

Keith Harrigian

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Education

- Aug. 2019 – Present **Johns Hopkins University**
MSE, PhD, Computer Science. GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Sept. 2013 – May 2017 **Northeastern University**
BS, Mathematics. Minors in Physics and Music. GPA: 3.9/4.0

Academic Research

- Aug. 2019 – Present **Center for Language and Speech Processing** *Graduate Research Assistant | P.I. Mark Dredze*
 - Develop health-oriented machine learning models that are robust across multiple environments (e.g., data platform, demographic composition, hospital system)
- Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2019 **Action Lab** *Research Assistant | P.I. Dagmar Sternad*
 - Engineered a new algorithm using Hidden Markov Models to precisely detect initiation of finger taps in noisy strain gauge time series data

Industry Experience

- Mar. 2021 – Present **Unforged** *Data Science and Machine Learning*
 - Lead specification and implementation of data science infrastructure for adolescent mental wellness platform (e.g., personalization, content moderation)
- June 2017 – June 2019 **Legendary Entertainment / Warner Media** *Senior Quantitative Analyst*
 - Developed speech and language feature-extraction tools to model the relationship between thematic content in movie trailers and effects on Wikipedia web traffic
 - Optimized interest segment targeting on Facebook using contextual-bandits
 - Programmed an interactive tool to extract book titles mentioned on Reddit, scrape metadata from an online reading database, and visualize demographic-level trends
- July 2016 – Dec. 2016 **True Fit** *Scientist (Co-op)*
 - Designed a robust anomaly detection system to capture fraudulent retail transactions, reducing noise by 10% in recommendation engine training data
- July 2015 – July 2016 **Legendary Entertainment** *Quantitative Researcher (Co-op and Consultant)*
 - Led R&D of a conditional random field model for end-to-end named entity recognition on Twitter, allowing for dynamic query filtering based on fluctuations in popularity

Selected Publications

- Harrigian, K.** & Dredze, M. "The Problem of Semantic Shift in Longitudinal Monitoring of Social Media." *In Proceedings of the 14th ACM Web Science Conference*. 2022.
- Harrigian, K.**, Aguirre, C., & Dredze, M. "Do Models of Mental Health Based on Social Media Generalize?" *In Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP): Findings*. 2020.
- Harrigian, K.** "Geocoding Without Geotags: A Text-based Approach for reddit." *In Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Noisy User-generated Text (EMNLP)*. 2018.

Selected Honors and Awards

- Oct. 2016 **Rhodes Scholar Nominee | Marshall Fellowship Finalist**
Nominated by faculty for outstanding academic merit and ambassadorial ability
- Apr. 2016 **Outstanding Student Research Winner (Computer and Information Sciences)**
Best undergraduate poster in Computer and Information Science at Northeastern RISE 2016

Technical Skills

- Programming Languages Python, Bash, SQL, R, Stan, MATLAB, C
- Computing Libraries pandas, NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, PyTorch, scikit-learn, Gensim, tomotopy, NLTK