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Current

- Senior Research Scientist (1992-) and ISI Fellow (2006-), USC/Information Sciences Institute.
- Professor (2014-), Research Professor (2011-2014), Research Associate Professor (2002-2010), Research Assistant Professor (1993-2002), Computer Science Department, University of Southern California.
- Chief Scientist (2001-2010), SDL Language Weaver.

Education

- **Carnegie Mellon University.** PhD, computer science, 1992. Dissertation title: “Integrating Knowledge Acquisition and Language Acquisition.”
- **Harvard University.** BA, computer science, 1986.

Professional

- **ACL Executive Council member** (Association for Computational Linguistics), 2009-2013.
- **ACL President** (Association for Computational Linguistics), 2011.
- **AAAI Council member** (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence), 2005-2007.
- **Editorial boards.** *ACM Transactions on Speech and Language Processing*, 2004-2007. *Computational Linguistics*, 1999-2001. *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 1999-2001. *Machine Translation*, 2007-.
- **General chair.** Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2005.
- **Program chair.** Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2001.
- **Book review editor.** *AI Magazine*, 1994-1997.
- **Invited to lead** six-week intensive workshop on statistical machine translation (Language Engineering for Students and Professionals Integrating Research and Education, Johns Hopkins University, funded by NSF and DoD), Summer 1999.

Invited talks

- “Statistical Machine Translation: Where it Went,” Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 1997.
- “Every Time I Fire a Statistician, I Get a Warm Fuzzy Feeling,” Conference of the Association for Machine Translation in the Americas (AMTA), Cuernavaca, Mexico, 2000.
- “Deeper Representations for Machine Translation: Ready or Not?,” Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2003.
- “What’s New in Statistical Machine Translation,” Conference on Uncertainty in AI (UAI), Acapulco, Mexico, 2003.
- “What’s New in Statistical Machine Translation,” International Joint Conference on AI (IJCAI), Edinburgh, Scotland, 2005.
- “Results on Decipherment Problems,” ESSLLI, Heriot-Watt, Scotland, 2005.
- “Isn’t Linguistic Structure Important, Asked the Engineer?” Conference of the European Association for Computational Linguistics, Trento, 2006.
- “Can a Machine Translate Without Knowing What a Verb Is?” Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics, Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation, New York City, 2006.
- “No More Strings, Please,” IEEE/ACL Spoken Language Technology Workshop, Aruba, 2006.
- “Capturing Practical Natural Language Transformations,” Mathematics of Language Conference, Los Angeles, 2007.
- “Automated Language Translation Needs Generation Help Badly,” International Conference on Natural Language Generation, Prague, 2007.
- “Weighted Transducers for Natural Language Processing,” Weighted Automata: Theory and Applications (WATA), Dresden, 2008.
- “Morphology in Statistical Machine Translation: Integrate-in, or Tack-on?” NAACL Workshop on Syntax and Parsing of Morphologically Rich Languages, Los Angeles, 2010.
- “Theory and Practice of Translation,” ACL Workshop on Applications of Tree Automata in Natural Language Processing, Stockholm, 2010.
- “What’s on the Horizon? The Research Agenda,” Translation Automation Users Society (TAUS) User Conference, Portland, 2010.
- “Why do We Call it Decoding?” Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), Cambridge, USA, 2010.
- “Deciphering Natural Language,” Uppsala University, Sweden, 2011.
- “Language Translation and Code-Breaking,” University of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Mellon (2011). UvA, CUNY (2012).
- “Human Language Technology,” NITRD 20th Anniversary, 2012.
- Weighted Automata: Theory and Applications (2012).
- Eleventh International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (2012)

- “Human Language Technology,” AAAS conference (Boston, MA), 2013.
- “The Voynich Manuscript,” (with Sravana Reddy), Stanford University, 2013.
- “Structures for Machine Translation: Strings, Trees, and Graphs,” IWCS, Potsdam, 2013.
- “Language Translation and Code-Breaking,” Brown University Distinguished Lecture; Brandeis University; Suzhou University; University of Trento, LXMLS Summer School; Simon Fraser University; Stanford University; all 2013-14.

Teaching

- **University of Southern California.** *Natural Language Processing*, annually from 1993 to 1998. *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, annually from 2000.
- **Stanford University.** *Statistical Machine Translation*, short course, Linguistic Society of America Summer School (2007).
- **University of California, Los Angeles.** *Machine Translation*, short course, UCLA Extension (1996, 1997).
- **University of Aberdeen.** *Machine Translation*, short course (2005).
- **Conference tutorials.** **ACL 1996:** *Machine Translation*. **NAACL 2000:** *Machine Translation*. **ACL 2000:** *Statistical Machine Translation*. **AMTA 2000:** *Statistical Machine Translation*. **MT Summit IX 2003:** *Statistical Machine Translation*. **AMTA 2004:** *Statistical Machine Translation*. **NAACL 2004:** *Machine Translation*. **ACL 2006:** *Synchronous Grammars and Tree Transducers*. **MT Summit XI 2007:** *Statistical Machine Translation*. **ACL, 2009:** *Topics in Statistical Machine Translation*. **NAACL, 2009:** *Writing Systems, Transliteration, and Decipherment*. **ACL, 2013:** *Decipherment*.
- **Harvard University.** Teaching Assistant (1983-1985). Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Committee on Undergraduate Education.
- **Beijing, People’s Republic of China.** English instructor at the Mining College in Beijing (1981).

Grants Awarded

- “Machine Translation of Informal Text and Speech.” 2011-2016. (with D. Marcu). DARPA-funded, subcontract to BBN, USC portion \$7m.
- “MURI: Machine Translation for Low-Density Languages.” 2010-2014. (with J. Carbonell, R. Barzilay, and J. Baldridge). Army-funded, USC portion \$2m.
- “Richer Representations for Machine Translation.” 2009-2013. (with M. Palmer, N. Xue, D. Gildea, and K. McKeown). NSF-funded, USC portion \$480k.
- “Deciphering Natural Language.” 2009-2013. (with R. Barzilay). NSF-funded, USC portion \$800k.
- “Improvements to Speech-to-Speech Translation.” 2008-09. DARPA-funded, subcontract to SRI, USC portion \$125k.
- “Decipherment Techniques Applied to Machine Translation.” 2007-08. DARPA-funded, subcontract to SRI, USC portion \$250k.
- “Improving Fundamental Accuracy of Speech-to-Speech Translation.” 2006-07. (with D. Marcu). DARPA-funded, subcontract to SRI, USC portion \$370k.

- “Human Informed Statistical Machine Translation.” 2005-2011. (with D. Marcu). DARPA-funded, subcontract to BBN, USC portion \$12m. (with D. Marcu).
- “Advanced Language Modeling for Machine Translation.” 2005-06. Funded at \$285k.
- “Iraqi-English Speech-to-Speech Deployment.” 2005-06. DARPA-funded, subcontract to SRI, USC portion \$700k (with D. Marcu).
- “Treeworld: Probabilistic Tree Transducers for Machine Translation and Natural Language Processing.” 2004-09. (with D. Gildea and D. Marcu). NSF-funded, USC portion \$800k.
- “Translation Technology for Multilingual Translation Modeling.” 2003-07. (with M. Ostendorf, J. Bilmes, K. Kirchoff, and D. Marcu). NSF-funded, USC portion \$1.26m.
- “Machine Translation for a Handheld Speech Translator.” 2002-04. (with D. Marcu). DARPA-funded at \$670k.
- “Transmodel: US-Egypt Cooperative Project on Machine Translation.” (with A. Rafea). 2003-04. NSF-funded, USC portion \$25k.
- “Advanced Generation for Question Answering.” 2002-03. (with D. Marcu). ARDA-funded at \$450k.
- “ReWRITE: A Probabilistic Approach to Rewriting for Machine Translation, Language Generation, and Abstracting.” 2000-02. (with D. Marcu). DARPA-funded at \$4.2m.
- “Robust, Scalable Language Generation Using Symbolic and Statistical Techniques.” 1999-2001. NSF-funded at \$432k.
- “Designing Robust Technology for Automatic Language Generation.” 1998-99. (with E. Hovy). DARPA-funded at \$100k.
- “Building a Standard Platform for Statistical Machine Translation.” 1999. NSF-funded at \$50k.
- “Arabic-to-English Machine Translation.” 1996-99. (with E. Hovy). DoD-funded at \$2m.
- “FSTRANS: Performance- and User-Oriented Enhancements to Machine Translation.” 1996. (with E. Hovy). DoD-funded at \$300k.

PhD Students

- Dr. Steven DeNeefe, PhD thesis (2011), “Tree-Adjoining Machine Translation.”
- Dr. Sujith Ravi, PhD thesis (2011), “Deciphering Natural Language.”
- Dr. Victoria Fossum, PhD thesis (2010), “Integrating Parsing and Word Alignment in Syntax-Based Machine Translation.” (*University of Michigan PhD, advised by Steven Abney*).
- Dr. Jonathan May. PhD thesis (2010), “Weighted Tree Automata and Transducers for Syntactic Natural Language Processing.”
- Dr. Liang Huang. PhD thesis (2008), “Forest-Based Algorithms in Natural Language Processing.” (*University of Pennsylvania PhD, co-advised with Aravind Joshi*).
- Dr. Philipp Koehn. PhD thesis (2003), “Noun Phrase Translation.”
- Dr. Kenji Yamada. PhD thesis (2002), “A Syntax-Based Statistical Translation Model.”
- Dr. Yaser Al-Onaizan. PhD thesis (2002), “Translating Named Entities Using Bilingual and Monolingual Resources.”

- Dr. Irene Langkilde. PhD thesis (2002), “Automatic Sentence Generation Using a Hybrid Statistical Model of Lexical Collocations and Syntactic Relations.”
- Dr. Ishwar Chander. PhD thesis (1998), “Automated Postediting of Documents.”
- **Served on PhD dissertation committee:** Jason Riesa (USC), Sudeep Gandhe (USC), Markos Mylonakis (UvA), Vamshi Ambati (CMU), Markus Saers (Uppsala), Gholamreza Haffari (SFU), Rahul Bhagat (USC), Matt Michelson (USC), Antonio Roque (USC), Ashish Venugopal (CMU), Hao Zhang (Rochester), Alexander Fraser (USC), Qing Luo (USC), Colin Cherry (Alberta), Yuk Wah Wong (UTexas), Feng Pan (USC), Chris Callison-Burch (Edinburgh), Dragos Stefan Munteanu (USC), Yuan Ding (Penn), Deepak Ravichandran (USC), Noemie Elhadad (Columbia), David Evans (Columbia), Hal Daume (USC), Soomin Kim (USC), Radu Soricut (USC), Chad Langley (CMU), Liang Zhou (USC), Fei Huang (CMU), Shou-de Lin (USC), Greg Kondrak (Toronto), Sheila Tejada (USC), Michael Harm (USC).
- **Supervised summer internships:** **2013:** Daniel Bauer (Columbia), Fabienne Braune (Stuttgart), Elliot Meyerson (Wesleyan), Malte Nuhn (Aachen), Arvind Neelakantan (Columbia). **2012:** Jacob Andreas (Columbia), Daniel Bauer (Columbia), Karl Moritz Hermann (Oxford), Bevan Jones (Edinburgh/Macquarrie), Nathan Schneider (CMU), Ada Wan (CUNY). **2011:** Licheng Fang (Rochester), Sravana Reddy (Chicago), Xuchen Yao (JHU). **2010:** Yoav Goldberg (Ben-Gurion), Ann Irvine (JHU), Sravana Reddy (Chicago), Sasha Rush (MIT). **2009:** Michael Auli (University of Edinburgh), Erica Greene (Haverford), Adam Pauls (UC Berkeley), Paramveer Dhillon (Penn). **2008:** Amittai Axelrod (University of Washington), John DeNero (UC Berkeley), Kyle Gorman (Penn Linguistics), Catalin Tirnauca (Universitat Rovira i Virgili). **2007:** Michael Bloodgood (Delaware), Jennifer Gillenwater (Rice University), Carmen Heger (Dresden), Wei Ho (Princeton). **2006:** Joseph Turian (NYU), Chenhai Xi (Pitt), Victoria Fossum (Michigan), Liang Huang (Penn), Jason Riesa (JHU), Oana-Diana Postolache (Saarland). **2005:** Victoria Fossum (Michigan), Mark Hopkins (UCLA), Liang Huang (Penn), Behrang Mohit (Pitt), Preslav Nakov (Berkeley), Jason Riesa (JHU), Hao Zhang (Rochester). **2004:** Madhur Ambastha (Rochester), Michel Galley (Columbia), David Kauchak (UCSD). **2003:** Michel Galley (Columbia), Mark Hopkins (UCLA), Beata Klebanov (Hebrew University), Ana-Maria Popescu (University of Washington), Lara Taylor (UCSD). **2002:** Chris Ackerman (USC), Emil Ete-laie (USC), Yuling Hsueh (USC), John Lee (Waterloo/MIT), Bo Pang (Cornell). **2001:** Abdessamad Echihabi (USC), Hal Daume (CMU), Michael Laszlo (Waterloo), Dragos Stefan Munteanu (Iowa), Rebecca Rees (BYU), Radu Soricut (Iowa)

Honors

- Fellow of ACL (Association for Computational Linguistics), 2014-.
- Fellow of AAAI (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence), 2014-.
- Best Paper Award, “11,001 New Features for Statistical Machine Translation” (D. Chiang, K. Knight, and W. Wang), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2009.
- Best Paper Award, “Fast Decoding and Optimal Decoding for Machine Translation” (U. Germann, M. Jahr, K. Knight, D. Marcu, and K. Yamada), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2001.
- Outstanding Paper Award, “Statistics-Based Summarization—Step One: Sentence Compression,” (K. Knight and D. Marcu), National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2000.
- ISI Meritorious Service Award, for outstanding work in web-based research-software distribution, 2001.
- ISI Fellow, recognizing research leadership, 2006.
- Harvard University, Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Committee on Undergraduate Education, 1984.

Patents Awarded

- “Adapter for Allowing both Online and Offline Training of a Text to Text System” (K. Yamada, G. Langmead), US 7624020, issued November 24, 2009.
- “Statistical Machine Translation” (P. Koehn and K. Knight), US 7624005, issued November 24, 2009.
- “Constructing a Translation Lexicon from Comparable, Non-Parallel Corpora” (D. Marcu, K. Knight, D. Munteanu, and P. Koehn), US 7620538, issued November 17, 2009.
- “Phrase to Phrase Joint Probability Model for Statistical Machine Translation” (D. Marcu, W. Wong, K. Knight, and P. Koehn), US 7454326, issued November 18, 2008.
- “Task Parallelization in a Text-to-Text System” (G. Langmead, K. Yamada, K. Knight, and D. Marcu), US 7389222, issued June 17, 2008.
- “Statistical Translation Using a Large Monolingual Corpus” (R. Soricut, D. Marcu, and K. Knight), US 7340388, issued March 4, 2008.
- “Named Entity Transliteration” (Y. Al-Onaizan and K. Knight), US 7249013, issued July 24, 2007.
- “Integer Programming Decoder for Machine Translation” (K. Knight and K. Yamada), US 7177792, issued February 13, 2007.

Publications

Books

- *Artificial Intelligence, Second Edition* (E. Rich and K. Knight), McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1991.

Journal Articles

- “The Secrets of the Copiale Cipher,” (K. Knight, B. Megyesi, and C. Schaefer), *Journal of Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, 2(2), 2012.
- “Does GIZA++ Make Search Errors?” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), *Computational Linguistics*, 36(3), 2010.
- “Re-structuring, Re-labeling, and Re-aligning for Syntax-Based Statistical Machine Translation,” (W. Wang, J. May, K. Knight, and D. Marcu), *Computational Linguistics*, 36(2), 2010.
- “Binarization of Synchronous Context-Free Grammars,” (L. Huang, H. Zhang, D. Gildea, and K. Knight), *Computational Linguistics*, 35(4), 2009.
- “The Power of Extended Top-Down Tree Transducers,” (A. Maletti, J. Graehl, M. Hopkins, and K. Knight), *SIAM J. Comput.*, 39(2), 2009.
- “Attacking Decipherment Problems Optimally with Low-Order N-gram Models,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), *Cryptologia*, 33(4), 2009.
- “Training Tree Transducers,” (J. Graehl, K. Knight, and J. May), *Computational Linguistics*, 34(3), 2008.
- “Capturing Practical Natural Language Transformations,” (K. Knight), *Machine Translation*, 21(2), 2007.

- “Discovering the Linear Writing Order of a Two-Dimensional Ancient Hieroglyphic Script,” (Shou-de Lin and K. Knight), *Artificial Intelligence*, 170(4-5), 2006.
- “Translation with Scarce Bilingual Resources,” (Y. Al-Onaizan, U. Germann, U. Hermjakob, K. Knight, P. Koehn, D. Marcu, K. Yamada), *Machine Translation*, 2003.
- “Fast Decoding and Optimal Decoding for Machine Translation,” (U. Germann, M. Jahr, K. Knight, D. Marcu, and K. Yamada), *Artificial Intelligence*, 2003.
- “Summarization Beyond Sentence Extraction: A Probabilistic Approach to Sentence Compression,” (K. Knight and D. Marcu), *Artificial Intelligence*, 139(1), 2002.
- “Decoding Complexity in Word-Replacement Translation Models,” (K. Knight), *Computational Linguistics*, 25(4), 1999.
- “Mining Online Text,” *Communications of the ACM*, (K. Knight), 42(11), 1999.
- “Machine Transliteration,” (K. Knight and J. Graehl), *Computational Linguistics* 24(4), 1998.
- “Integrating Knowledge Acquisition and Language Acquisition,” (K. Knight), *Applied Intelligence*, 1(1), 1992.
- “Connectionist Ideas and Algorithms,” *Communications of the ACM*, 33(11), November, 1990.
- “Knowledge and Natural Language Processing,” (J. Barnett, K. Knight, I. Mani, and E. Rich), *Communications of the ACM*, 33(8), August, 1990.
- “Unification: A Multidisciplinary Survey,” (K. Knight), *ACM Computing Surveys*, 21(1), March, 1989.

Refereed Conference Papers

- “Mapping between English Strings and Reentrant Semantic Graphs” (F. Braune, D. Bauer, and K. Knight), Proc. LREC, 2014.
- “How to Speak a Foreign Language without Knowing It” (X. Shi, K. Knight, and H. Ji), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2014.
- “Be Appropriate and Funny: Automatic Entity Morph Encoding” (B. Zhang, H. Huang, X. Pan, H. Ji, K. Knight, Z. Wen, Y. Sun, J. Han, B. Yener), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2014.
- “Aligning Context-based Statistical Models of Language with Brain Activity During Reading” (L. Wehbe, A. Vaswani, K. Knight and T. Mitchell), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2014.
- “Aligning English Strings with Abstract Meaning Representation Graphs” (N. Pourdamghani, Y. Gao, U. Hermjakob and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2014.
- “Beyond Parallel Data: Joint Word Alignment and Decipherment Improves Machine Translation” (Q. Dou, A. Vaswani and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2014.
- “Cipher Type Detection” (M. Nuhn and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2014.
- “Dependency-Based Decipherment for Resource-Limited Machine Translation” (Q. Dou and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2013.
- “Smatch: an Evaluation Metric for Semantic Feature Structures,” (S. Cai and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2013.

- “Parsing Graphs with Hyperedge Replacement Grammars,” (D. Chiang, J. Andreas, D. Bauer, K. M. Hermann, B. Jones, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2013.
- “Curating and Contextualizing Twitter Stories to Assist with Social Newsgathering,” (A. Zubiaga, H. Ji, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI), 2013.
- “Large Scale Decipherment for Out-of-Domain Machine Translation,” (Q. Dou and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2012.
- “Decoding Running Key Ciphers,” (S. Reddy and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2012.
- “Semantics-Based Machine Translation with Hyperedge Replacement Grammars,” (B. Jones, J. Andreas, D. Bauer, K-M. Hermann, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING), 2012.
- “Bayesian Inference for Zodiac and Other Homophonic Ciphers,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2011.
- “Deciphering Foreign Language,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2011.
- “Unsupervised Discovery of Rhyme Schemes,” (S. Reddy and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2011.
- “Fast, Greedy Model Minimization for Unsupervised Tagging,” (S. Ravi, A. Vaswani, K. Knight, and D. Chiang), Proceedings of the International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING), 2010.
- “A Statistical Model for Lost Language Decipherment,” (B. Snyder, R. Barzilay, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2010.
- “Efficient Inference Through Cascades of Weighted Tree Transducers,” (J. May, K. Knight, and H. Vogler), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2010.
- “Minimized Models and Grammar-Informed Initialization for Supertagging with Highly Ambiguous Lexicons,” (S. Ravi, J. Baldridge, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2010.
- “Unsupervised Syntactic Alignment with Inversion Transduction Grammars,” (A. Pauls, D. Klein, D. Chiang, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2010.
- “Bayesian Inference for Finite-State Transducers,” (D. Chiang, J. Graehl, K. Knight, A. Pauls, and S. Ravi), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2010.
- “Synchronous Tree Adjoining Machine Translation,” (S. DeNeeffe and K. Knight), Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2009.
- “Minimized Models for Unsupervised Part-of-Speech Tagging,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2009.
- “Fast Consensus Decoding over Translation Forests,” (J. DeNero, D. Chiang, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2009.
- “Learning Phoneme Mappings for Transliteration without Parallel Data,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2009.

- “11,001 New Features for Statistical Machine Translation,” (D. Chiang, K. Knight, and W. Wang), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2009.
- “Combining Constituent Parsers,” (V. Fossum and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), short paper, 2009.
- “Faster MT Decoding through Pervasive Laziness,” (M. Pust and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), short paper, 2009.
- “Probabilistic Methods for a Japanese Syllable Cipher,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Proceedings of the International Conference on the Computer Processing of Oriental Languages (ICCPOL), 2009.
- “Name Translation in Statistical Machine Translation: Learning When to Transliterate,” (U. Hermjakob, K. Knight, and H. Daume), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2008.
- “Attacking Decipherment Problems Optimally with Low-Order N-gram Models,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2008.
- “Automatic Prediction of Parser Accuracy,” (S. Ravi and K. Knight), Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2008.
- “Overcoming Vocabulary Sparsity in MT Using Lattices,” (S. DeNeeffe, U. Hermjakob, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Machine Translation in the Americas (AMTA), 2008.
- “Using Bilingual Chinese-English Word Alignments to Resolve PP-Attachment Ambiguity in English,” (V. Fossum and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Machine Translation in the Americas (AMTA), student session, 2008.
- “Syntactic Re-Alignment Models for Machine Translation,” (J. May and K. Knight), Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-CoNLL), 2007.
- “What Can Syntax-Based MT Learn from Phrase-Based MT?” (S. DeNeeffe, K. Knight, W. Wang, and D. Marcu), Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-CoNLL), 2007.
- “Binarizing Syntax Trees to Improve Syntax-Based Machine Translation Accuracy,” (W. Wang, K. Knight, and D. Marcu), Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-CoNLL), 2007.
- “Unsupervised Analysis for Decipherment Problems,” (K. Knight, A. Nair, N. Rathod, and K. Yamada), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-COLING), 2006.
- “SPMT: Statistical Machine Translation with Syntactified Target Language Phrases,” (D. Marcu, W. Wang, A. Echihabi, and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2006.
- “Scalable Inference and Training of Context-Rich Syntactic Models,” (M. Galley, J. Graehl, K. Knight, D. Marcu, S. DeNeeffe, W. Wang, and I. Thayer), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-COLING), 2006.
- “A Better N-Best List: Practical Determinization of Weighted Finite Tree Automata,” (J. May and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2006.

- “Capitalizing Machine Translation,” (W. Wang, K. Knight, D. Marcu), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2006.
- “Synchronous Binarization for Machine Translation,” (H. Zhang, L. Huang, D. Gildea, K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2006.
- “Relabeling Syntax Trees to Improve Syntax-Based Machine Translation Quality,” (B. Huang and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2006.
- “Transonics: A Practical Speech-to-Speech Translator for English-Farsi Medical Dialogs,” (R. Belvin, E. Ettelaie, S. Gandhe, P. Georgiou, K. Knight, D. Marcu, S. Millward, S. Narayanan, H. Neely, D. Traum), ACL-2005 poster/demo.
- “Interactively Exploring a Machine Translation Model,” (Steve DeNeefe, Kevin Knight, and Hayward H. Chan), ACL-2005 poster/demo.
- “Machine Translation in the Year 2004,” (K. Knight, D. Marcu), Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2005.
- “An Overview of Probabilistic Tree Transducers for Natural Language Processing,” (K. Knight, J. Graehl), Proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics (CICLing), Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Springer Verlag, 2005.
- “What’s in a Translation Rule?” (M. Galley, M. Hopkins, K. Knight, and D. Marcu), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2004.
- “Training Tree Transducers,” (J. Graehl and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2004.
- “Syntax-based Language Models for Machine Translation,” (E. Charniak, K. Knight, and K. Yamada), Proceedings of the Machine Translation Summit IX, 2003.
- “Empirical Methods for Compound Splitting,” (P. Koehn and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the European Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2003.
- “Syntax-based Alignment of Multiple Translations: Extracting Paraphrases and Generating New Sentences,” (B. Pang, K. Knight, and D. Marcu), Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT), 2003.
- “Using a Large Monolingual Corpus to Improve Translation Accuracy,” (R. Soricut, K. Knight, and D. Marcu), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Machine Translation in the Americas (AMTA), 2002.
- “Named Entity Translation: Extended Abstract,” (Y. Al-Onaizan and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Human Language Technology Conference (HLT), 2002.
- “Translating Named Entities Using Monolingual and Bilingual Resources,” (Y. Al-Onaizan and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2002.
- “A Decoder for Syntax-Based Statistical MT,” (K. Yamada and K. Knight), Proceedings of the Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2002.
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