Kawin Ethayarajh

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Education	University of Toronto M.Sc., Computer Science (4. B.Sc. (Hons), Computer Science	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	present 2017
Awards	Rhodes Scholarship Finalist University of Toronto Fellowship (\$11, John H. Moss Scholarship (\$16,650) Given to the top graduating student Bank of Montreal National Scholarship Merit-based scholarship granted to o	t, for academics and leadership.	2017 2017 2017 2013

RESEARCH & ENGINEERING

Google AI

Summer 2018

RESEARCH INTERN

- conceived of and built a pipeline for zero-shot relation extraction using pre-trained QA models
- increased precision by 12% and $F_{0.5}$ score by 0.023 over baseline method on a consumer products corpus
- worked with Apache Beam, Flume, and Tensorflow

NLP Group, University of Toronto

2017 – present

Graduate Student

- derived an unsupervised sentence embedding approach that got state-of-the-art results on similarity tasks, beating baseline by up to 44.4% (Best Paper, proceedings of Repl4NLP at ACL 2018)
- published proof of why analogies (e.g., king is to queen as man is to woman) exist in word vector spaces
- worked with Pytorch and Cython

Signal Processing & Oral Communication Lab, University of Toronto

2016 - 2017

Research Assistant

- studied seasonal changes in mood across 100K Reddit users (published)
- found that a small cohort was acutely sensitive to seasonal changes, supporting mainstream hypothesis

Software Engineering Lab, University of Toronto

Summer 2015

Research Assistant

- implemented "lifted transformations" in Lifted DSLTrans, a model transformation language
- funded by NSERC (Canadian NSF) undergraduate research award

PRODUCT & PROJECT MGMT

Review of Undergraduate Computer Science (RUCS)

2015 - 2016

FOUNDER & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

- started the first undergraduate publication dedicated solely to computer science (rucs.ca)
- built readership of several thousand students across several universities (UToronto, Cornell, and MIT)

Governing Council of the University of Toronto

2015 - 2016

University Affairs Board Member

- shaped student affairs policy while on a board of the university's highest governing body
- debated and voted on several key issues, including student privacy and data collection

The Artisan Toolkit (Far & Wide Collective)

2013 - 2015

REPORTING OFFICER

- helped manage \$600,000 in funds to teach business practices to thousands of traditional Afghan artisans
- helped distribute content across multiple media in English, Dari & Pashto to literate and illiterate users