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EDUCATION

The University of Sheffield

Sheffield, UK

Ph.D. Speech and Language Technologies CDT, Advisor: Dr. Nikolaos Aletras

2019-Current

- Research area: Multimodal Social Media Analysis

The University of Sheffield

Sheffield, UK

M.Sc. in Computer Science, (Distinction)

2018-2019

- Dissertation: Machine Comprehension Using Commonsense Knowledge

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Mexico City, MEX

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, GPA. 8.91/10

2012-2016

- Dissertation: Time Series Modeling for Stock Market Prediction Using Machine Learning Techniques

Work Experience

University of Sheffield - Department of Computer Science

Sheffield, UK

Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2020-Current

- Assist students during practical sessions of the Text Processing (Autumn 2020, 2021) and Natural Language Processing (Spring 2020, 2021) modules. Mark assignments following a marking criteria set by the Course Leader.
- Data Analysis about gender pay gap and awarding gap for the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team at the University of Sheffield.

Code First Girls Sheffield, UK

Instructor Autumn 2020

 Delivered an introduction to Python programming course (remote) for students who identify as a woman or non-binary and are complete beginners in programming.

Deep Dive Data Science

Mexico City, MEX

Data Scientist

Mar. 2017 - Sep. 2018

- Social Media and News Analysis: collected posts from social media (e.g. Twitter) and newspaper articles to analyze geo-temporal information of 3 areas in Mexico for a real state consultancy firm.

SenticNet, Nanyang Technological University

Singapore, SGP

Undergraduate Research Intern

Summer 2016

- Explored sentiment analysis models using data in English and Spanish

Publications

[1] Sánchez Villegas, Danae and N. Aletras, "Point-of-Interest Type Prediction using Text and Images", in *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, Online and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic: Association for Computational Linguistics, Nov. 2021, pp. 7785–7797.

- [2] **Sánchez Villegas, Danae**, S. Mokaram, and N. Aletras, "Analyzing Online Political Advertisements", in *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL-IJCNLP 2021*, Online: Association for Computational Linguistics, Aug. 2021, pp. 3669–3680.
- [3] A. Maronikolakis, **Sánchez Villegas, Danae**, D. Preotiuc-Pietro, and N. Aletras, "Analyzing Political Parody in Social Media", in *Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, Online: Association for Computational Linguistics, Jul. 2020, pp. 4373–4384.
- [4] Sánchez Villegas, Danae, D. Preotiuc-Pietro, and N. Aletras, "Point-of-Interest Type Inference from Social Media Text", in *Proceedings of the 1st Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, Online: Association for Computational Linguistics, Dec. 2020, pp. 804–810.

SKILLS LANGUAGES

- NLP/ML Software: HuggingFace Transformers, NLTK, Keras, Pytorch
- Programming: Python, Shell scripting, Java, SQL
- English Fluent
- Spanish Native

INVITED TALKS

- Online Workshop, VVA Multidisciplinary discussion on the impact of influencers on advertising and consumer protection (Online)
- AI4Dignity Counterathon 2021, LMU Multidisciplinary discussion on datasets and NLP models for Usual 2021 extreme speech detection (Online)
- ITAM Research Seminar Machine Learning Models for Analyzing Social Media Text (Online) Mar 2021
- Sheffield NLP Seminar NLP for Computational Social Science (Online)

 Dec 2020

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Scholarship, UKRI Centre for Doctoral Training in Speech and Language Technologies 2019–2023

 Tuition fees and stipend for living expenses during Ph.D. studies at the University of Sheffield.
- Scholarship, Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (Conacyt)

 Stipend for living expenses during my M.Sc. at the University of Sheffield.
- Honorable Mention, Ex ITAM Research Award

 Research award for my BSc. dissertation.

Academic Activities

- Reviewer: ARR 2021, NLLP 2021 Workshop, W-NUT Workshop 2021, ACL 2020
- OxML 2021: Attended the Oxford Machine Learning Summer School (Online)
- LxMLS 2020: Attended the Lisbon Machine Learning Summer School (Online)