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Employment

Google	2019–present	Senior Staff Research Scientist
	2013–2019	Staff Research Scientist
Oregon Health & Science University	2008–2013	Associate Professor
	2004–2008	Assistant Professor
		Center for Spoken Language Understanding OGI School of Science & Engineering
AT&T Labs–Research	2001–2004	Senior Technical Staff Member

Education

Brown University	2001	Ph.D., Linguistics Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences Department Thesis: Robust Probabilistic Predictive Syntactic Processing . Committee: Mark Johnson (supervisor), Eugene Charniak, Julie Sedivy, Frederick Jelinek.
	2001	Sc.M., Applied Mathematics
Claremont Graduate School	1997	M.S., Information Science
University of California, Berkeley	1989	B.A., Double Major in Mathematics and Philosophy

Research interests

Computational linguistics (CL) and natural language processing (NLP): language modeling for automatic speech recognition, text entry and other applications; weighted transducers and grammars; supervised and unsupervised learning of language models; text normalization and transliteration; pronunciation modeling; text entry, accessibility and augmentative & alternative communication (AAC); syntactic parsing of text and speech; statistical models of human language processing; spoken language processing for diagnosis of neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders.

Publications

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- B. Roark and E. Charniak. 2000. Measuring efficiency in high-accuracy, broad-coverage statistical parsing. In *Proceedings of the COLING-2000 Workshop on Efficiency in Large-scale Parsing Systems*, pp. 29-36.

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- B. Roark. 2011. [Expected surprisal and entropy](#). Technical Report CSLU-2011-04, Center for Spoken Language Processing, Oregon Health & Science University.
- A. Dunlop, N. Bodenstab and B. Roark. 2010. [Reducing the grammar constant: an analysis of CYK parsing efficiency](#). Technical Report CSLU-2010-02, Center for Spoken Language Processing, Oregon Health & Science University.
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- T. Tchoukalov, C. Monson, and B. Roark. 2009. Multiple Sequence Alignment for Morphology Induction. In *Working Notes for the CLEF 2009 Workshop*, Corfu, Greece.
- B. Roark. 2009. [Open vocabulary language modeling for binary response typing interfaces](#). Technical Report CSLU-09-001, Center for Spoken Language Processing, Oregon Health & Science University.
- S. Fisher, A. Dunlop, B. Roark, Y. Chen and J. Burmeister. 2009. OHSU Summarization and Entity Linking Systems. In *Proceedings of the Text Analysis Conference (TAC)*.
- K. Hollingshead and B. Roark. 2008. [Reranking with baseline system scores and ranks as features](#). Technical Report CSLU-08-001, Center for Spoken Language Understanding, Oregon Health & Science University.
- B. Roark. 2007. [Structural Alignment for Finite-State Syntactic Processing](#). Technical Report CSLU-07-001, OGI School of Science & Engineering, Oregon Health & Science University.
- A.M. Cohen, J. Yang, S. Fisher, B. Roark and W.R. Hersh. 2007. The OHSU Biomedical Question Answering System Framework. In *Proceedings of the Text Retrieval Conference (TREC)*.
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- A.M. Cohen, J. Yang, S. Fisher, B. Roark and W.R. Hersh. 2006. [Combining Lexicon Expansion, Information Retrieval, and Cluster-based Ranking for Biomedical Question Answering](#). In *Proceedings of the Text Retrieval Conference (TREC)*.
- S. Fisher and B. Roark. 2006. [Query-focused summarization by supervised sentence ranking and skewed word distributions](#). In *Document Understanding (DUC-2006) Workshop Papers and Agenda*.
- S. Fisher, B. Roark, J. Yang and B. Hersh. 2005. [OGI/OHSU baseline query-directed multi-document summarization system for DUC 2005](#). In *Document Understanding (DUC-2005) Workshop Papers and Agenda*, pp. 100-102.
- M. Mohri and B. Roark. 2005. Structural Zeros versus Sampling Zeros. Technical Report CSEE-05-003, OGI School of Science & Engineering, Oregon Health & Science University.

Presentations

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (UNPUBLISHED)

- T. Pimentel, B. Roark and R. Cotterell. 2019. [Rethinking Phonotactic Complexity](#). Poster at *Second annual meeting of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL)*, New York, January.
- R. Cotterell, S.J. Mielke, J. Eisner and B. Roark. 2019. [Are All Languages Equally Hard to Language-Model?](#). Poster at *Second annual meeting of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL)*, New York, January.
- U. Orhan, M. Akcakaya, D. Erdogmus, B. Roark, M. Moghadamfalahi, M. Fried-Oken. 2013. Comparison of Adaptive Symbol Presentation Methods for RSVP Keyboard. Poster at *Fourth International BCI Meeting*, Pacific Grove, CA, June.

- B. Peters, D. Erdogmus, A. Fowler, A. Mooney, B. Oken, U. Orhan, B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken. 2013. Effects of Varying Presentation Rate and Sequence Length on User Performance with the RSVP Keyboard BCI. Poster at *Fourth International BCI Meeting*, Pacific Grove, CA, June.
- E. T. Prud'hommeaux, M. Rouhizadeh, B. Roark and J. van Santen. 2013. Identifying Unexpected and Inappropriate Words in ASD Language Samples. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, San Sebastián.
- B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken and R. Sproat. 2012. Communication partner co-construction in speech generating devices. Presentation at *15th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)*, Pittsburgh, July.
- B. Oken, U. Orhan, K. Hild, D. Erdogmus, B. Roark, M. Miller, A. Mooney, S. Purwar, and M.B. Fried-Oken. 2013. EEG-based typing interface with language model for individuals who are functionally locked-in. 65th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, San Diego.
- E. T. Prud'hommeaux, B. Roark, L. M. Black and J. van Santen. 2012. Identifying Features of ASD Language Impairment in Narrative Retellings. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, Toronto.
- U. Orhan, D. Erdogmus, K. E. Hild II, B. Roark, B. Oken, M. Fried-Oken. 2011. Context Information Significantly Improves Brain Computer Interface Performance – a Case Study on Text Entry Using a Language Model Assisted BCI. In *Proceedings of Asilomar SSC*, 2011.
- R. W. Sproat, L. M. Black, E. T. Prud'hommeaux, J. van Santen and B. Roark. 2011. Automated Analysis of Natural Language Samples: Comparison of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Language Disorders, and Typical Development. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, San Diego.
- C. Whelan, B. Roark, C. Tamerler, M. Sarikaya and K. Sönmez. 2010. Design of Inorganic Binding Peptides by a Finite-State Transducer Based Transform Framework. Poster at *Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)*, Boston, July.
- B. Roark, C. Gibbons and M. Fried-Oken. 2010. Binary coding with language models for EEG-based access methods. Poster at *14th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)*, Barcelona, July.
- D. Erdogmus, K. Hild, B. Oken, B. Roark, M. Fried-Oken. 2010. Initial design of an AAC device with non-invasive BCI, adaptive language modeling and Rapid Serial Visual Presentation (RSVP). Poster at *Fourth International BCI Meeting*, Pacific Grove, CA, May/June.
- E.T. Prud'hommeaux, J. van Santen, L. Black, and B. Roark. 2010. Automatic detection of idiosyncratic word use in autism spectrum disorders. Poster at *The International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR)*, Philadelphia, May.
- A. Bachrach, B. Roark, C. Cardenas and C. Pallier. 2009. Parser derived surprisal and entropy measures: The effect of corpus and lexical information. Presentation given at *The Annual Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing*, Barcelona, September.
- B. Roark and M. Johnson. 1999. Broad-coverage predictive parsing. Paper presented at *the 12th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, New York, March.

INVITED TALKS

- Romanization, non-standard orthography and text entry.
 - NAACL workshop on subword & character level models in NLP, New Orleans, June 2018.
 - Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, July, 2018.
- Natural language modeling in AAC and BCI.
 - The 7th International BCI Meeting, workshop on NLP & BCI, Pacific Grove, CA, May 2018.
- Natural language modeling for efficient text entry.
 - Facultad de Ingeniería. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 2017
- Pronunciation modeling. Oregon Health & Science University, Jan 2017 (NLP course guest lecture)
- Good-Turing estimation from uncertain data for semi-supervised language model adaptation
 - Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, July, 2016
- Distributed representation and estimation of WFST-based n-gram models
 - Oregon Health & Science University, May 2016 (NLP course guest lecture)

- MaxEnt, features and marginal distribution constraints
 - New York University, April 2015 (ASR course guest lecture)
- Learning high precision text normalization systems from (mostly) unlabeled data
 - Columbia University, Sept. 2014 (“From Data to Solutions” program)
- Alignment of clinically-elicited spoken language samples for neuropsychological assessment
 - Facultad de Ingeniería. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Mar. 2013
- Imposing marginal distribution constraints on language models
 - Google Research, NYC, Jan., 2013
- Hallucinating system outputs for discriminative language modeling
 - Aalto University, Finland, Dec., 2012
 - Nuance Communications Technical Speaker Series, Webinar, Nov., 2012
 - Symposium on Machine Learning in Speech and Language Processing, Portland, Sept., 2012
- Confusion-based Statistical Language Modeling
 - NAACL-HLT Workshop on the Future of Language Modeling for HLT, Montreal, June, 2012
- Improving text entry in augmentative and alternative communication devices with language models
 - Universities of Texas (Dallas) and Oregon, May, 2012
- Natural Language Processing for psycholinguistic modeling and neuropsychological assessment
 - Universities of Dundee and Aberdeen (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011
- Learning hard chart constraints for efficient context-free parsing
 - Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011; Cambridge, Oct. 2011
- Language modeling and coding for fixed grid keyboard emulation interfaces
 - Universities of Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011
- Applications of Lexicographic Semirings in Speech and Language Processing
 - University of Edinburgh (SICSA visit), Sept. 2011; Cambridge, Oct. 2011; Facultad de Ingeniería. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 2011
- Open vocabulary language modeling for binary switch typing interfaces
 - Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, Oct., 2010
 - Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, Oct., 2010
- Classifying chart cells for quadratic complexity context-free inference
 - Signal, Speech and Language Interpretation Lab (SSLI), University of Washington, July, 2008
- The Utility of Parse-derived Features for Automatic Discourse Segmentation
 - Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 2007
- Structural alignment for finite-state syntactic processing
 - Center for Language and Speech Processing (CLSP), Johns Hopkins University, Sept., 2007
 - Signal, Speech and Language Interpretation Lab (SSLI), University of Washington, Oct., 2007
- Joint discriminative language modeling and utterance classification
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond and CLSP, Johns Hopkins, September, 2004
- Efficient incremental beam-search parsing with generative and discriminative models
 - *ACL workshop on Incremental Parsing*, Barcelona, July, 2004
- Supervised and unsupervised statistical grammar adaptation to novel domains
 - OGI School of Science & Engineering, Oregon Health & Science University, October, 2003
- Incremental stochastic parsing for speech recognition
 - Departments of Linguistics at: Georgetown University; University of Texas, Austin; University of Washington; University of Michigan; and UCLA. February, 2002.
- Lexical and Lexico-syntactic probabilistic language models. Brown University, IGERT Conference on Stochastic and Deterministic Approaches to Vision, Language, and Cognition, May, 2001.
- Incremental Broad-coverage Predictive Parsing
 - University of Minnesota, Departments of Psychology and CSE, January, 2001.
 - University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics, January, 2001.
 - San Diego State University, Department of Linguistics, December, 2000.
 - *The 2nd Annual Graduate Conference of the Northeastern Cognitive Science Society*, University of Pennsylvania, IRCS, May, 1999.

Probabilistic top-down parsing and language modeling.

- AT&T Labs - Research, New Jersey, December, 2000.
- IBM Research, New York, October, 2000.
- Johns Hopkins, The Center for Language and Speech Processing, June, 2000.

Selected Honors, Fellowships and Awards

Best Paper Award for articles published in Computer Speech and Language (2007-2011), for “Discriminative n-gram language modeling” (with Murat Saraçlar and Michael Collins)

Excellence in Teaching Award, OHSU 2010-2011 (selected by graduate students)

Best Short Paper Award, ACL 2011, for “Lexicographic Semirings for Exact Automata Encoding of Sequence Models” (with Richard Sproat and Zak Shafran).

Scottish Informatics & Computer Science Alliance (SICSA) Distinguished Visiting Fellowship, 2011.

Google Faculty Research Award, 2009

Member, DARPA Computer Science Study Panel, 2008.

Best Paper Award, HLT-NAACL 2006, for “Probabilistic Context-Free Grammar Induction Based on Structural Zeros” (with Mehryar Mohri).

Patents

B. Ramabhadran, M. Ma, P.J. Moreno Mengibar, J. Emond, B. Roark. 2022. Transliteration for speech recognition training and scoring. U.S. Patent Number [11,417,322](#).

W.F.N. Quah, B. Horling, M. Garrett, B. Roark and R. Sproat. 2017. Generating output for presentation in response to user interface input, where the input and/or the output include chatspeak. U.S. Patent Number [10,268,683](#).

F. Biadisy and B. Roark. 2014. Enhanced maximum entropy models. U.S. Patent Number [9,412,365](#).

M. Bacchiani and B. Roark. 2004. System and method for using meta-data dependent language modeling for automatic speech recognition. U.S. Patent Number [7,752,046](#).

M. Bacchiani, S. Maskey, B. Roark and R. Sproat. 2003. System and method of using meta-data in speech processing. U.S. Patent Number [7,996,224](#).

Selected Grants

NIH 1R01DC012033-01A1. [Computational characterization of language use in autism spectrum disorder](#) (PI: Richard Sproat). Funded as co-PI (20%). 09/01/2011 - 08/31/2016.

NSF IIS-0964102. RI-Medium: [Semi-supervised Discriminative Training of Language Models](#) (PI: Brian Roark; Collaborative with PI Sanjeev Khudanpur, JHU). 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2013. \$500,000.

NIH 1R01DC009834-01. [Translational refinement of adaptive communication system for locked-in patients](#) (PI: Melanie Fried-Oken). Funded as co-PI (25%), plus one student, 02/01/2009 - 01/31/2014.

NSF BCS-0826654. DHB: [Measuring Spoken Language Variability in Elderly Individuals](#) (PI: Brian Roark). 11/01/2008 - 10/31/2011. \$750,000.

NSF IIS-0811745. RI-Small: [Efficient hidden structure annotation via structural multiple-sequence alignments](#) (PI: Brian Roark). 08/01/2008 - 07/31/2011. \$400,000.

DARPA HR0011-09-1-0041. CSSG: Learning within NLP pipelines for scalable data mining and information extraction (PI: Brian Roark). 05/07/2009 – 05/06/2011.

NSF IIS-0447214. CAREER: [Discriminative Syntactic Language Modeling: Automatic Feature Selection and Efficient Annotation](#) (PI: Brian Roark). 04/01/2005 - 03/31/2010. \$500,000.

Autism Speaks. Automated Measurement of Dialogue Structure in Autism (PI: Brian Roark).
12/01/2007 - 11/30/2009. \$100,000.

Department of Defense. Computer Science Study Group Participant Proposal (PI: Brian Roark).
02/01/2008 - 01/31/2009. \$100,000.

NSF IIS-0741585. SGER: RI: Text-Based Discriminative Language Modeling (PI: Brian Roark).
09/01/2007 - 08/31/2008. \$100,000.

OHSU Medical Research Foundation. Differentiating between Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Language Disorder via Story Recall (PI: Brian Roark). 12/01/2006 - 11/30/2007. \$30,000.

Intel. OHSU BAIC: Technologies for behavioral assessment and intervention (PI: Tamara Hayes). Funded as co-PI (15%), 09/25/2006 - 09/24/2007.

Oregon Center for Aging and Technology. Automated Analysis of Spoken Story Recall Tests (PI: Brian Roark). 08/01/2005 - 07/31/2006. \$50,000.

Oregon Partnership for Alzheimer's Research, Tax Checkoff Research Fund. Annotation and Automatic Approximation of Language-use Metrics for Detection of Mild Cognitive Impairment (PI: Brian Roark). 05/01/2005 - 04/30/2006. \$25,000.

NSF IIS-0313383. Objective Methods for Predicting and Optimizing Synthetic Speech Quality (PI: Jan van Santen). Funded as co-PI (2 months), 09/01/2004 - 08/31/2005.

Teaching and Advising

Graduate courses taught, Program in Computer Science & Engineering, OGI/OHSU:

- CSE606 Topics in Information Retrieval: 2012(f) co-taught with S. Bedrick and E. Prud'hommeaux
- CSE606 Topics in Natural Language Processing: 2012(sp) co-taught with E. Prud'hommeaux
- CSE606 Speech and Language Processing for Augmentative and Alternative Communication: 2010(sp)
- CSE662 Natural Language Processing: 2005-2007(w), 2008(f), 2010(w) (co-taught w/ K. Hollingshead in 2010)
- CSE655 Biological and Linguistic Sequence Analysis: 2007(sp), 2008(w), 2011(w)
- CSE654 Text-Based Language Processing Systems: 2008(sp)
- CSE606 Computational Approaches to Speech and Language Disorders: 2006(su) co-taught with 3 others

Other courses taught

- Biological and Linguistic Sequence Analysis, intensive course, December 1-19, 2008
Facultad de Ingeniería. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay

Ph.D. students advised (OHSU Computer Science & Engineering program):

- Russ Beckley, 2010–2015. Went to Ernst & Young.
- Nate Bodinstab, 2005–2007 (M.S., 2006), 2009–2012. Ph.D., Aug., 2012. Went to Nuance.
Now Senior Research Scientist Manager at Nuance.
- Yongshun Chen, 2008–2011 (M.S., 2011).
- Aaron Dunlop, 2008–2014. Ph.D., Jan., 2014. Research Scientist at Intel 2013–2016.
Now Senior Research Scientist at Nuance.
- Seeger Fisher, 2004–2011.
- Andrew Fowler, 2011–2018. Ph.D. Mar., 2020 (Steven Bedrick, advisor).
Software Engineer at Google 2015-2018. Now Senior Researcher at Nuance.
- Kristy Hollingshead, 2004–2010. Ph.D., Aug., 2010. Post-doc at UMD 2010–2012. At DoD, 2012-2014.
Now Research Scientist at Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC).
- Eric Morley, 2012–2016. Ph.D., April 2016. Senior Data Scientist at Red Owl Analytics 2015–2016.
Goldman Sachs, 2016-2018. Now Software Engineer at Google.
- Emily T. Prud'hommeaux, 2009–2012. Ph.D., Aug., 2012. Post-doc at U. of Rochester 2013–2014.
Assistant Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology 2014-2018.
Now Assistant Professor at Boston College.
- Mahsa Yarmohammadi, 2009–2016. Ph.D., Sept. 2016. Software Architect at Intel 2015-2017.
Now Assistant Research Scientist at Johns Hopkins University.

Post-doctoral fellows

- Steven Bedrick (Ph.D. OHSU, 2011), 2/2011–2/2013. Now faculty at OHSU.
- Christian Monson (Ph.D. CMU, 2008), 12/2008–11/2010. Senior Research Scientist at Nuance 2010–2013.
Now Machine Learning Scientist at Amazon.

Visiting Ph.D. students advised:

- Ebru Arisoy (Bogaziçi Univ.), 3/2007–12/2007. Now Asst. Professor at MEF University, Istanbul.
- Erinc Dikici (Bogaziçi Univ.), 10/2012–1/2013. Now Speech Scientist at SAIL LABS Technology, Vienna.
- Meg Mitchell (Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland), 8/2010–4/2012. Now Research Scientist at Hugging Face.

Member of completed Ph.D. Thesis committees

- Kyle Ambert, Oregon Health & Science University, Biomedical Informatics. Defended 2013.
- Meysam Asgari, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2014.
- Shiran Dudy, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2020.
- Tom Kalt, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Computer Science. Defended 2005.
- Maider Lehr, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2014.
- Chu-Cheng Lin, Johns Hopkins University. Defended 2022.
- Ethan Selfridge, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2013.
- Chris Whelan, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2014.
- Fan Yang, Oregon Health & Science University, Computer Science & Engineering. Defended 2008.
- Jianji Yang, Oregon Health & Science University, Biomedical Informatics. Defended 2007.

Ph.D. Thesis reader/opponent/referee/examiner

- Luis Chiruzzo, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, 2020.
- Trevor Cohn, University of Melbourne, Australia, 2006.
- Felice Dell'Orletta, Università di Pisa, Italy, 2008.
- Kathleen Fraser, University of Toronto, Canada, 2016
- Guillermo Moncecchi, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, 2013.
- Ehsan Shareghi, Monash University, Australia, 2017.
- Sami Virpioja, Aalto University, Finland, 2012.
- Yufei Wang, Macquarie University, Australia, 2022.

Summer intern host at Google:

- Elizabeth Nielsen, University of Edinburgh, 2022 (co-hosted with Christo Kirov).
- Sabrina J. Mielke, Johns Hopkins University, 2019.
- Felix Stahlberg, Cambridge University, 2017.
- Ryan Cotterell, Johns Hopkins University, 2017 (co-hosted with Vlad Schogol).

Undergraduate summer interns advisor at OHSU (mainly through NSF-REU program):

- 2008: Joseph Greer (Oregon); Adam Hesterberg (Princeton)
- 2009: Josh Burmeister (Northern Colorado); James Elwell (Lewis & Clark); Elijah Hamovitz (Oregon); Tzvetan Tchoukalov (Stanford)
- 2010: Kari Baker (Arizona); Jessica Ferguson (Pacific); Tzvetan Tchoukalov (Stanford)

Software and Data

[Dakshina dataset](#). A collection of text in both Latin and native scripts for 12 South Asian languages.

[OpenGrm library](#) (with Cyril Allauzen, Michael Riley, Richard Sproat and Terry Tai). An open-source collection of libraries for constructing, combining, applying and searching formal grammars.

[Incremental top-down parser](#). Open-source code for incremental statistical parsing and training of statistical parsing models.

[BUBS parser](#): written by PhD students Nate Bodestab and Aaron Dunlop.

GRM library (with Cyril Allauzen and Mehryar Mohri). A general software collection for constructing and modifying weighted automata and transducers representing grammars or language models. (AT&T library, no longer available.)

Professional activities and affiliations

CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF, Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL): 2018-2022.

ACTION EDITOR, Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL): 2012-2018.

MEMBER, IEEE Signal Processing Society Speech and Language Technical Committee (2006-2008)

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER, Computational Linguistics (2003-2005)

GUEST EDITOR, special issue of Computer Speech and Language on Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies, 27(6), September 2013

BOARD MEMBER, ACL Special Interest Group in Speech & Language Processing for Assistive Technologies (SIG-SLPAT), founding (interim) Secretary-Treasurer, 2011-2012.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE AREA CHAIR

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL): 2005, 2014

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP): 2016

Human Language Technology / N.American Chapter of the ACL (HLT-NAACL): 2004, 2007

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Co-organizer, Workshop on Computation and Written Language (CAWL) at ACL, 2023

Co-organizer, Workshop on Designing and Evaluating Text Entry Methods at CHI, 2012

Local arrangements chair, 49th Annual Meeting of the ACL, 2011

Co-organizer, Workshop on Speech and Language Processing for Assistive Technologies (SLPAT) at HLT-NAACL, 2010; and at HLT-NAACL, 2012

Best paper selection committee, ACL 2010; 2014

Tutorials co-chair, HLT-NAACL, 2009

Student Research Workshop co-chair (Faculty advisor), ACL, 2009

Publications chair, IEEE/ACL Spoken Language Technology Workshop, 2006

Publications co-chair, HLT-NAACL, 2006

INTERNAL SPONSOR of Google Faculty awards:

Benjamin Snyder (2015); Adam Lopez (2015); Trevor Cohn (2016); Jason Eisner (2017); Tal Linzen (2019).

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, NIDILRR funded Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (RERC on AAC), 2015-2019.

CLSP SUMMER WORKSHOP TEAMS, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

- TEAM LEADER, “[Confusion-based Statistical Language Modeling for Machine Translation and Speech Recognition](#)”, 2011
- MEMBER, “[Parsing and Spoken Structural Event Detection.](#)”, Team leader: Mary Harper, 2005.

PANELIST

HLT-NAACL Student Research Workshop, 2009

HLT-NAACL Doctoral Consortium, 2007

ACL Student Research Workshop, 2007

ACADEMIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Senior Member, IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS).

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA).

REGULAR REVIEWER

	years:	200#	201#	202#
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Journals				
Computational Linguistics		xxxxxxxxx	xxx xx	
Computer Speech and Language		x x x	xx	
IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing		x xx	xx xx x	
Natural Language Engineering		x	xx	
Speech Communication		xx x	x x	
Conferences				
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) Rolling Review				x
Annual Mtg of the Assoc. for Computational Linguistics (ACL)		xxx xx xx	x xx xxx	
Annual Mtg of the European Chapter of the ACL (EACL)		x x	x x	
Annual Mtg of the N.American Chapter of the ACL (NAACL)		x	x x x xx x	
Conf. on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Proc. (EMNLP)		x xx xx	x x x x	
Conf. on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)			x x xxxx	
Human Language Technology Conference (HLT)		x x x x		
IEEE Int'l Conf. on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Proc. (ICASSP)		xxxx		
Int'l Conf. on Computational Linguistics (COLING)		x x x	x x x	
Int'l Joint Conf. on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP)		x	x	
Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)		x xx	xxx	
Workshops				
African Natural Language Processing (AfricaNLP)				xx
Biomedical Natural Language Processing (BioNLP)			x x x	
Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics at ACL			x x xx	
Computational Linguistics and Clinical Psychology at ACL			xxxxx	x
IEEE/ACL, Spoken Language Technology (SLT)		x x		
IEEE, Automatic Speech Recognition & Understanding (ASRU)		x x x x		
Speech and Language Proc. for Assistive Technologies (SLPAT)			xxx	x
Student Research Workshop at *ACL conferences		x x	x	
Widening NLP (WiNLP) at *ACL conferences			x	xx
Granting agencies				
National Science Foundation		xx xxx	xxx xx	
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada			x x	

SINGLE TIME REVIEWER

Journals	2002	Int'l Journal of Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing
	2003	Machine Learning
	2005	Journal of Machine Learning Research
	2006	IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
		Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research
	2008	Journal of Biomedical Informatics
	2011	Cognition
	2012	Language and Speech
		Topics in Cognitive Science
	2013	ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing
	2016	Journal of Neural Engineering
Conferences	2010	International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)
	2012	Conference of the Int'l Speech Communication Association (Interspeech)
	2017	ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)
	2018	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
Workshops	2004	Spoken Language Understanding for Conversational Systems at HLT-NAACL
		Incremental Parsing Workshop at ACL
	2006	Computationally Hard Problems and Joint Inference for NLP at HLT-NAACL
	2010	Computational Neurolinguistics at HLT-NAACL
	2012	On the Future of Language Modeling for HLT at NAACL HLT
		Speech and Multimodal Interaction in Assistive Environments at ACL
		Designing and Evaluating Text Entry Methods at CHI
	2015	Workshop on Software at ACL
	2016	Statistical NLP and Weighted Automata at ACL
Granting agencies	2008	Alzheimer's Association
	2015	UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)