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CHIEF DATA SCIENTIST

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Education

Columbia University

PHD IN COMPARATIVE EDUCATION

- Dissertation: Digital Literacy: How to Measure Browsing Behavior.

New York, NY

2001

Teachers College – Columbia University

MA IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

- Thesis topic: Processing of Alphabetic and Logographic Script in a Cross Cultural Stroop Test.

New York, NY

1997

University of Bergen

BA IN LINGUISTICS, MODERN LANGUAGES AND STATISTICS

- Field of Concentration: Statistics and Quantitative Linguistics.

Norway

1993

Research Appointments

Keyo University

VISITING RESEARCHER

- Worked on research based curriculum design for online courses in Academic English.

Tokyo, Japan

2003-2005

Teachers College - Columbia University

TECHNOLOGY FELLOW

- Research on LMS and courseware usability.

New York, NY

1999-2000

Professional Experience

X-Ray Research

CHIEF DATA SCIENTIST

- Consulting on Ethergeist.

New York, NY

2018 – Present

Blackboard Inc.

SENIOR DATA SCIENTIST

- Worked on implementing knowledge transfer related to acquisition of X-Ray Learning Analytics (acquired by Blackboard in 2015). Business Intelligence, Implementation of X-Ray algorithms in Blackboard Learn. Retention Risk Modelling.

Washington, DC

2015-2018

X-Ray Research

PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER

- In charge of research and development of learning analytics platform: X-Ray Learning Analytics.
- X-Ray Learning Analytics acquired by Blackboard in 2015.

Montevideo, Uruguay

2011-2015

UVCMS

PRINCIPAL AND OWNER

- Oversaw development of technology and research based products.
- Implemented Artificial Intelligence in the development of 150+ online courses for McGraw-Hill.
- Designed and implemented Content Authoring Engine.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

2003-2011

SMC E-Learning

CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER

- In charge of joint venture with Columbia Digital Knowledge Ventures.

New York, NY

2001-2003

New York University

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

- Taught two online and two face-to-face courses in Java and C++.

New York, NY

2000

Columbia University, Language research Lab.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Wrote white paper on distance learning.

New York, NY

1999

College of New Rochelle

DIRECTOR FOR COMPUTATIONAL RESOURCES

- Oversaw on-campus computer centers and trained staff.

New York, NY

1999

College of New Rochelle

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

- Taught Academic English

New York, NY

1999

Teachers College – Columbia University

New York, NY

TEACHING ASSISTANT

1998

- Responsible for the technical aspects of two online courses: Computers and Writing and Communicative Practices: Intercultural Perspectives.

Teachers College – Columbia University

New York, NY

PRODUCER

1998

- Responsible for the design and implementation of two online courses: Computers and Writing, and Communicative Practices: Intercultural Perspectives.

Teachers College – Columbia University

New York, NY

PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR

1997

- Responsible for the technical aspects of data collection as well as statistical analyses for the research project: Project Transformations.

Centro Cultural Escandinavo

Quito – Ecuador

COORDINATOR

1994-1996

- Responsible for all the center's activities.

Publications

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Dietrichson, A (1997). "Will you stroop for me: Implications of a cross-linguistic Stroop test using alphabetic and logographic script in combination with arrows.". In: *Proceedings of the New York Association for Applied Linguistics Summer Institute.*
2. Dietrichson, A (2001a). "Cyber Literacy: How to Measure Browsing Behavior.". In: *Proceedings of the Fall symposium of the International Linguistics Association.*
3. Dietrichson, A (2001b). "Cyber Metatalk.". In: *Proceedings of the 2001 de AREA conference.*
4. Dietrichson, A (2003). "Issues in cross cultural interface design in theory and practice.". In: *Proceedings of the 2003 conference of the Asian Association of Computer Assisted Language Learning.*
5. Dietrichson, A (2004). "Multi-modality in on-line communication: Theory and Practice.". In: *Proceedings of E-learn 2004 World Conference of E-learning in Corporate Government, Healthcare and Higher Education.*
6. Dietrichson, A, M Iinuma, and M Yachi (2004). "English Academic Writing Theory and Practice of an online tutorial system.". In: *Proceedings of the 2004 conference of the Pacific Association for Computer Assisted Language Learning.*
7. Dietrichson, A (2010). Discussion group data patterns: two approaches to analysis. In: *Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Sloan Consortium Symposium: Emerging Technologies for Online Learning.*
8. Dietrichson, A (2013). Beyond Clickometry: Analytics for Constructivist Pedagogies. *International Journal of E-Learning* 12(4), 333–351.
9. Dietrichson, A (2015). The Importance of Being Ernesto: What Quantitative Onomastics Reveals about Multiculturalism in America. In: *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Conference of the International Linguistics Association.*
10. Whitmer, J, A Dietrichson, and B O'Haver (2016). Validating Automated Triggers and Notifications @ Scale in Blackboard Learn. In: *Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Educational Data Mining, EDM 2016, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, June 29 - July 2, 2016*, pp.648–649. http://www.educationaldatamining.org/EDM2016/proceedings/paper%5C_188.pdf.
11. Dietrichson, A, J Whitmer, and D Forteza (2019). Meta-Predictive Retention Risk Modeling: Risk Model Readiness Assessment at Scale with X-Ray Learning Analytics. In: *Proceedings of the II Conferencia Latinoamericana de Analíticas de Aprendizaje – LALA 2019.*

CRAN CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Dietrichson, A (2016). *couchDB: Connect to and Work with CouchDB Databases*. R package version 1.4.1. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=couchDB>.
2. Dietrichson, A and J Davit (2019). *ProPublicaR: Access Functions for ProPublica's APIs*. R package version 0.9.2. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=ProPublicaR>.