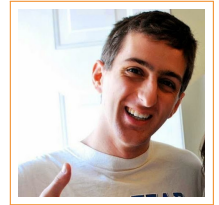


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I study social phenomena in online environments, using language as a metric for variation and change. My work uses natural language processing to quantify written language variation.

Education

- 2015–present **Georgia Institute of Technology**, *Ph.D. in Human-Centered Computing*.
Specialization in social computing.
Research interests: natural language processing, Internet sociolinguistics, language variation and change over time.
Advised by Jacob Eisenstein.
- 2010–2014 **Dartmouth College**, *A.B. Linguistics (cum laude), minor in Computer Science*.
GPA: 3.78 (cum.) 3.90 (major)
Thesis: "African American English syntax in Twitter."
Advised by James Stanford and Sravana Reddy.

Awards

- March 2017 **Honorable Mention**, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP.
Runner-up in annual Graduate Research Fellowship competition. Award includes increased access to supercomputing resources.
- August 2016 **Tuition Reimbursement Award**, PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL LABORATORY..
Awarded to PhD interns in the National Security Internship Program who demonstrated outstanding performance in their summer research project. Covers one semester of graduate school tuition.
- August 2015 **Great Promise Award**, CHARLES RIVER ANALYTICS.
Awarded to an intern in each company division who shows significant promise as a software engineer.
- May 2014 **Academic Achievement Award**, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT.
Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated considerable commitment to research in linguistics.
- May 2014 **English Teaching Assistantship**, FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM.
Highly competitive English teaching position in South Korea. Declined in favor of other employment.

Skills

- Programming languages Java (proficient), Python (proficient), R (intermediate), \LaTeX (intermediate), Javascript/d3 (beginner)
- Programming libraries sklearn, statsmodels, gensim, Weka, nltk, Beautiful Soup, Gephi, matplotlib, pandas
- Natural languages English (native), French (fluent), Japanese (intermediate), Spanish (beginner), Māori (beginner)

Research

- Aug 2015 – **Graduate Research Assistant**, GEORGIA TECH COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS LAB.
present
 - Investigating properties of lexical niches on social media, quantified through *word2vec* word embeddings.
 - Comparing the influence of social and semantic distinction on neologism adoption success.
 - Evaluating multiple word embedding strategies to capture neologism meaning.
- Dec 2013 – **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT.
June 2014
 - Designed regular expressions to extract non-standard sentence patterns (syntax) characteristic of African American English (AAE) in Twitter data, using a combination of words and part-of-speech tags.
 - Determined correlation between AAE and community-level demographics with linear and logistic regression: e.g. lower percentage AAE in communities with higher median age.
 - Provided sociolinguistic evidence for diversity among AAE speakers, i.e. AAE is not a monolithic dialect.
 - Presented at 2014 meeting of the European Association for Computational Linguistics in Gothenburg, Sweden.
 - Travel funded by the Neukom Institute.
- June 2013 – **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.
Aug 2013
 - Implemented and tested methods for link prediction (using Weka) in a Chinese social network.
 - Developed edge-weighting method, based on structural balance theory, to handle weighted directed graphs.
 - Funded by the NSF as a Research Experience for Undergraduates.
- Jan 2012 – **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT.
Aug 2012
 - Extended and enhanced computational model of interaction-based language change with agent-based modeling (in Java Swarm).
 - Simulated dialect contact situation to predict change in a language in rural China (Sui), using field data as ground-truth.
 - Developed evidence in favor of peer-based, as opposed to family-based, dialect acquisition.
 - Presented results at NWAV-PACIFIC 2012 in Tachikawa, Japan.
 - Funded by a Dartmouth Presidential Scholarship.

Work

- May 2016 – **PhD Intern**, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.
Aug 2016
 - PhD intern through the National Security Internship Program.
 - Formulated and tested methods to predict word dynamics over time in social media data.
 - Implemented unsupervised clustering and smoothing in Python (sklearn) to group semantically related words.
 - Corroborated connection between distributional semantic meaning (measured with word vectors) and frequency dynamics.
 - Publication in submission.
- Aug 2015 – **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Georgia Tech.
Dec 2015
 - Designed homework assignments that required implementation of AI algorithms in iPython notebooks.
 - Developed grading scripts for automated assignment scoring.
 - Prepared documentation for assignments and material to help transition the class to an online platform.
- June 2014 – **Software Engineer Intern**, Charles River Analytics.
Aug 2015
 - Contributed to agent-based social network generation model (in AnyLogic and Java MASON), in collaboration with two scientists.
 - Designed pipeline for social network synthesis and analysis, implementing metrics such as the network clustering coefficient and community modularity.
 - Extracted parameters from large-scale social media data for network generation model, such as distribution of languages across Twitter users.
- Sep 2013 – **Linguistics Tutor**, Dartmouth College.
Mar 2014
 - Assisted students in introductory linguistics and history of English.
 - Reviewed practice problems to reinforce understanding of course material, such as vowel shifts.

Coursework

- Social Computing

- Natural Language Understanding

- Design of Online Communities
- Introduction to Human-Centered Computing
- Dialectology
- Experimental Phonetics
- Field Methods in Linguistics
- Statistical Methods
- Information Visualization
- Machine Readings
- Problem Solving in Computer Science
- Discrete Mathematics

Presentations and posters

- 2017 I. Stewart, D. Arendt, E. Bell, S. Volkova. "Measuring, Predicting and Visualizing Short-Term Change in Word Representation and Usage in VKontakte Social Network." International Conference on Web and Social Media. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 I. Stewart, J. Eisenstein. "#thighgap to #thyghgapp: Incrementation of Orthographic Variation on Instagram." Diversity and Variation in Language Conference (DiVar1). Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 E. Stickgold, B. Skarin, I. Stewart, C. Lofdahl. "Extending generative models of large scale networks." 24th Conference on Behavior Representation in Modeling and Simulation (BRiMS). Washington, D.C.
- 2015 I. Stewart. "We some young kings: Communities, age, and African American English online." 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Dialect Society. Portland, Oregon.
- 2014 I. Stewart. "Now we stronger than ever: African American syntax on Twitter." 14th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 2012 J. Stanford and I. Stewart. "The question of density: Multi-agent modeling of field data in Sui exogamous villages." New Ways of Analyzing Variation and Change in the Asia-Pacific Region (NWAV ASIA-PACIFIC 2).

Volunteer service

- 2017 Reviewer for International Conference on Web and Social Media.
- 2016 Reviewer for Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (Computational Social Science Workshop).

Interests

- Music making
- Language learning
- Cookie baking
- Letter kerning