008</b>  <b>Naval Research Laboratory, Marine Meteorology Division</b> , Monterey, CA USA <i>Intern - Data Assimilation Group</i> <b>2006</b>
GRANTS AS PI	<b>NSF</b> , (\$500k), CAREER: Large-Scale Learning for Information Extraction, 2019-2024 <b>DARPA</b> , (\$800k), Logically Adaptive Molecular Design Automation (LAMDA), 2019-2023 <b>IARPA</b> , (\$850k), Task and User-Aware Representation Learning for Fine-Grained Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval, 2019-2023 <b>NSF</b> , (\$151k), CRII: Learning to Extract Events from Knowledge Base Revisions, 2015-2018 <b>Amazon Research Award</b> , (\$50k) Integrating Data-Driven Conversation in Open-Domain Question Answering, 2018 <b>DARPA</b> (\$600k) Modeling the Spread of Information through Social and Knowledge Graphs, 2017-2021 <b>IARPA</b> (\$507k) Extracting a Realtime Cybersecurity Knowledge Graph from Text, 2016-2019 <b>CMU Software Engineering Institute</b> (\$40k) Events, relationships, and script learning for situational awareness, 1/2017-9/2017
GRANTS AS CO-PI	<b>NIH (PI:Po-Yin Yen)</b> (\$100k) Supporting systematic review production with article similarity network visualization, 2016-2018 <b>Criteo Faculty Research Award (PI:Wei Xu)</b> (\$20k) 2018 <b>Battelle (PI:Marie de Marneffe)</b> (\$23k) Trustworthiness in Social Media, 2017-2019

PRESS

**Machine Learning Can Use Tweets to Spot Critical Security Flaws**, WIRED (March 2019)  
<https://www.wired.com/story/machine-learning-tweets-critical-security-flaws/>

- This article covers the work described in our NAACL 2019 paper, entitled “*Analyzing the Perceived Severity of Cybersecurity Threats Reported on Social Media*”

**GPT-3 mimics human love for ‘offensive’ Reddit comments, study finds**, TNW (August 2021)

<https://thenextweb.com/news/gpt-3-and-humans-twice-as-likely-agree-with-offensive-reddit-comments-chatbots>

- This article covers the work described in our EMNLP 2021 paper, entitled “*Just Say No: Analyzing the Stance of Neural Dialogue Generation in Offensive Contexts*”

AWARDS

**NSF CAREER Award**, 2019

**Amazon Research Award**, 2018

**Lumley Research Award**, College of Engineering, Ohio State University (2019)

**Outstanding Student Organization Advisor**, College of Engineering, Ohio State University (2018)

**Best Student Paper Award** for *Learning to Generalize for Complex Selection Tasks* at the ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (2009)

**NDSEG Fellowship** (2008)

EXTERNAL THESIS  
COMMITTEES

*Alex Memory*

PhD, Oct 2019

Collective Relational Data Integration with Diverse and Noisy Evidence (Advisor: Lise Getoor)  
University of Maryland

*Young-Bum Kim*

PhD, Feb 2015

Natural Language Technologies for Low-Resource Languages (Advisor: Benjamin Snyder)  
University of Wisconsin

INVITED TALKS

Johns Hopkins University, May 2022

Megagon Labs, January 2022

Twitter, September 2021

University of Notre Dame, September 2021

University of Maryland, April 2020

UMass Amherst, February 2020

NeurIPS Workshop on Conversational AI, December 2019

Georgia Institute of Technology, December 2019

Twitter, June 2019

University of Michigan, April 2019

University of Maryland, April 2019

Rice University, March 2019

University of Wisconsin, January 2019

Stanford NLP Seminar, May 2018

NeurIPS Workshop on Learning With Limited Labeled Data, December 2017

Microsoft Research Faculty Summit, July 2017

Midwest Machine Learning Symposium, June 2017

University of Colorado, March 2017

University of Edinburgh, July 2016

University of North Carolina, March 2016

Tsinghua University, December 2016

Machine Learning Seminar, Purdue University, December 2015

Statistics Department, Ohio State University, October 2015

School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2015

CLIP, University of Maryland, March 2015  
 Clunch, University of Pennsylvania, September 2014  
 University of Pittsburgh, January 2014  
 Machine Learning Lunch, Carnegie Mellon University, October 2013  
 IEEE Intelligence and Security Informatics, June 2013  
 Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago, April 2013  
 Microsoft Research, April 2013  
 University of Texas at Dallas, March 2013  
 The Ohio State University, March 2013  
 Machine Learning and Friends Lunch, University of Massachusetts Amherst, March 2013  
 Human Language Technology Center of Excellence, March 2013  
 Microsoft Research, September 2011  
 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, January 2013  
 New York University, September 2012  
 Wavii, April 2012  
 Facebook, March 2012  
 Google Research, September 2011  
 Yahoo! Labs, September 2011  
 Twitter, May 2011  
 Information Sciences Institute, University of Southern California, February 2011  
 ICT workshop on Reasoning with Text, February 2011  
 UW CSE Industrial Affiliates Meeting, October 2009  
 UW/Microsoft Quarterly Symposium on Computational Linguistics, October 2009  
 Boeing Research, February 2008

PH.D. STUDENTS    Ashutosh Baheti  
                          Fan Bai  
                          Yang Chen  
                          Ruohao Guo  
                          Nghia Max Le  
                          Shuheng Liu

ALUMNI             Jeniya Tabassum. Information Extraction From User Generated Noisy Texts. co-advised with Wei Xu (Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2020)  
                          Shi Zong. Extracting Events from Social Media and the Web. (Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2020)  
                          Alexander Konovalov. Predicting Knowledge Base Revisions from Realtime Text Streams. (M.S., Ohio State University, 2018)  
                          Sandesh Swamy. Forecasting Event Outcomes from User Predictions on Twitter. (M.S., Ohio State University, 2017)

TEACHING           GT CS 4641: Machine Learning (Fall 2021)  
                          GT CS 7650: Natural Language Processing (Spring 2021)  
                          OSU CSE 5539: Social Media and Text Analytics (Spring 2020)  
                          OSU CSE 5525: Speech and Language Processing (Fall 2019)  
                          OSU CSE 5525: Speech and Language Processing (Spring 2019)  
                          OSU CSE 5523: Machine Learning and Statistical Pattern Recognition (Fall 2018)  
                          OSU CSE 5539: Social Media and Text Analytics (Spring 2018)  
                          OSU CSE 5522: Survey of Artificial Intelligence II: Advanced Techniques (Fall 2017)  
                          OSU CSE 5523: Machine Learning and Statistical Pattern Recognition (Spring 2017)  
                          OSU CSE 5525: Speech and Language Processing (Spring 2016)  
                          OSU CSE 5539: Web Information Extraction (Fall 2015)

OSU CSE 5522: Survey of Artificial Intelligence II: Advanced Techniques (Spring 2015)  
OSU CSE 5539: NLP and IE for the Social Web (Fall 2014)

## SERVICE

**Organizer** ACL/EMNLP Workshop on Noisy User-Generated Text (WNUT 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), Sentiment Analysis in Twitter Shared Task (SemEval 2013,2014,2015,2016), Named Entity Recognition in Twitter Shared Task (at WNUT 2015, 2016)

**Senior Area Chair** EMNLP 2020 (Information Extraction), NAACL 2021 (Machine Learning), EMNLP 2021 (Computational Social Science), AAAI 2022, ACL 2022 (Information Extraction),

**Area Chair** ACL 2014 (NLP for the web and social media), NAACL 2015 (Information Extraction and Question Answering), EMNLP 2016 (Information Extraction, Information Retrieval and Question Answering), NAACL 2018 (Computational Social Science), EMNLP 2018 (Text Mining and Information Retrieval), CoNLL 2018, ACL 2019 (Information Extraction and Text Mining), EMNLP 2019 (Social Media and Computational Social Science), ACL 2020 (Information Extraction), ACL 2021 (Information Extraction)

**Steering Committee** SemEval 2016,2018,2019,2020

**Proposal Reviewing** Panelist for U.S. National Science Foundation, IIS, (Twice in 2017, Twice in 2018, Once in 2019), Reviewer for U.S. National Science Foundation, IIS, (Once in 2020), Independent Reviewer for Hong Kong Research Grants Council (2016), Independent Reviewer for Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (2016), Independent Reviewer U.S. Department of Energy (2015)

**Departmental/College Service** GT College of Computing Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2020-2021, GT Computational Media Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2020-2021, GT School of Interactive Computing Faculty Hiring Committee, 2020-2021, OSU CSE Graduate Studies Committee (2016-2019), OSU CSE Curriculum Committee (2019-2020), OSU CSE Graduate Admissions Committee - Artificial Intelligence Group Representative (2014-2020), OSU CSE Prospective Ph.D. Student Visit Day Organizer, (2014-2016)

## PATENTS

US Patent US20110010669

“Items Selection Via Automatic Generalization”

- This covers the work from my 2008 internship at Microsoft Research, which also resulted in a best student paper award at the ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces.

## PUBLICATIONS

Fan Bai, **Alan Ritter** and Wei Xu

“Pre-train or Annotate? Domain Adaptation with a Constrained Budget”

To appear in Proceedings of EMNLP 2021

Ashutosh Baheti, Maarten Sap, **Alan Ritter**, Mark Riedl

“Just Say No: Analyzing the Stance of Neural Dialogue Generation in Offensive Contexts”

To appear in Proceedings of EMNLP 2021 [\[Covered by TNW\]](#)

Yang Chen and **Alan Ritter**

“Model Selection for Cross-Lingual Transfer”

To appear in Proceedings of EMNLP 2021

Ronen Tamari, Fan Bai, **Alan Ritter** and Gabriel Stanovsky

“Process-Level Representation of Scientific Protocols with Interactive Annotation”

Proceedings of EACL 2021

Wuwei Lan, Yang Chen, Wei Xu, **Alan Ritter**  
“An Empirical Study of Pre-trained Transformers for Arabic Information Extraction”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2020 (short paper)

Shi Zong, **Alan Ritter** and Eduard Hovy  
“Measuring Forecasting Skill from Text”  
Proceedings of ACL 2020

Ashutosh Baheti, **Alan Ritter** and Kevin Small  
“Fluent Response Generation for Conversational Question Answering”  
Proceedings of ACL 2020

Jeniya Tabassum, Mounica Maddela, Wei Xu and **Alan Ritter**  
“Code and Named Entity Recognition in StackOverflow”  
Proceedings of ACL 2020

Fan Bai, **Alan Ritter**  
“Structured Minimally Supervised Learning for Neural Relation Extraction”  
Proceedings of NAACL 2019

Shi Zong, **Alan Ritter**, Graham Mueller and Evan Wright  
“Analyzing the Perceived Severity of Cybersecurity Threats Reported on Social Media”  
Proceedings of NAACL 2019 [[Covered by WIRED](#)]

Ashutosh Baheti, **Alan Ritter**, Jiwei Li, Bill Dolan  
“Generating More Interesting Responses in Neural Conversation Models with Distributional Constraints”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2018

Chaitanya Kulkarni, Wei Xu, **Alan Ritter**, Raghu Machiraju  
“An Annotated Corpus for Machine Reading of Instructions in Wet Lab Protocols”  
Proceedings of NAACL 2018 (short paper)

Jiwei Li, Will Monroe, Tianlin Shi, Sébastien Jean, **Alan Ritter**, Dan Jurafsky  
“Adversarial Learning for Neural Dialogue Generation”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2017

Sandesh Swamy, **Alan Ritter** and Marie-Catherine de Marneffe  
“i have a feeling trump will win.....: Forecasting Winners and Losers from User Predictions on Twitter”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2017

Alexander Konovalov, Benjamin Strauss, **Alan Ritter** and Brendan O'Connor  
“Learning to Extract Events from Knowledge Base Revisions”  
Proceedings of WWW 2017

Jiwei Li, Will Monroe, **Alan Ritter**, Michel Galley, Jianfeng Gao, Dan Jurafsky  
“Deep Reinforcement Learning for Dialogue Generation”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2016

Jeniya Tabassum, **Alan Ritter**, Wei Xu  
“A Minimally Supervised Method for Recognizing and Normalizing Time Expressions in Twitter”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2016

Xinlei Chen, **Alan Ritter**, Abhinav Gupta and Tom Mitchell  
“Sense Discovery via Co-Clustering on Images and Text”  
Proceedings of CVPR 2015

**Alan Ritter**, Evan Wright William Casey and Tom Mitchell  
“Weakly Supervised Extraction of Computer Security Events from Twitter”  
Proceedings of WWW 2015

Tom Mitchell, William Cohen, Estevam Hruschka, Partha Talukdar, Justin Betteridge, Andrew Carlson, Bhavana Dalvi, Matt Gardner, Bryan Kisiel, Jayant Krishnmurthy, Ni Lao, Kathryn Mazaitis, Tahir Mohammad, Ndapa Nakashole, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios, **Alan Ritter**, Mehdi Samadi, Burr Settles, Richard Wang, Derry Wijaya, Abhinav Gupta, Xinlei Chen, Abulhair Saparov, Malcolm Greaves and Joel Welling  
“Never Ending Learning”  
Proceedings of AAAI 2015

Jiwei Li, **Alan Ritter**, Claire Cardie and Eduard Hovy  
“Major Life Event Extraction from Twitter based on Congratulations/Condolences Speech Acts”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2014

Jiwei Li, **Alan Ritter** and Eduard Hovy  
“Weakly Supervised User Profile Extraction from Twitter”  
Proceedings of ACL 2014

Wei Xu, **Alan Ritter**, Chris Callison-Burch, William B. Dolan and Yangfeng Ji  
“Extracting Lexically Divergent Paraphrases from Twitter”  
Proceedings of TACL 2014

**Alan Ritter**, Luke Zettlemoyer, Mausam and Oren Etzioni  
“Modeling Missing Data in Distant Supervision for Information Extraction”  
Proceedings of TACL 2013

**Alan Ritter**, Mausam, Oren Etzioni, Sam Clark  
“Open Domain Event Extraction from Twitter”  
Proceedings of KDD 2012

Wei Xu, **Alan Ritter**, Bill Dolan, Ralph Grishman, Colin Cherry  
“Paraphrasing for Style”  
Proceedings of Coling 2012

**Alan Ritter**, Sam Clark, Mausam, Oren Etzioni  
“Named Entity Recognition in Tweets: An Experimental Study”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2011

**Alan Ritter**, Colin Cherry, Bill Dolan  
“Data-Driven Response Generation in Social Media”  
Proceedings of EMNLP 2011

**Alan Ritter**, Mausam and Oren Etzioni  
“A Latent Dirichlet Allocation Method for Selectional Preferences”  
Proceedings of ACL 2010

**Alan Ritter**, Colin Cherry and Bill Dolan  
“Unsupervised Modeling of Twitter Conversations”

Proceedings of HLT-NAACL 2010

**Alan Ritter** and Sumit Basu

“Learning to Generalize for Complex Selection Tasks”

**Best Student Paper Award**

Proceedings of IUI 2009

**Alan Ritter**, Doug Downey, Stephen Soderland, and Oren Etzioni

“It’s a Contradiction – No, It’s Not: A Case Study using Functional Relations”

Proceedings of EMNLP 2008