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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ph.D., Computer Science & Engineering   Jan 2019
- Thesis Title: Natural Language Processing for Personal Values and Human Activities
- Advisor: Rada Mihalcea

M.S., Computer Science & Engineering   Apr 2015

Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

B.S., Computer Science/Systems   May 2013
- Summa cum laude
- Minor in psychology
- Concentration in Intelligent Systems

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Institute for Language, Cognition, and Computation, University of Edinburgh

Postdoctoral Research Associate, SMASH Lab   Sep 2019 – Present
- Supervisor: Walid Magdy
- Research areas: Natural language processing, Computational Social Science

Artificial Intelligence Lab, University of Michigan

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, LIT Lab   Feb 2019 – Jul 2019
- Supervisor: Rada Mihalcea
- Research areas: Natural language processing, Computational Social Science

Graduate Student Research Assistant, LIT Lab   Jan 2014 – Jan 2019
- Supervisor: Rada Mihalcea
- Research areas: Natural language processing, Computational Social Science

Automated Imagery Analysis Group, SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific

Research Intern   Jun 2013 – Aug 2013
- Project: Automated detection of oil spills from Synthetic Aperture Radar imagery
- Supervisor: Bryan Bagnall
- Research areas: Computer Vision, Machine Learning

Advanced Concepts Lab, Lockheed-Martin Advanced Technology Labs

College Student Technical Specialist   Jun 2012 – Aug 2012
- Project: Proprietary research
- Supervisor: Ricardo Correa
- Research areas: Cybersecurity, Mobile Devices, Malware

Taylor University Research, Taylor University

Research Intern, Department of Computer Science & Engineering   May 2011 – Jan 2012
- Project: Proprietary research for Lockheed Martin
- Supervisors: Stefan Brandle, Arthur White
- Research areas: Cybersecurity, Operating Systems

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

1) Bahgat, M., Wilson, S. R., & Magdy, W. Towards Using Word Embedding Vector Space for Better Cohort Analysis. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Web and Social Media.* Atlanta, USA, Jun 2020.

2) Wilson, S. R., Magdy, W., McGillivray, B., Garimella, K., & Tyson, G. Urban Dictionary Embeddings for Slang NLP Applications. *In Proceedings of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference.* Marseille, France, May 2020.

3) Rechkemmer, A., Wilson, S. R., & Mihalcea, R. Small Town or Metropolis? Analyzing the Relationship between Population Size and Language. *In Proceedings of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference.* Marseille, France, May 2020.

4) Shen, Y.,* Wilson, S. R.,* & Mihalcea, R. Measuring Personal Values in Cross-Cultural User-Generated Content. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Informatics.* Doha, Qatar, Nov 2019.

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* Equal Contributions

5) Wilson, S. R., & Mihalcea, R. Predicting Human Activities from User-Generated Content. *In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Association of Computational Linguistics*. Florence, Italy, Jul 2019.

6) Zhang, L., Wilson, S. R., & Mihalcea, R. Multi-Label Transfer Learning for Multi-Relational Semantic Similarity. *In Proceedings of the Eighth Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics*. Minneapolis, USA, Jun 2019.

7) Wilson, S. R., Shen, Y., & Mihalcea, R. Building and Validating Hierarchical Lexicons with a Case Study on Personal Values.[†] *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Informatics*. St. Petersburg, Russia, Sep 2018.

8) Li, Y., Mihalcea, R., and Wilson, S. R.. Text-based Detection and Understanding of Changes in Mental Health. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Informatics*. St. Petersburg, Russia, Sep 2018.

9) Wilson, S. R., & Mihalcea, R. Measuring Semantic Relations between Human Activities. *In Proceedings of the International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing*. Taipei, Taiwan, Nov 2017.

10) Wilson, S. R., Mihalcea, R., Boyd, R.L., & Pennebaker, J. W. Disentangling Topic Models: A Cross-cultural Analysis of Personal Values through Words. *In the Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science at EMNLP*. Austin, TX, Nov 2016.

11) Ruan, X., Wilson, S. R., & Mihalcea, R. Finding Optimistic and Pessimistic Users on Twitter. *In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Association of Computational Linguistics*. Berlin, Germany, Aug 2016.

12) Wilson, S. R., Mihalcea, R., Boyd, R.L., & Pennebaker, J. W. Cultural Influences on the Measurement of Personal Values through Words. *In Proceedings of the 2016 AAAI Spring Symposium Series*. Stanford, CA, Mar 2016.

13) Boyd, R. L.,[*] Wilson, S. R.,[*] Pennebaker, J. W., Kosinski, M., Stillwell, D., & Mihalcea, R. Values in Words: Using Language to Evaluate and Understand Personal Values. *In Proceedings of the Ninth AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media*, Oxford, UK, May 2015.

E-PRINT/OTHER

1) Burdick, L., Wang, M., Ignat, O., Wilson, S. R., Zhang, Y., Wei, Y., Mihalcea, R., and Deng, J. Building a Flexible Knowledge Graph to Capture Real-World Events. *Text Analysis Conference*. Nov 2019.

2) Wendlandt, L., Wilson, S. R., Ignat, O., Welch, C., Zhang, L., Wang, M., Deng, J., and Mihalcea, R. Entity and Event Extraction from Scratch Using Minimal Training Data. *Text Analysis Conference*. Nov 2018.

3) Zhang, L., Wilson, S. R., and Mihalcea, R. Sequential Network Transfer: Adapting Sentence Embeddings to Human Activities and Beyond. *arXiv:1804.07835 [cs.CL]*. Apr 2018.

4) Pappas, K., Wilson, S. R., and Mihalcea, R. Stateology: State-Level Interactive Charting of Language, Feelings, and Values. *arXiv:1612.06685 [cs.CL]*. Dec 2016.

5) Radev, D., Zhang, R., Wilson, S. R., Van Assche, D., Gubert, H. S., Krivokapic, A., Dong, M., Wu, C., Bondera, S., Brandl, L., and Dohnmann, J. Cruficorm: Solving Crosswords with Natural Langauge Processing. *arXiv:1611.02360 [cs.CL]*. Nov 2016.

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS	Michigan Artificial Intelligence Lab Symposium	2018

"Greatest Societal Impact"
Awarded for poster presentation: "Clustering Human Activity Expressions"

Best Paper Award   2018
International Conference on Social Informatics
Awarded for the paper: "Building and Validating Hierarchical Lexicons with a Case Study on Personal Values"

[†] Best Paper Award
[*] Equal Contributions

Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant   2015 – 2018
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Provides monetary allowance for academic conference travel. Awarded Yearly.

Michigan Institute for Data Science Annual Symposium   2016
"Most Likely Societal Impact"
Awarded for poster presentation: "Disentangling Topic Models: A Cross-cultural Analysis of Personal Values through Words"

Outstanding Computer Science Graduate   2013
Taylor University, Upland, IN
Awarded to one student each year, selected by the faculty of Computer Science & Engineering.

President Scholarship, Taylor University, Upland, IN   2009 – 2013
Highest tier of merit based academic scholarship awarded by the university.

AP Scholar with Distinction   2009
The College Board
For receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all Advanced Placement exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SERVICE

Co-organizer/Co-founder   Mar 2020 – Present
University of Edinburgh Computational Social Science Reading Group

Organizer   Sep 2015 – Jul 2019
University of Michigan Natural Language Processing Reading Group

Program Committee Member
EMNLP 2020, W-NUT @ EMNLP 2020, GeBNLP 2020 @ COLING 2020, LREC 2020, AAAI 2020, CoNLL 2019, IJCNLP-EMNLP 2019, SocialNLP @ IJCAI 2019, ACL 2019, NLP+CSS @ NAACL 2019, NAACL 2019, AAAI 2019, EMNLP 2018, LREC 2018, EMNLP 2017, NLP+CSS @ ACL 2017, COLING 2016, WWW 2016, EMNLP 2015

Invited Reviewer
Information 2020, Applied Sciences 2019, Computer Speech and Language 2017, Psychological Methods 2017, JASIST 2017

Volunteering
Instructor at CS Kickstart 2017, Student Volunteer at EMNLP 2016, Session Facilitator at Girls Encoded 2016, Volunteer at Girls Encoded 2015, Session Facilitator at Xplore Engineering 2014 & 2015

Secondary Reviewer
Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research 2016

MEMBERSHIPS

The Association for Computational Linguistics   2015 – Present

The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence   2015 – 2018

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

2nd HUMAINT Winter School on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency in AI   2020

International Conference on Social Informatics   2019

EurNLP Summit   2019

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics   2019

Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics   2019

Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the ACL   2019
   • Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science

Midwest Speech and Language Days   2019

International Conference on Social Informatics   2018

International Conference on Computational Social Science	2018
Midwest Speech and Language Days	2018
International Joint Conference in Natural Language Processing	2017
Midwest Speech and Language Days	2017
Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing	2016

    • Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science
    • Workshop on Natural Language Processing for Social Media

International Conference on Computational Social Science	2016
Midwest Speech and Language Days	2016
AAAI Spring Symposium Series	2016

    • Observational Studies in Social Media and Other Human Generated Content

AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media	2015

    • Workshop on Standards and Practices in Large-Scale Social Media Research

Midwest Speech and Language Days	2015
AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media	2014

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh
Guest Lecturer   Nov 2019
INFR11145: Text Technologies for Data Science, *Lecture title: "Comparing Text Corpora"*

Data Science Summer School, École Polytechnique and DATAIA Institute
Tutorial Organizer   Jun 2019
Fundamentals of Text Analysis for User Generated Content

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan
Guest Lecturer   Winters, 2017 – 2019
EECS 486: Information Retrieval, *Lecture title: "Topic Modeling"*
Graduate Student Instructor   Fall 2017
EECS 595: Natural Language Processing
Graduate Student Instructor   Fall 2013
EECS 280: Programming and Introductory Data Structures

The Center for Research in Teaching and Learning, University of Michigan
Practice Teaching Facilitator   Winter 2016 – Fall 2017
Engineering Teaching Consultant   Fall 2015 – Winter 2017
Graduate Student Instructor Training - Workshop Facilitator   Fall 2015 – Winter 2017

Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Taylor University
Laboratory Assistant   Spring 2012
COS 121: Foundations of Computer Science II

STUDENT ADVISING

Felix Hennig, M.Sc. '20, University of Edinburgh   Mar 2020 – Present
Discovering Temporal Trends in Entity Representations from News Text

Faisal Alothman, M.Sc. '20, University of Edinburgh   Mar 2020 – Present
Assessing Social Situations with NLP models

Jinhang Li, M.Sc. '20, University of Edinburgh   Mar 2020 – Present
Analyzing the Relationship between Emoji Use and Self-Identity on Twitter

Giorgos Longinos, M.Sc. '20, University of Edinburgh   Mar 2020 – Present
Analyzing the Relationship between Emoji Use and Self-Identity on Twitter

Chenxin Diao, B.Sc. '21, University of Edinburgh   Apr 2020 – Present
Rumor Verification on Social Media

Yiting Shen, B.S.E. '18, M.S. '19, University of Michigan   May 2017 – May 2019
Evaluation and Weighting of a Values Lexicon

Amy Rechkemmer, B.S.E. '18, University of Michigan — Dec 2017 – May 2019
Content Analysis of Urban and Rural Twitter Users

Li Zhang, B.S.E. '18, University of Michigan — Sep 2017 – Dec 2018
Language Understanding and Semantic Similarity of Text

Anamaria Cuza, B.S.E. '21, University of Michigan — Dec 2017 – Dec 2018
Exploration of Bias in NLP Data Annotation

Zheng Wu, M.S. '17, University of Michigan — Jan 2016 – May 2017
Comparison of Topic Modeling Methods

Renhan Zhang, M.S. '16, University of Michigan — Jun 2015 – Jan 2016
A System for the Collection of Psycholinguistic Social Media Data

Xianzhi Ruan, B.S.E. '16, University of Michigan — May 2015 – Jan 2016
Finding and Predicting Optimistic and Pessimistic Users on Twitter

NON-ARCHIVAL PRESENTATIONS

TALKS

Social Data Science Interest Group — Oct 2019
The Alan Turing Institute, London, UK
"The Semantic Space of Human Activities"

Information Retrieval Seminar — Oct 2019
University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK
"The Semantic Space of Human Activities"

#UMTweetCon2019 — May 2019
Institute for Social Research , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
"Predicting Human Activities from User-Generated Content"

Artificial Intelligence Lab Honors Competition — Oct 2017
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
"Measuring Semantic Relations between Human Activities"

International Conference on Computational Social Science — Jun 2016
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
"Cultural Influences on the Measurement of Psychological Phenomena:
Value-behavior Relationships in India and the United States"

Midwest Speech and Language Days — May 2016
University of Indiana, Bloomington
"Cultural Influences on the Measurement of Personal Values through Words"

Artificial Intelligence Lab Mini-Symposium — May 2015
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
"Values in Words: Using Language to Evaluate and Understand Personal Values"

Midwest Speech and Language Days — May 2015
Toyota Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL
"Values in Words: Using Language to Evaluate and Understand Personal Values"

Michigan College of Engineering "Recruit at Home" Event — Oct 2014
College of Natural & Applied Science, Taylor University, Upland, IN
"Navigating Graduate School"
Sponsored by the University of Michigan College of Engineering

POSTERS

Midwest Speech and Language Days — May 2019
Toyota Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL
"Clustering and Predicting Human Activities"

University of Michigan Artificial Intelligence Lab Symposium — Nov 2018
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
"Clustering Human Activity Expressions"

International Conference on Computational Social Science   Jul 2018
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
"Relating Human Activities with Phrasal Embeddings"

International Conference on Computational Social Science   Jul 2018
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
"Crowd-Powered Concept Sorting for Lexicon Creation"

Midwest Speech and Language Days   May 2017
Toyota Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL
"Measuring Semantic Relations between Human Activities"

University of Michigan Data Science Symposium   Nov 2016
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
"Disentangling Topic Models: A Cross-cultural Analysis of Personal Values through Words"

Society for Personality and Social Psychology   Feb 2015
Long Beach, CA
"Language and values: Understanding human values with language and language categories."

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION	**Language and Information Technology research group**, University of Michigan
	Systems Administrator for Lab Network Jun 2014 – Nov 2018
	Software Skills: *Ubuntu, NIS, Apache, mySQL*

[*CV Compiled on 2020-04-02*]