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### **EDUCATION**

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Ph.D. in Computer Science, Certificate in Cognitive Science

2020 (Expected)

Thesis: Analogical Theory of Mind: Computational Model and Applications

Committee: Kenneth D. Forbus (chair), Dedre Gentner, Laura M. Hiatt, Ian Horswill

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

M.S. in Computer Science

2015

Coursework only

Scripps College, Claremont, CA

B.A. Honors in Neuroscience

2014

Minor: Computer Science

Thesis: Examining the Cognitive Advantages and Disadvantages of the Bilingual Brain

Advisors: Michael Spezio and Timothy Justus

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Rabkina, I. and Forbus, K. D. An Analogical Model of Pretense. Under review.

Forbus, K. D., Liang, C., & **Rabkina**, I. (2017). Representation and Computation in Cognitive Models. *Topics in Cognitive Science*, 9(3), 694-718.

# **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

**Rabkina, I.**, Nakos, C., & Forbus, K. D. (2019) Children's Sentential Complement Use Leads the Theory of Mind Development Period: Evidence from the CHILDES Corpus. *Proceedings of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Montreal, Canada.

Chen, K., **Rabkina, I.**, McLure M. D., & Forbus, K. D. (2019) Human-like Sketch Object Recognition via Analogical Learning. *Proceedings AAAI 2019*, Honolulu, HI.

**Rabkina, I.,** McFate, C., & Forbus, K. D. (2018) Bootstrapping from Language in the Analogical Theory of Mind Model. *Proceedings of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Madison, WI.

Forbus, K. D., Hinrichs, T., & Rabkina, I. (2018). Building Analogy Systems: Some Lessons Learned. *Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Advances in Cognitive Systems*. Stanford, CA.

**Rabkina, I.**, McFate, C., Forbus, K. D., & Hoyos, C. (2017) Towards a Computational Analogical Theory of Mind. *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, London, England.

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#### WORKSHOPS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Blass, J., **Rabkina, I.**, and Forbus, K. D. (2017) Towards a Domain-independent Method for Evaluating and Scoring Analogical Inferences. *Computational Analogy Workshop, International Conference on Case Based Reasoning*. Trondheim, Norway.

- **Rabkina, I.** and Forbus, K.D. (2016) An Analogical Model of Pretense. *38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Philadelphia, PA.
- **Rabkina, I.** and Justus, T. (2016) Bilingual English-Spanish Speakers Demonstrate Language-switching Costs, but no Bilingual Advantage, in a Modified Stroop Task. *Association for Psychological Science*. Chicago, IL.
- **Rabkina**, I., Lima Nogueira, L, and Albert, M. V. (2015) Real-time Activity Recognition Using Mobile Sensors: An Online Graphical Front-end. *45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience*. Chicago, IL.
- **Rabkina, I.** The Intersection of the Bilingual Advantage and Disadvantage. (2014) *Scripps College Capstone Presentations*. Claremont, CA.
- **Rabkina, I.** Computational Modeling of Bilingual Language Acquisition and Interference in Bilingual Choice. (2013) *Fall Neuroscience Thesis Symposium of the W.M. Keck Science Department*. Claremont, CA.
- **Rabkina, I.** and Barazza, J. The Role of Sensitivity to Positive/Negative Valence in Polyvagal Theory. (2013) *The Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Poster Session*. San Diego, CA.
- **Rabkina, I.** Narrative Values and Moral Action: Investigating Links by Combining Quantitative Semantic Analysis and Behavioral Economics. (2013) *Mellon Fellowship Undergraduate Research Presentations*. Claremont, CA.

# **AWARDS**

Summer Research (NREIP) Fellowship, Naval Research Laboratory	2018
Glushko Travel Award, Cognitive Science Society	2018
Graduate Cohort for Women Participant, Computing Research Association	2018
Cabell Fellowship, Northwestern University	2015
Merit-based Teaching Assistantship, Loyola University Chicago (did not accept)	2014
Claremont Neuroscience Research Fellowship, Scripps College	2013
Mellon Research Fellowship, Scripps College	2013
James E. Scripps Scholarship, Scripps College	2010

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Course Consultant: Conversational Interfaces	Spring 2019
Co-Instructor: Knowledge Representation & Reasoning	Winter 2019
Workshop Instructor: Computing Everywhere	2018, 2019
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Cognitive Modeling	Fall 2016, 2017

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#### POMONA COLLEGE

Peer Mentor: Computation & Cognition Spring 2014
Peer Mentor: Foundations of Computer Science Fall 2013

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant, Qualitative Reasoning Group

My work focuses on the social reasoning capabilities of the Companion

Cognitive Architecture. Specifically, I have developed a cognitive model of theory of mind reasoning via analogy and am applying it to improve virtual agents' interaction and collaboration in multi-agent (virtual and human-virtual mixed) environments.

#### NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

NREIP Intern, Navy Center for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence Collaborated with NRL researchers and interns to build an experimental middleware to connect the Microsoft Malmo Minecraft environment with a variety of planning and reasoning systems.

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Research Assistant, Pervasive and Ambient Computing Lab 2014 – 2015

2018

### PITZER COLLEGE

Senior Thesis Student, Music and Language Cognition Lab 2013 – 2014

# STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Summer Research Assistant, Cognitive and Systems Neuroscience Laboratory 2013

# **CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY**

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Center for Neuroeconomics Studies 2012 – 2014

# **SCRIPPS COLLEGE**

Research Assistant, Spezio Lab 2011 – 2013

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Summer Student, Swanson Lab 2009, 2011

### SERVICE TO PROFESSION

### **REVIEWING**

Cognitive Science Society, International Conference on Case Based Reasoning (ICCBR)

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### **ORGANIZING**

Special Track on Computational Analogy, ICCBR 2018

# **SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT**

# COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Graduate Women in Computing (GWiC), Founder & Co-President	2019 – present
Artificial Intelligence Journal Club (AIJC), Leadership Board Member	2017 – present
Computer Science PhD Advisory Council (CSPAC), Founding Member	2017 – 2018

# KECK SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, CLAREMONT, CA

Socializing with Scientists, Leadership Board Member 2013 – 2014

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

HERE Maps, Chicago, IL

Software Engineer 2014 – 2015

Built and maintained front-end interface to large-scale noSQL database. Trained and supported non-technical internal

customers on interface and database use.

# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

She Is Code, Evanston, IL

Advisory Board Member 2016 – present Curriculum and Instruction Volunteer 2015 – present