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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University

August 2017 - Present

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Center for Language and Speech Processing

Advisor: Dr. Mark Dredze

Research area: Natural Language Processing and Information Extraction.

Carnegie Mellon University

August 2015-August 2017

Master of Science in Language Technologies

Language Technologies Institute

Advisor: Dr. Maxine Eskenazi

Research area: Natural Language Processing for Educational domain.

Selected Courses: Machine Learning, Algorithms for NLP, Machine Translation, Language and Statistics, Deep Learning, Computational Semantics (all PhD. level courses)

GPA: 3.73/4.00

Ohio State University

May 2014

Bachelors of Science in Computer & Information Science, and Linguistics

with Honors, Cum Laude

Selected Courses: Computational Linguistics, Speech and Language Processing, Advanced Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Machine Learning

Overall GPA: 3.64/4.00, **Major GPA:** 3.72/4.00

PUBLICATIONS

EMNLP 2016

November 2016

- **E. Schumacher**, M. Eskenazi, G. Frishkoff, K. Collins-Thompson. Predicting the Relative Difficulty of Single Sentences With and Without Surrounding Context. Proceedings of the 2016 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2016). ([Link](#)).

AKBC 2019

May 2019

- **E. Schumacher**, M. Dredze. Discriminative Candidate Generation for Medical Concept Linking. Proceedings of the 2019 AKBC Conference. ([Link](#)).

NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning for Health (ML4H)

Dec 2019

- A. Mulyar, **E. Schumacher**, M. Rouhizadeh, M. Dredze. Phenotyping of Clinical Notes with Improved Document Classification Models Using Contextualized Neural Language Models. ([Link](#)).

JAMIA Open

2019

- **E. Schumacher**, M. Dredze. Learning Unsupervised Contextual Representations for Medical Synonym Discovery. ([Link](#)).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins University

Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant for Machine Learning

Baltimore, MD

- Responsibilities include holding office hours, writing homework assignments, and teaching recitation.
- Gave guest lectures on Decision Trees and Linear Regression.

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND PRESS COVERAGE

A Readability Analysis of Campaign Speeches from the 2016 US Presidential Campaign March 2016

E. Schumacher, M. Eskenazi. (*Arxiv Link*).

- **CMU Press Release:** *Most Presidential Candidates Speak at Grade 6 - 8 Level*
- **Selected Press Coverage**

Huffington Post: *Trumps Speeches Are At A Middle-School Reading Level, Study Says.*

Washington Post: *Trumps grammar in speeches just below 6th grade level, study finds.*

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: *Speeches dip below 6th-grade level, study says.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins University

Research Assistant

September 2017 - Present

Baltimore, MD

- Focusing on natural language processing as applied to medical documents (such as clinical notes).
- Currently working on improvements to concept linking systems for clinical notes using neural representations and unsupervised approaches.

Carnegie Mellon University

Research Assistant

September 2015 - August 2017

Pittsburgh, PA

- Worked on the DSCoVAR project, a Department of Education grant to build a Vocabulary Tutoring System.
- Developed a method of ranking the reading difficulty of a sentence for first language learners, by running a crowdsourcing task and modeling the data to find important features (see EMNLP 2016 paper).
- Built a pipeline that finds sentences with selected vocabulary words, and annotates them for difficulty and other information.

WORK EXPERIENCE

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Student Developer, promoted to Developer

January 2013 - August 2015

Columbus, Ohio

- Developed internal applications in Java and C#.
- Designed and implemented a web application for internal forms.

Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Student Intern

May 2011 - January 2013

Columbus, Ohio

- Provided technical support within Ohio State's Hospital system.

Ohio State University College of Medicine

Mobile Services Student

Sept 2009 - August 2011

Columbus, Ohio

- Provided technical support for students in the College of Medicine

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Graduate Research Fellowship

Recipient

- Selected for a research fellowship, which provides full funding for tuition, stipend, and other fees.
- Scholarship value: USD 75,000 per year, renewable for duration of degree.

Maximus Scholarship Recipient

Recipient

- Received a yearly scholarship, which partially covered tuition for 4 years.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	Python, Java, C#. Some experience in C, MATLAB
Toolkits	tensorflow, sklearn, nltk
Databases	MySQL, Oracle, Microsoft SQL