



EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh

Expected 2021

Ph.D. Informatics

Supervisors: Adam Lopez and Tim Hospedales

Johns Hopkins University

2015

MSE Computer Science

Carnegie Mellon University

2013

B.Sc Computer Science with Language Technologies minor

The Recurse Center

Spring 2017

Sabbatical: Recurser

Experimental unstructured educational programming retreat.

PUBLICATIONS

Pimentel, Tiago, Naomi Saphra (equal contribution), Adina Williams, and Ryan Cotterell (2020).

“Pareto Probing: Trading Off Accuracy for Complexity”. In: *EMNLP*.

Saphra, Naomi and Adam Lopez (2020). “LSTMs Compose—and Learn—Bottom-Up”. In: *Findings of EMNLP*.

Tahaei, Mohammad, Kami Vaniea, and Naomi Saphra (2020). “Understanding Privacy-Related Questions on Stack Overflow”. In: *Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*.

Saphra, Naomi and Adam Lopez (2019). “Sparsity Emerges Naturally in Neural Language Models”. In: *ICML Workshop on Identifying and Understanding Deep Learning Phenomena*.

Saphra, Naomi and Adam Lopez (2019). “Understanding Learning Dynamics Of Language Models with SVCCA”. In: *NAACL*.

Saphra, Naomi and Adam Lopez (2016). “Evaluating Informal-Domain Word Representations With UrbanDictionary”. In: *ACL Workshop on Evaluating Vector Space Representations for NLP*.

Saphra, Naomi and Raman Arora (2015). “Domain Adaptation for Word Embeddings With Matrix Factorization”. In: *Women in Machine Learning Workshop at NIPS*.

Saphra, Naomi and Adam Lopez (2015). “AMRICA: an AMR Inspector for Cross-language Alignments”. In: *NAACL*.

Cotterell, Ryan, Adithya Renduchintala, Naomi Saphra, and Chris Callison-Burch (2014). “An Algerian Arabic-French Code-Switched Corpus”. In: *LREC Workshop on Free/Open-Source Arabic Corpora*.

Schneider, Nathan, Brendan O’Connor, Naomi Saphra, David Bamman, Manaal Faruqui, Noah A. Smith, Chris Dyer, and Jason Baldridge (2014). “A framework for (under) specifying dependency syntax without overloading annotators”. In: *ACL Linguistic Annotation Workshop*.

Vedaldi, Andrea et al. (2014). “Understanding Objects in Detail with Fine-grained Attributes.” In: *Proc. IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*.

Saphra, Naomi and Matthew Blaschko (2012). “Automatic verification of boundary annotations from mechanical turk”. In: *Women in Machine Learning Workshop at NIPS*.

AWARDS

New York Academy of Sciences - Natural Language, Dialogue and Speech: Best Poster Runner Up.

Daniella Sciama Award for Achievement through Adversity 2019.

Google Europe Scholarship for Students with Disabilities 2017.

Carnegie Mellon School of Computer Science Dragon Award 2013.

National Merit Semifinalist 2009.

Nannina Rasulo Memorial Scholarship Award for Technology 2009.

SUPERVISION

Alp Ozkan, MSc. 2018

Combined Application of Pruning and Growing Approaches for Neural Networks.

Yekun Chai, MSc. 2018

Discovering Spelling Variants on Urban Dictionary.

TEACHING

University of Edinburgh

2016-2019

Tutor

Informatics Research Review (2016)

Probabilistic Modeling & Reasoning (2019)

Machine Learning & Pattern Recognition (2017, 2018, 2019)

Johns Hopkins University

2013

Course Assistant

Natural Language Processing

Irvington High School

2008-2009

Teacher's Assistant

Ancient Greek

WORK EXPERIENCE

Google

Winter 2020

Research Intern

Supervisors: Dipanjan Das, Ian Tenney, Jasmijn Bastings, Thibault Sellam.

Better understanding of how BERT learns.

Koko

Summer 2017

Contractor

Developed neural classifiers for informal text at NYC startup.

Google

Summer 2015

Software Engineering Intern

Supervisor: Marius Pasca (Common Sense Team, Machine Intelligence).

Unsupervised discovery of paraphrases of complex compositional noun phrases.

Google

Summer 2013

Software Engineering Intern

Supervisor: Eric Altendorf (Common Sense Team, Machine Intelligence).

Integrated models of real-world knowledge into entity linking systems as an active feedback mechanism.

CLSP Summer Workshop at Johns Hopkins University

2012

Undergraduate Research Fellow

Supervisor: Matthew Blaschko.

Developed unsupervised learning methods to verify and explore image annotations from Mechanical Turk.

Selected from a competitive undergraduate pool.

Facebook, Inc.

Summer 2011

Engineering Intern

Supervisor: Jen Burge (Engagement Team).

Engineered and tested new features for the People You May Know model.

TALKS

INVITED EVENT TALKS

Transparent, Hackable, Accessible <i>QueerInAI EMNLP Social</i> Remote (EMNLP Conference)	November 2020
Accessible Means Hackable (Keynote) <i>Pydatafest Amsterdam</i> Amsterdam, Netherlands (Remote)	June 2020
Blackbox NLP Panel Discussion <i>ACL Blackbox NLP Workshop</i> Florence, Italy	August 2019

OTHER INVITED TALKS

NLP With Friends <i>Remote</i> New York University <i>New York, New York</i>	June 2020
Brown University <i>Providence, RI</i>	May 2020
Element AI <i>London, UK</i>	September 2019
Allen Institute for AI <i>Seattle, WA</i>	August 2019
City University of New York <i>New York, New York</i>	May 2019
University of Amsterdam <i>Amsterdam, Netherlands</i>	January 2019

OUTREACH

Get Hooked on Pytorch Hooks! <i>!!Con West</i> Santa Cruz, CA	March 2020
Carbon AI and the Concentration of Computational Work <i>Challenging the Work Society</i> London, UK	September 2019
Paying the Panopticon (standup comedy) <i>The Stand Edinburgh Comedy Club</i> Edinburgh, UK	Feb 26, 2019

SERVICE

6th Workshop on Representation Learning for NLP (RepL) 2021

Organizing Committee.

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2020

Accessibility Subcommittee.

Radical Utopian Sci-Fi Enclave (RUSE) co-organizer (2019-2020)

Organize monthly department political sci-fi book club.

Staff Pride Network disability representative (2019-2020)

Representative for disabled students in school-wide LGBTQ+ network.

ILCC Cookie Czar (2017-2019)

Organize weekly department social event.

Edinburgh ML4NLP Reading Group (2018-2019)

Organize and lead weekly reading group.

Auld Reekie Roller Derby (2018-2019)

Communications committee.

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2014

Student social co-chair.

North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (2012-2014)

Puzzle tester and local organizer.

Carnegie Mellon TechNights 2012

Taught machine learning and NLP classes for middle school girls in CS outreach program.

REVIEWING

- Conferences
 - ICLR
 - ACL
 - ICML
 - EMNLP
 - NAACL
 - NeurIPS (secondary)
- Workshops
 - BlackboxNLP Workshop
 - RepEval NLP Workshop
 - Learning With Limited Data Workshop
 - Women in Machine Learning Workshop
 - Widening NLP Workshop