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Current

Research Assistant Professor

Sept. 2018 – present

Appointment Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago

Education Harvard University, Ph.D., Computer Science

Sept. 2012 - May 2018

Dissertation: Structured Neural Models for Coreference and Generation

Advisors: Alexander M. Rush, Stuart M. Shieber

Princeton University, A.B., Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude

June 2010

Certificate: Program in Applications of Computing

Honors and Awards Siebel Scholar Honorable Mention for Best Paper, EMNLP 2018 2016

Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching Sp

Spring 2014, Spring 2016

Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University

June 2010

Conference Publications

Learning Discrete Structured Representations by Adversarially Maximizing Mutual Information. Karl Stratos and Sam Wiseman. *ICML*, 2020.

ENGINE: Energy-Based Inference Networks for Non-Autoregressive Machine Translation. Lifu Tu, Richard Yuanzhe Pang, Sam Wiseman, and Kevin Gimpel. ACL, 2020.

Discrete Latent Variable Representations for Low-Resource Text Classification. Shuning Jin, Sam Wiseman, Karl Stratos, and Karen Livescu. ACL, 2020.

Amortized Bethe Free Energy Minimization for Learning MRFs. Sam Wiseman and Yoon Kim. *NeurIPS*, 2019.

Label-Agnostic Sequence Labeling by Copying Nearest Neighbors. Sam Wiseman and Karl Stratos. ACL, 2019.

Controllable Paraphrase Generation with a Syntactic Exemplar. Mingda Chen, Qingming Tang, Sam Wiseman, and Kevin Gimpel. ACL, 2019.

A Multi-Task Approach for Disentangling Syntax and Semantics in Sentence Representations. Mingda Chen, Qingming Tang, Sam Wiseman, and Kevin Gimpel. NAACL, 2019.

Learning Neural Templates for Text Generation. Sam Wiseman, Stuart M. Shieber, and Alexander M. Rush. *EMNLP*, 2018.

Entity Tracking Improves Cloze-style Reading Comprehension. Luong Hoang, Sam Wiseman, and Alexander M. Rush. *EMNLP*, 2018.

Semi-Amortized Variational Autoencoders. Yoon Kim, Sam Wiseman, Andrew C. Miller, David Sontag, Alexander M. Rush. *ICML*, 2018.

Challenges in Data-to-Document Generation. Sam Wiseman, Stuart M. Shieber, and Alexander M. Rush. *EMNLP*, 2017.

Sequence-to-Sequence Learning as Beam Search Optimization. Sam Wiseman and Alexander M. Rush. *EMNLP*, 2016. Honorable Mention for Best Paper.

• Invited for oral presentation at NeurIPS 2016 Deep Learning Symposium

Learning Global Features for Coreference Resolution. Sam Wiseman, Alexander M. Rush, and Stuart M. Shieber. NAACL, 2016.

Learning Anaphoricity and Antecedent Ranking Features for Coreference Resolution. Sam Wiseman, Alexander M. Rush, Stuart M. Shieber, and Jason Weston. ACL, 2015.

Discriminatively Reranking Abductive Proofs for Plan Recognition. Sam Wiseman and Stuart Shieber. ICAPS, 2014.

Workshop and Preprint Papers

Learning Deep Latent-variable MRFs with Amortized Bethe Free Energy Minimization. Sam Wiseman. DeepGenStruct at ICLR, 2019.

A Tutorial on Deep Latent Variable Models of Natural Language. Yoon Kim*, Sam Wiseman*, Alexander M. Rush. arXiv:1812.06834. EMNLP 2018 Tutorial Document.

Training Language Models Using Target-Propagation. Sam Wiseman, Sumit Chopra, Marc'Aurelio Ranzato, Arthur Szlam, Ruoyu Sun, Soumith Chintala, Nicolas Vasilache. arXiv:1702.04770, February 2017.

Antecedent Prediction without a Pipeline. Sam Wiseman, Alexander M. Rush, and Stuart M. Shieber. CORBON Workshop, June 2016.

Extracting Multi-word, Entity-specific Topics and their Interrelations from Online Medical Forums. Sam Wiseman, Andrew Miller, Finale Doshi-Velez, and Stuart M. Shieber. MUCMD Workshop, August 2015.

Service

- Area Chair (Generation Track): ACL 2020, EMNLP 2020
- Organizing Committee: Midwest Speech and Language Days, 2019
- EMNLP 2018 Tutorial: Deep Latent Variable Models of Natural Language
- Reviewing: TACL, ACL, NAACL, EMNLP, ICML, ICLR, NeurIPS, COLING, Computational Linguistics
 - NAACL 2018 Outstanding Reviewer
- Workshop Program Committees: CORBON at EACL 2017, CRAC at NAACL 2018, NeuralGen at NAACL 2019, DSNNLG at INLG 2019, WNGT at EMNLP 2019

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow

• Harvard CS 287: Statistical Natural Language Processing

• Harvard CS 187: Computational Linguistics Fall 2014

Spring 2016

Summer 2016, Summer 2017

• Harvard CS 181: Machine Learning Spring 2014

Mentoring

Student Mentees

• Shuning Jin (Rutgers U.), visiting student at TTIC Summer 2019 - Spring 2020

Summer 2019 - Fall 2020• Tianyu Liu (Peking U.), visiting student at TTIC

2018 - 2019 • Shira Eisenberg (UChicago), undergraduate directed research

Thesis Committees

Research Intern

• Lifu Tu (TTIC) 2020 - present

Academic Internships

Facebook AI Research, New York, NY

• Research on retrieval-based text generation, with Marc'Aurelio Ranzato, Arthur Szlam,

- and Mike Lewis (Summer 2017)
- Research on training RNNs with target-propagation, with Sumit Chopra, Marc'Aurelio Ranzato, and Arthur Szlam (Summer 2016)

Work Experience

Wireless Generation, Brooklyn, NY

Software Developer, Reporting and Analytics Team Feb. 2012 – July 2012

Columbia University, New York, NY

Sept. 2011 – Jan. 2012 Research Programmer, Spoken Language Processing Group

Morgan Stanley, New York, NY

Software Developer, Prime Brokerage Margin Calculation Team July 2010 – June 2011

Invited Talks

Invited Talk, Google Ads Research December 2018 Collaborative & Knowledge-backed Language Generation Workshop, TTIC July 2018 Invited Talk, Boston University February 2018 Invited Talk, Wesleyan University February 2018 Invited Talk, TTIC January 2018 NeurIPS Deep Learning Symposium December 2016 Kensho (company) Research Meeting February 2016 Boston Children's Hospital NLP Lab Reading Group September 2015 Meaningful Use of Complex Medical Data (MUCMD) Conference August 2015

Open Source Projects

nn_coref (https://github.com/swiseman/nn_coref)

• A neural coreference system.

BSO (https://github.com/harvardnlp/BSO)

 \bullet Beam Search Optimization with seq2seq models.

TPRNN (https://github.com/facebookresearch/TPRNN)

• Training language models with target propagation

data2text (https://github.com/harvardnlp/data2text)

• A system for generating and evaluating summaries of structured data.

 $\mathbf{neural\text{-}template\text{-}gen} \ (\mathtt{https://github.com/harvardnlp/neural\text{-}template\text{-}gen})$

• A system for extracting template-like structures from text and generating with them.