

To Eun Kim

Information Retrieval | NLP | Dialogue Systems | Retrieval-Enhanced ML | Search and QA

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Education	Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Aug 2023 - (2028) Ph.D. Language and Information Technology at Language Technologies Institute (LTI). Advisor: Prof. Fernando Diaz Focus: retrieval-enhanced machine learning, algorithmic fairness, known-item retrieval
	University College London (UCL) Sep 2018 - Sep 2022 M.Eng. Computer Science (4-year master's integrated undergrad. degree) First-Class Honours Minor: Modern Applications of Engineering Mathematics Thesis: Multi-Task Neural User Simulator for Task Oriented Dialogue System
Conference Publications	A Multi-Task Based Neural Model to Simulate Users in Goal-Oriented Dialogue Systems T.E. Kim , A. Lipani [paper] [poster] [code] <i>45th ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)</i> , 2022
	Conditia: A State Machine Like Architecture for Multi-Modal Task Bots J. Ramos*, T.E. Kim* , Z. Shi, X. Fu, F. Ye, Y. Feng, A. Lipani [paper] <i>Alexa Prize TaskBot Challenge Proceedings</i> , 2022
	Attention-based Ingredient Phrase Parser Z. Shi, P. Ni, M. Wang, T.E. Kim , A. Lipani [paper] [code] <i>European Symposium on Artificial Neural Networks, Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning (ESANN)</i> , 2022
Preprints	Retrieval-Enhanced Machine Learning: Synthesis and Opportunities T.E. Kim , A. Salemi, A. Drozdov, F. Diaz, H. Zamani [paper] <i>arXiv</i> , 2024
	A Comprehensive Survey on Generative Diffusion Models for Structured Data H. Koo, T.E. Kim [paper] <i>arXiv</i> , 2023
	When and What to Ask Through World States and Text Instructions: IGLU NLP Challenge Solution Z. Shi*, J. Ramos*, T.E. Kim , X. Wang, H. Rahmani, A. Lipani [paper] <i>arXiv</i> , 2023
Research & Industry Experience	CMU LTI - Graduate Research Assistant Aug 2023 - Present <ul style="list-style-type: none">Courses taken: 11642 Search Engines; 10701 Intro to ML; 11711 Advanced NLP;
	UCL Web Intelligence Group May 2021 - Jun 2023 Research & Teaching Assistant UCL Centre for AI <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervised by Prof. Emine Yilmaz and Dr. Aldo LipaniAlexa Prize TaskBot Challenge - Quarter-finals.Four research papers.Four TAs and lecturer for Python programming course.
	Raft AI Jun 2022 - Jul 2022 Machine Learning Engineer Intern London, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tabular information extraction from OCR for freight forwarding automation.Use of modern dev tools, e.g., Gitlab, Jira, Sentry, Docker, Kubernetes, GCP.
	Amazon Alexa Prize TaskBot Challenge May 2021 - Mar 2022 Team Conditia

- Engineered a Task-oriented Dialogue System by using Alexa Skills Kit, Evi, DynamoDB, Lambda, and CodePipeline. Constructed and maintained CI/CD pipelines, deployed multiple micro-services with Flask and Docker, dealing with thousands of user conversations with feedback loop (more details in Master's thesis).

UCL (Human-Computer) Interaction Centre - bachelor's group thesis Oct 2020 - Apr 2021
Project *Olfactory-NLP* with group members and [Prof. Marianna Obrist](#) .

- Extracted smell-related phrases and clustered multiple passages into different olfactory groups.
- Literature Review: *An NLP Approach to Classify Smell Experiences*. [\[paper\]](#)
- *Exploring the potential of automating the process of clustering smell stories*. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

KB Securities

Jun 2020 - Aug 2020

Data Analyst Intern

Seoul, South Korea

- Built a mutual funds recommender system based on Network Analysis, Hierarchical Clustering and Association Rule Mining.
- Built a stock price prediction system using LSTM and news articles. [\[code\]](#)
- Social media sentiment monitoring system using KB's NLP Engine and Automation software.
- Use of Hadoop ecosystem (Map-reduce, Hive, and Hue).

Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)

Oct 2019 - Mar 2020

Software Engineer - UCL Industrial Exchange Network

London, UK

- Tree-based task-oriented chatbot that assists in checking software compliance regimes of British healthcare organizations.
- RESTful API for user intents and entities detection using Dialogflow.
- Chatbot integration testing [\[code\]](#)

Workshops & Presentations

NeurIPS '22 competition: *IGLU: Interactive Grounded Language Understanding in a Collaborative Environment*, Research Prize solution presentation, 6th Dec., 2022

NLP Interest Group at The Alan Turing Institute, *Can Dialogue Systems Have Theory-of-Mind Ability?*, 24th Nov., 2022. [\[recording\]](#)[\[slides\]](#)

Knowledge Graphs Interest Group at The Alan Turing Institute (5th meet-up), *Personal Knowledge Graphs: Towards Better Conversational Assistants*, 27th Oct., 2022. [\[recording\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

Search-Oriented Conversational AI Workshop (SCAI '22), *A Multi-Task Based Neural Model to Simulate Users in Goal-Oriented Dialogue Systems*, 15th Jul., 2022. [\[recording\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

Awards

2022 NeurIPS Interactive Grounded Language Understanding (IGLU) – Research Prize – \$650
2022 Automated Knowledge Graph Construction (AKBC) Conference – Registration fee waiver
2022 SIGIR Student Travel Grant – Registration fee waiver
2021 UCL Student Union best societies award – *Centenary Award (UCL AI Society)*
2021 UCL CS Undergraduate Summer Research Internship Fund – £3,200

Teaching Experience

UCL Intense Python Programming course, **Course Co-Organiser and Lecturer** March 2023
• Designing and will lead a new intensive programming course for MSc dissertations.

UCL COMP0189 Applied Artificial Intelligence, *Teaching Assistant* Spring 2023
• Making weekly practical contents and coursework [\[GitHub\]](#)

UCL COMP0071 Software Engineering, *Teaching Assistant* Spring 2023

UCL CEGE0004 Machine Learning for Data Science, *Teaching Assistant* Spring 2023

UCL CEGE0096 Geospatial Programming, *Teaching Assistant* Fall 2022

[UCL Artificial Intelligence Society](#), *Lecturer* 2020 - 2022

- **Founder, maintainer, and lecturer** of Machine Learning Tutorial Series
- Season 20/21: [\[GitHub\]](#) [\[Lecture Recordings\]](#) || Season 21/22: [\[GitHub\]](#)

Mentoring

CMU Paths to AI, *Mentor* Spring 2024
CMU Graduate Application Support Program Fall 2023

Community Involvement	The Alan Turing Institute NLP Interest Group, <i>member</i>	Nov 2022
	The Alan Turing Institute Knowledge Graphs Interest Group, <i>member</i>	Sep 2022
	Automated Knowledge Graph Construction (AKBC) Conference, <i>volunteer</i>	Nov 2022
	ICLR 2023 (<i>Reviewer</i>), CIKM 2022 (<i>Sub-reviewer</i>)	July, Oct 2022
	UCL Artificial Intelligence Society, <i>Head of Tutorials Team</i>	Sep 2019 - Jun 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-organised an international competition, Climate Hack.AI [GitHub] [media coverage] 	
	NLP paper reading group (Jiphyeonjeon), <i>Season 2,3 Organizer</i>	May 2021 - Nov 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Season 2: Survey on Task-Oriented Dialog System and Knowledge Graph construction. [slides] [recording] (spoken in Korean) Season 3: Recent Advances and Challenges in Task-oriented Dialogue Systems. [slides] [recording] (spoken in Korean) 	
	UCL CS Transition Mentor, <i>Mentor - helping 1st year CS students</i>	Sep 2020 - Jun 2022
	Google Developer Student Club, <i>UCL core team - event with Marc Cohen</i>	Sep 2021 - Jun 2022
	UCL Korean Society, <i>IT Director - webmail automation</i>	Jun 2020 - May 2021
Individual Projects	Unified API of Apache Kafka & Google Pub/Sub for model serving	Nov 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple ML inference model is served in an event-driven way. [code] 	
	Propositional Semantic Tableau Validator	Dec 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parse propositional logic, build a semantic tableau, and check its logical satisfiability (implemented in C) [code] 	
Professional Training	Google Developers Korea Machine Learning Bootcamp	Oct 2020 - Jan 2021
	Deep Learning Specialization (Prof. Andrew Ng on Coursera)	Dec 2020
	UCLQ Summer School in Quantum Technology	Sep 2020
	Introduction to AI in the Data Center (NVIDIA)	Mar 2020
	KAIST Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp [Project 1] [Project 2]	Jun 2019 - Aug 2019
Major Skills	Computer Language: Python, Java, C, Matlab, R, \LaTeX	
	Research: PyTorch, TensorFlow2, HuggingFace, Scikit-Learn	
	SW Dev: Docker, SQL, Kafka, Node, Express, React, Flask	
	Platform: Unix, Git, AWS, Alexa Skills Kit, GCP	
	Natural Language: English (professional), Korean (native)	
References	Available on request.	

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