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EDUCATION

- 2020 (Expected) Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Ph.D. in Computer Science, Certificate in Cognitive Science
Thesis: *Analogical Theory of Mind: Computational Model and Applications*
- 2015 Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
M.S. in Computer Science
Coursework only
- 2014 Scripps College, Claremont, CA
B.A. Honors in Neuroscience, Computer Science Minor
Thesis: *Examining the Cognitive Advantages and Disadvantages of the Bilingual Brain*

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles & Strongly Refereed Conference Proceedings

- 2019 Chen, K., **Rabkina, I.**, McLure M. D., & Forbus, K. D. (2019) Human-like Sketch Object Recognition via Analogical Learning. *Proceedings AAAI 2019*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2017 Forbus, K. D., Liang, C., & **Rabkina, I.** (2017). Representation and Computation in Cognitive Models. *Topics in Cognitive Science*, 9(3), 694-718.

Conference Proceedings

- 2019 **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 41st Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2018 **Rabkina, I.**, McFate, C., & Forbus, K. D. (2018) Bootstrapping from Language in the Analogical Theory of Mind Model. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Madison, WI.
- 2018 Forbus, K. D., Hinrichs, T., & **Rabkina, I.** (2018). Building Analogy Systems: Some Lessons Learned. *Proceedings of the 6th Annual Conference on Advances in Cognitive Systems*. Stanford, CA.
- 2017 **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.

Workshops & Other Presentations

- 2017 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.
- 2016 **Rabkina, I.** and Forbus, K.D. (2016) An Analogical Model of Pretense. Poster presented at the *38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Rabkina, I.** and Justus, T. (2016) Bilingual English-Spanish Speakers Demonstrate Language-switching Costs, but no Bilingual Advantage, in a Modified Stroop Task. Poster presented at the *Association for Psychological Science*. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 **Rabkina, I.**, Lima Nogueira, L, and Albert, M. V. (2015) Real-time Activity Recognition Using Mobile Sensors: An Online Graphical Front-end. Poster presented at the *45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience*. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 **Rabkina, I.** The Intersection of the Bilingual Advantage and Disadvantage. (2014) *Scripps College Capstone Presentations*. Claremont, CA.
- 2013 **Rabkina, I.** Computational Modeling of Bilingual Language Acquisition and Interference in Bilingual Choice. (2013) Poster presented at the *Fall Neuroscience Thesis Symposium of the W.M. Keck Science Department*. Claremont, CA.
- 2013 **Rabkina, I.** and Barazza, J. The Role of Sensitivity to Positive/Negative Valence in Polyvagal Theory. (2013) Poster presented at the *The Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Poster Session*. San Diego, CA.
- 2013 **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.

Under Review & In Revision

- Rabkina, I.** and Forbus, K. D. An Analogical Model of Pretense. *Cognitive Science*. In revision.
- Rabkina, I.** & Forbus, K.D. Analogical Reasoning for Intent Recognition and Action Prediction in Multi-Agent Systems. *Advances in Cognitive Systems*. Under review.
- Nakos, C., **Rabkina, I.**, & Forbus, K. D. An Analogical Account of Reference Resolution. *Advances in Cognitive Systems*. Under review.
- Wilson, J. R., Chen, K., Crouse, M., Nakos, C., Neves Ribeiro, D., **Rabkina, I.**, & Forbus, K. D. Analogical Question Answering in a Multimodal Information Kiosk. *Advances in Cognitive Systems*. Under review.

AWARDS

- 2019 Cognitive Science Travel Grant, Northwestern University
- 2018 Summer Research (NREIP) Fellowship, Naval Research Laboratory
- 2018 Glushko Travel Award, Cognitive Science Society
- 2018 Graduate Cohort for Women Participant, Computing Research Association
- 2015 Cabell Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2014 Merit-based Teaching Assistantship, Loyola University of Chicago (did not accept)
- 2013 Claremont Neuroscience Research Fellowship, Scripps College
- 2013 Mellon Research Fellowship, Scripps College
- 2010 James E. Scripps Scholarship, Scripps College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University

- Instructor: Knowledge Representation & Reasoning (scheduled for Winter 2020)
- Course Consultant: Conversational Interfaces (Spring 2019)
- Co-Instructor: Knowledge Representation & Reasoning (Winter 2019)
- Workshop Instructor: Computing Everywhere (Winter, Spring 2018; Winter, Spring 2019)
- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Cognitive Modeling (Fall 2016; Fall 2017)

Pomona College

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

Scripps College

- Tutor: Computer Science (Fall 2013; Spring 2014)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-present Research Assistant, Qualitative Reasoning Group, Northwestern University
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.
- 2018 NREIP Intern, Navy Center for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence
Collaborated with researchers from the Naval Research Laboratory to build an experimental middleware to connect the Microsoft Malmo Minecraft environment with a variety of planning and reasoning systems.

2014-2015	Research Assistant, Pervasive and Ambient Computing Lab, Loyola University of Chicago
2013-2014	Senior Thesis Student, Music and Language Cognition Lab, Pitzer College
2013	Summer Research Assistant, Cognitive & Systems Neuroscience Laboratory, Stanford University
2012-2014	Undergraduate Research Assistant, Center for Neuroeconomics Studies, Claremont Graduate University
2011-2013	Research Assistant, Spezio Lab, Scripps College
2009, 2011	Summer Student, Swanson Lab, University of California, San Francisco

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewing

Cognitive Science Society, International Conference on Case Based Reasoning (ICCBR-2018)

Organizing

Special Track on Computational Analogy @ ICCBR-2018

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

Computer Science Department, Northwestern University

Graduate Women in Computing, Founder & Co-President (2019-present)

Artificial Intelligence Journal Club, Leadership Board Member (2017-present)

Computer Science PhD Advisory Council, Founding Member (2017-2018)

Keck Science Department, Claremont, CA

Socializing with Scientists, Leadership Board Member (2013-2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-2015	Software Engineer, HERE Maps, Chicago, IL Built and maintained front-end interface to large-scale noSQL database. Trained and supported non-technical internal customers on interface and database use.
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2015-present	ShelsCode, Evanston, IL Advisory Board Member & Volunteer Instructor
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