

# Elliot P. Schumacher

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## EDUCATION

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### 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)

### 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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ACL 2020

July 2020

- **E. Schumacher**, A. Mulyar, M. Dredze. Clinical Concept Linking with Contextualized Neural Representations. ([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

November 2019

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

### AKBC 2019

May 2019

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

### 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](#)).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Amazon Search***Applied Scientist Intern*

September 2020 - December 2020

*Barcelona, Spain*

- Interned with the Subjective NLP group, working on search-related technologies.

**Johns Hopkins University***Research Assistant*

September 2017 - Present

*Baltimore, MD*

- Focusing on natural language processing as applied to medical documents (such as clinical notes) and Cross-Lingual Information Extraction.

**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.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Johns Hopkins University***Teaching Assistant for Machine Learning*

Fall 2018

*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**

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**A Readability Analysis of Campaign Speeches from the 2016 US Presidential Campaign**  
March 2016E. 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.***WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**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**

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### **Graduate Research Fellowship**

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- 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**

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### **Computer Languages**

Python, Java, C#. Some experience in C, MATLAB

### **Toolkits**

tensorflow, sklearn, nltk

### **Databases**

MySQL, Oracle, Microsoft SQL