

Education

- 2015 **PhD Computer Science**, *North Carolina State University*, Raleigh, NC.
(expected) Research Focus: Statistical Dialogue Systems
- 2012 **MS Computer Science**, *North Carolina State University*, Raleigh, NC.
- 2009 **BS Mathematics, BS Economics**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, WA.

Skills

Languages: Python, Javascript/HTML/CSS, Java, Objective C, C

Experience

- August 2013 – **Teaching Assistant**, *North Carolina State University*, Raleigh, NC.
- present
 - Assisted with developing course content for a mixed undergrad/grad class on spoken dialogue systems.
 - Presented recent research results during lecture.
 - Advised students regarding speech recognition and synthesis software to use in their semester projects.
- May 2013 – **iCloud Software Engineer Intern**, *Apple*, Cupertino, CA.
- August 2013
 - Researched, implemented, and tested a new load balancing scheme for the Game Center backend.
 - Built a web-based visualization to show estimated improvement under the new system.
 - Learned basics of setting up and writing jobs for Hadoop and HBase.
- Jan. 2012 – **Research Assistant**, *North Carolina State University*, Raleigh, NC.
- May 2013
 - Extended a probabilistic model of topics in text to follow changes over time in automatically discovered topics.
 - Implemented Gibbs sampling for the new model in Python.
 - Used Twitter's API to gather a corpus of news articles.
 - Applied the inference algorithm to the news corpus to discover latent, evolving topics that summarize major events for each topic.
- Sept. 2009 **Research Assistant**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, WA.
- June 2010
 - Built an HTML Canvas-based player to display dynamically generated animations of flow cytometry data using HTML, CSS, and Javascript.
 - Used Python to produce a KML visualization in Google Earth from flow cytometry data.

Projects

- Fall 2012 **Souffle Tutor**.
 - Designed and built a voice-controlled cooking app for iPhone.
 - Used the OpenEars Objective C framework, which wraps CMU Sphinx, for speech recognition.
 - Gathered a corpus of mock voice interactions with users to use as training examples.
 - Implemented a naive Bayes classifier to discern user intent in speech recognition output.
- Summer 2009 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**.
 - Implemented random sampling for a geometric object called a branched polymer.
 - Formulated conjectures regarding properties of random branched polymers (e.g., degree distribution, degree sequence, radius) based on a large number of samples.