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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst	2016–2021
Ph.D. in Computer Science, September 2021	<i>Amherst, MA</i>
M.S. in Computer Science, February 2020	
Lewis & Clark College	2011–2015
B.A. in Mathematics with departmental honors, summa cum laude	<i>Portland, OR</i>
Minor: Chinese Language	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Young Investigator	September 2021–Present
<i>Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence</i>	<i>Seattle, WA</i>
· Research with the Semantic Scholar team	
Graduate Research Assistant	September 2016–August, 2021
<i>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</i>	<i>Amherst, MA</i>
· Natural language processing, machine learning, and computational social science research	
· Advisor: Dr. Brendan O'Connor	
Research Intern	June–August 2020
<i>AI Discovery Team, Bloomberg</i>	<i>Remote</i>
· Mentors: Dr. Edgar Meij, Dr. Christoph Teichmann	
· Resulted in publication at the <i>Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (NLP+CSS) at EMNLP, 2020</i> .	
Research Intern	May–August 2018
<i>CTO Data Science Team, Bloomberg</i>	<i>New York, New York</i>
· Mentor: Dr. Amanda Stent	
· Resulted in publication at the <i>Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2019</i> .	
Undergraduate Research Assistant (Economics)	May–August 2014
<i>Lewis & Clark College</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>
· Developed an agent-based simulation of intergenerational wealth transfer in medieval England	
· Funding: Andrew W. Mellon Collaborative Student-Faculty Research Grant	
· Advisor: Dr. Clifford Bekar	

PUBLICATIONS

8. Text as Causal Mediators: Research Design for Causal Estimates of Differential Treatment of Social Groups via Language Aspects. **Katherine A. Keith**, Douglas Rice, and Brendan O'Connor. In *Proceedings of the First Workshop on Causal Inference and Natural Language Processing (CI+NLP) at EMNLP*. 2021.

7. Corpus-Level Evaluation for Event QA: The IndiaPoliceEvents Corpus Covering the 2002 Gujarat Violence. Andrew Halterman*, **Katherine A. Keith***, Sheikh Muhammad Sarwar*, and Brendan O'Connor (* indicates joint first-authors). In *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-IJCNLP)*. 2021.
6. Uncertainty over Uncertainty: Investigating the Assumptions, Annotations, and Text Measurements of Economic Policy Uncertainty. **Katherine A. Keith**, Christoph Teichmann, Brendan O'Connor, and Edgar Meij. In *Proceedings of the Fourth Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (NLP+CSS) at EMNLP*. 2020.
5. Text and Causal Inference: A Review of Using Text to Remove Confounding from Causal Estimates. **Katherine A. Keith**, David Jensen, and Brendan O'Connor. In *Proceedings of Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. 2020.
4. Modeling financial analysts' decision making via the pragmatics and semantics of earnings calls. **Katherine A. Keith** and Amanda Stent. In *Proceedings of Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. 2019.
3. Uncertainty-aware generative models for inferring document class prevalence. **Katherine A. Keith** and Brendan O'Connor. In *Proceedings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. 2018.
2. Monte Carlo Syntax Marginals for Exploring and Using Dependency Parses. **Katherine A. Keith**, Su Lin Blodgett, and Brendan O'Connor. In *Proceedings of North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*. 2018.
1. Identifying civilians killed by police with distantly supervised entity-event extraction. **Katherine A. Keith**, Abram Handler, Michael Pinkham, Cara Magliozzi, Joshua McDuffie, and Brendan O'Connor. In *Proceedings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

CS335: Machine Learning
Mount Holyoke College

Spring 2020

- Sole instructor for 19 students. Designed and delivered lectures, held office hours, developed problem sets, designed exams, and graded problem sets and exams.

Instructor

CS191: Computer Science First Year Seminar
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Fall 2019

- Co-designed curriculum on "Ethical Issues Surrounding Artificial Intelligence Systems and Big Data."
- Led two weekly discussion sections comprising of 19 students each.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

CS685: Advanced Natural Language Processing
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Spring 2018

- Assisted students with course material and homework during weekly office hours.
- Co-designed homework assignments, graded literature review assignment and in-class presentations.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant
U.S. Department of State

August 2015–June 2016
Kinmen, Taiwan

- Taught first through sixth grade ESL courses in a public elementary school.
- Facilitated multi-cultural dialogue and events.

MENTORING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

During summer research experience for undergraduates (REU), I met with students daily to guide them through technical research challenges. When advising an undergraduate honors thesis, I met with the student for one hour weekly to address any technical issues and outline future work.

- Sirius Just (Undergraduate Honors Thesis, 2019-2020; REU, Summer 2019)
- Tamas Palfi (REU, Summer 2019)
- Hieu Phan (REU, Summer 2019)
- Aaron Mueller (REU, Summer 2017)

GRANTS

- Social Science Research Council (SSRC)/Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Research Grant 2021 (\$1200). With Ian Stewart.
- Kaggle Open Data Research Grant 2020 (\$5000). With Andy Halterman and Sheikh Sarwar.

INVITED TALKS

- Williams College's Computer Science Colloquium—November 15, 2019
- Rutgers University's Natural Language Processing Group—November 6, 2019
- Lewis & Clark College's Mathematical Sciences Colloquium—September 24, 2018

GUEST LECTURES

- Georgia Institute of Technology, CS-6471: Computational Social Science, "Text and Causal Estimation: Text as Causal Confounders and Mediators"—March 28, 2022
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Natural Language Processing—November 13, 2020
- Mount Holyoke College, Natural Language Processing—November 13, 2019
- Mount Holyoke College, Natural Language Processing—October 10, 2018
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Advanced Natural Language Processing—April 26, 2018

TUTORIALS

- "Aggregated Classification Pipelines: Propagating Probabilistic Assumptions from Start to Finish." NLP+CSS 201 Online Tutorial Series. March 30, 2022.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Reviewer / Referee / Program Committee

- *Journal of Data Science*: February, 2022
- *Science Advances*: October, 2021
- *Workshop of Teaching NLP*: 2021
- *ACL*: 2020, 2021
- *NAACL*: 2019, 2021
- *EACL*: 2021
- *CoNLL*: 2020
- *EMNLP*: 2020
- *ICWSM*: 2019, 2020

Service Leadership Roles

- Co-organizer, “CS+NLP 201: Beyond the Basics” online tutorial series (Fall 2021)
- Co-organizer and Panel Moderator, “First Workshop on Causal Inference and Natural Language Processing” at EMNLP 2021

Other Outreach Roles

- Panelist, University of Massachusetts CSWomen panel on “Applying to Research Internships and Jobs” (November 19, 2021)
- Panelist, NSF CSGrad4US Mentoring Program panel on “What I wish I knew when I started graduate school” (November 24, 2021)
- PhD Applicant Support Mentor for Underrepresented Students (November 2020) University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Panelist, CS Graduate School Q&A Panel (May 1, 2020) Cape Cod Community College
- Co-chair, CSWomen (February 2019–January 2020) University of Massachusetts Amherst Computer Science Women’s Group
- Social Co-Chair, CSWomen (January 2017–January 2019) University of Massachusetts Amherst Computer Science Women’s Group
- Student Volunteer, Women in Engineering and Computing Career Day (October 28, 2019) University of Massachusetts Amherst
- “What is computer science?” 7th Grade Guest Lecture (Jan. 3, 2018 and Jan. 7, 2019) Chief Joseph Middle School, Bozeman, Montana
- Organizer, CICS Graduate Male Ally Workshop Series (September 2017– May 2018) University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Student Volunteer, Girls Inc. Eureka! Summer Workshop (August 1 & 3, 2017) University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Student Volunteer, Women in Engineering and Computing Career Day (October 24, 2016) University of Massachusetts Amherst

GRADUATE AWARDS & HONORS

- Outstanding Reviewer, EMNLP 2020
- Awarded *distinction* for Ph.D. candidacy portfolio submitted to the College of Information and Computer Sciences at University of Massachusetts Amherst (December 2019)
- Bloomberg Data Science Ph.D. Fellowship (awarded May 2019)
- Computing Research Association of Women (CRA-W) Graduate Cohort (2017, 2018)
- Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) Student Travel Scholarship (2017)
- Paul Utgoff Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Machine Learning (2016)

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & HONORS

- Fulbright ETA Grantee with the U.S. Department of State (2015–16)
- Rhodes Scholarship Finalist (2015)
- Marshall Scholarship Finalist (2015)
- Rena Ratte Award, Lewis & Clark College (2015)– “*This is the highest academic award given at Lewis & Clark and is given annually to one undergraduate of senior standing whose abilities and commitment have combined to produce work which is consistently of the greatest distinction.*” <https://college.lclark.edu/dean/faculty-and-student-awards/>

- NCAA Division III Cross-Country All-Academic (2012)
- Lewis & Clark College Cross-Country Four-Year Varsity Letter Winner (2011–2015)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin)

HSK Level 4 (test passed April 16, 2016)

CET Beijing: 16-week language-intensive immersion program (Spring 2014)