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Education

Fall 2017 - Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA.

present - Concentration: Computational Linguistics | MS conferred in May 2020

- Dissertation: Macro-Structural Constraints in RST Dependency Parsing for English and Chinese
- Advisors: Prof. Amir Zeldes & Prof. Nathan Schneider | Committee member: Prof. Nianwen Xue
- Expected Defense Date: December 1, 2022 | Degree Date: Early 2023 | Diploma Date: May 2023

Fall 2016 - Ph.D. student in Linguistics, SUNY - Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, USA.

Spring 2017 - Advisor: Prof. Thomas Graf

Fall 2015 - MA in Linguistics, Leiden University (Universiteit Leiden), Leiden, the Netherlands.

Spring 2016 - Concentration: Language Diversity of Africa, Asia and Native America

- Thesis: Property Concept Words in Six Amazonian Languages | Advisor: Dr. Mily Crevels

Fall 2011 - Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Applied Mathematics, and French, University of Spring 2015 California - Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA.

Papers & Presentations

Discourse Corpus & Parsing

Siyao Peng, Yang Janet Liu, and Amir Zeldes. GCDT: A Chinese RST Treebank for Multigenre and Multilingual Discourse Parsing. In *Proceedings of the 2nd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 12th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (AACL-IJCNLP 2022)*, Online, November 2022. Association for Computational Linguistics [paper | data | slides]

Discourse Segmentation & Relation Classification

Luke Gessler, Shabnam Behzad, Yang Janet Liu, **Siyao Peng**, Yilun Zhu, and Amir Zeldes. DisCoDisCo at the DISRPT2021 Shared Task: A System for Discourse Segmentation, Classification, and Connective Detection. In *Proceedings of the 2nd Shared Task on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking (DISRPT 2021)*, pages 51–62, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, November 2021. Association for Computational Linguistics [paper | code]

Silver Data Augmentation

Luke Gessler, **Siyao Peng**, Yang Liu, Yilun Zhu, Shabnam Behzad, and Amir Zeldes. Overview of AMALGUM – Large Silver Quality Annotations across English Genres. *Proceedings of the Society for Computation in Linguistics*, 4(1):434–437, January 2021 [abstract | code]

Preposition Semantics for L2 Speakers

Michael Kranzlein, Emma Manning, **Siyao Peng**, Shira Wein, Aryaman Arora, and Nathan Schneider. PASTRIE: A Corpus of Prepositions Annotated with Supersense Tags in Reddit International English. In *Proceedings of the 14th Linguistic Annotation Workshop*, pages 105–116, Barcelona, Spain, December 2020. Association for Computational Linguistics [paper | data & code]

Machine Translation Quality

Estimation

Haijiang Wu, Zixuan Wang, Qingsong Ma, Xinjie Wen, Ruichen Wang, Xiaoli Wang, Yulin Zhang, Zhipeng Yao, and **Siyao Peng**. Tencent submission for WMT20 quality estimation shared task. In *Proceedings of the Fifth Conference on Machine Translation*, pages 1062–1067, Online, November 2020. Association for Computational Linguistics [paper | slides]

Preposition Semantics in Chinese

Siyao Peng, Yang Liu, Yilun Zhu, Austin Blodgett, Yushi Zhao, and Nathan Schneider. A Corpus of Adpositional Supersenses for Mandarin Chinese. In *Proceedings of the 12th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference*, pages 5986–5994, Marseille, France, May 2020. European Language Resources Association [paper | data]

Silver Data Augmentation

Luke Gessler, **Siyao Peng**, Yang Liu, Yilun Zhu, Shabnam Behzad, and Amir Zeldes. AMALGUM – A Free, Balanced, Multilayer English Web Corpus. In *Proceedings of the 12th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference*, pages 5267–5275, Marseille, France, May 2020. European Language Resources Association [paper | code]

Dialogue Act Classification

Yue Yu, **Siyao Peng**, and Grace Hui Yang. Modeling Long-Range Context for Concurrent Dialogue Acts Recognition. *Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management - CIKM '19*, pages 2277–2280, 2019. arXiv: 1909.00521 [paper | poster | slides | code]

Discourse Segmentation

Yue Yu, Yilun Zhu, Yang Liu, Yan Liu, **Siyao Peng**, Mackenzie Gong, and Amir Zeldes. GumDrop at the DISRPT2019 Shared Task: A Model Stacking Approach to Discourse Unit Segmentation and Connective Detection. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking 2019*, pages 133–143, Minneapolis, MN, June 2019. Association for Computational Linguistics [paper | poster | code]

Preposition Semantics in Chinese

Yilun Zhu, Yang Liu, **Siyao Peng**, Austin Blodgett, Yushi Zhao, and Nathan Schneider. Adpositional Supersenses for Mandarin Chinese. In *Proceedings of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL 2019)*, volume 2, pages 334–337, New York, NY, 2019 [extended abstract | poster]

Dependency Conversion

Siyao Peng and Amir Zeldes. All roads lead to UD: Converting Stanford and Penn parses to English Universal Dependencies with multilayer annotations. In *Proceedings of the Joint Workshop on Linguistic Annotation, Multiword Expressions and Constructions (LAW-MWE-CxG-2018)*, pages 167–177, Santa Fe, NM, 2018 [paper | poster]

Multilayer Corpus

Siyao Peng and Amir Zeldes. Validating and Merging a Growing Multilayer Corpus: the Case of GUM. Talk at the 14th American Association for Corpus Linguistics (AACL) Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2018 [slides]

Dependency Conversion

Siyao Peng. Should not be flat or compound: dependency conversion using entity information. Talk at the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Student Colloquium on Speech, Language and Learning (MASC-SLL 2018), Baltimore, MD, 2018

Typology

Siyao Peng. Property Concept Words in Six Amazonian Languages. Master's thesis, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands, 2016 [MA thesis]

Teaching

- Fall 2021 **LING-367: Computational Corpus Linguistics**, Georgetown University, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Amir Zeldes.
- Fall 2020 **LING-001: Introduction to Language**, Georgetown University, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Paul Portner.
- Spring 2020 LING-469: Analyzing Language Data with R, Georgetown University, Teaching
- Spring 2019 Assistant for Prof. Amir Zeldes.
- Spring 2020 LING-462/COSC-482: Statistical Machine Translation, Georgetown University, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Achim Ruopp.
 - Fall 2018 LING-362: Intro: Natural Lang Processing, Georgetown University, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Amir Zeldes.
- Spring 2017 LIN-230: Languages of the World, TA, SBU, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Robert Hoberman.
 - Fall 2016 **LIN-200: Language in the U.S.**, Stony Brook University, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Andrei Antonenko.
- Summer 2013 MATH-32: Pre-Calculus, University of California Berkeley, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Richard Gibson.

Reviewing

- Oct 2022 ACL Rolling Review, 1 papers reviewed.
- Aug 2022 The 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2022), 5 papers reviewed.
- July 2021 Widening Natural Language Processing (WiNLP 2022), 3 abstracts reviewed.
- Jan 2022 ACL Rolling Review, 4 papers reviewed.
- Oct 2021 Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 1 paper coreviewed with Dr. Nathan Schneider.
- Sept 2021 Widening Natural Language Processing (WiNLP 2021), 3 papers reviewed.
- July 2021 The 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2021), 4 papers reviewed.
- May 2021 The ACL-IJCNLP 2021 Student Research Workshop (ACL-IJCNLP SRW 2021), 2 papers reviewed.
- Mar 2021 The Joint Conference of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 11th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (ACL-IJCNLP 2021), 1 paper reviewed.
- Mar 2021 The NAACL Student Research Workshop (SRW) 2021, 1 paper reviewed.
- Jan 2021 **2021 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association** for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT 2021), 2 papers reviewed.
- Nov 2020 The 16th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL 2021), 2 papers reviewed.
- May 2020 Widening Natural Language Processing (WiNLP 2020), 3 papers reviewed.
- Jan 2020 The 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2020), 1 paper reviewed.
- May 2019 Widening Natural Language Processing (WiNLP 2019), 2 papers reviewed.

Professional Experience

Jan 2021 – **NLP Intern**, PaddlePaddle – Deep Learning Group, Baidu, Beijing, China.

June 2021

May 2020 - Applied Intern, PCG Group - AI Data Center, Tencent, Beijing, China.

Sept 2020

June 2019 - Educational NLP Intern, Educational Applications Group, Pearson, Boulder, CO, USA.

Aug 2019

Fellowships and Awards

Fall 2022 Linguistics Graduate Student Dissertation Scholarship, Georgetown University.

Fall 2017 - Graduate School Ph.D. Assistantship Stipend, Georgetown University.

Spring 2022

Fall 2017 - Graduate School Ph.D. Assistantship Stipend, Georgetown University.

Spring 2022

Fall 2019 Graduate School Student Travel Grants, Georgetown University.

Spring 2019

Fall 2018 Linguistics Student Travel Grants, Georgetown University.

Spring 2019

Fall 2019

Fall 2021

Fall 2016 - Graduate School Ph.D. Assistantship Stipend, Stony Brook University.

Spring 2017

Summer 2015 Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP) Summer Award, University of California – Berkeley.

Skills

Programs Python, R, MATLAB, SQL

Tools Linux, Bash, Google Cloud, AWS, Github, LATEX

ML NumPy, pandas, sklearn, SciPy, Pytorch, Keras, PaddlePaddle, Flair, TensorFlow

NLP NLTK, StanfordNLP, spaCy, transformers, PaddleNLP

Languages Chinese (native), English (professional), French (intermediate), German (beginner)

Extracurricular Experience

Sept 2018 - Georgetown University Chinese Students & Scholars Associations (GUCSSA),

May 2019 Secretary, Georgetown University.

Aug 2012 - Student Learning Center, Math Study Group Leader, Student Learning Center at

Dec 2014 University of California – Berkeley.

Sept 2011 - Berkeley Chinese Students & Scholars Associations, Secretary, University of Cali-

Aug 2012 fornia – Berkeley.