Jacob Bremerman

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Education

University of Southern California

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Los Angeles, California

Aug. 2021 -

University of Maryland

Master of Science in Computer Science

Aug. 2019 - May 2021 College Park, Maryland

University of Maryland

Bachelor of Science in Physics & Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Aug. 2013 - May 2017

College Park, Maryland

Relevant Coursework

• Data Visualization

• Computer Vision Computational Linguistics I & II

• Machine Translation

• Quantum Information

Processing

 Phonology • Computational Psycholinguistics

Natural Language

Processing

• Object-Oriented Programming

• Applied Probability & Statistics

• Spanish Linguistics

• Linear Algebra

• Advanced Calculus

• Second-Language Acquisition

Academic Research Experience

INK Lab; University of Southern California

Research Assistant

Los Angeles, California

Aug. 2021 –

• Advisors: Xiang Ren and Jonathan May

• Work on multilingual natural language processing

CLIP Lab; University of Maryland

Research Assistant

Aug. 2019 - Jun. 2021

College Park, Maryland

Advisor: Douglas Oard

• Work on new evaluation measures, collections and experiments of natural language processing and information retrieval

Department of Linguistics; University of Maryland

Undergraduate Researcher

Aug. 2015 - May 2017 College Park, Maryland

• Mentor: Sunhee Kim Fuji

• Work on second-language acquisition for adult learners in immersion programs

Gemstone Honors Program; University of Maryland

Undergraduate Researcher

Research Assistant

Aug. 2013 - May 2017

College Park, Maryland

• Mentor: Bao Yang

• Work on piezoelectric touchscreen design, prototyping and testing

Research Internship Experience

FASTPARSE Lab; Universidade da Coruña

Jun. 2021 - Sept. 2021

A Coruña, Spain

• Mentor: David Vilares Calvo

• Work on incorporating explicit syntactic information in machine translation systems

HLTCOE; Johns Hopkins University

Research Intern

May 2020 - Aug. 2020

Baltimore, MD

• Mentor: Matt Post

- Scraped and processed audio and subtitle files for speech translation dataset
- Developed new evaluation measures for machine translation and tested them for correlation with existing measures

HLTCOE; Johns Hopkins University

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

Visiting Research Scholar

Baltimore, MD

- Mentors: James Mayfield and Dawn Lawrie
- Developed an information retrieval system that could handle named-entity queries and document term labels
- Helped organize the generation of an information retrieval test collection with named-entity markup.

Professional Experience

Honors College: University of Maryland

Oct. 2017 – May 2019

Program Coordinator

College Park, Maryland

- Helped run university honors programs in cybersecurity and entrepreneurship with administrative and advisory roles
- Managed a \$5M scholarship budget, advised dozens of undergraduate students, planned and ran workshops and events, led systematic program evaluation, etc.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, bash, Java, HTML/CSS, JavaScript Toolkits: Fairseq, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Scikit-learn, OpenCV

Developer Tools: VS Code, Google Cloud Platform, Android Studio Technologies/Frameworks: Linux, GitHub, Galago, Elasticsearch

Other Skills

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), French (near-fluent), German (conversational), Japanese (beginner)

Music: Bassoon, Clarinet, Piano, GarageBand Art: Photoshop, Clip Studio, Procreate

Publications

- [1] Jacob Bremerman et al. Discovering and Generating Unknown Dimensions of Non-semantic Variation for Machine Translation Diversity. In *UNDER REVIEW*.
- [2] Elizabeth Salesky, Matthew Wiesner, Jacob Bremerman, Roldano Cattoni, Matteo Negri, Marco Turchi, Douglas W. Oard, and Matt Post. **The Multilingual TEDx Corpus for Speech Recognition and Translation**, 2021.
- [3] Jacob Bremerman, Huda Khayrallah, Douglas W. Oard, and Matt Post. On the Evaluation of Machine Translation n-best Lists. In *Proceedings of the First Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison of NLP Systems*, EMNLP, Online, November 2020. ACL.
- [4] Jacob Bremerman, Dawn Lawrie, James Mayfield, and Douglas W. Oard. **Two Test Collections for Retrieval Using Named Entity Markup**. In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management*, CIKM '20, New York, NY, USA, October 2020. Association for Computing Machinery.
- [5] Huda Khayrallah, Jacob Bremerman, Arya D. McCarthy, Kenton Murray, Winston Wu, and Matt Post. The JHU Submission to the 2020 Duolingo Shared Task on Simultaneous Translation and Paraphrase for Language Education. In Proceedings of the Fourth Workshop on Neural Generation and Translation, pages 188–197, Online, July 2020. ACL.