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Education

2017-5/18-8/18 PhD Candidate in Linguistics, Harvard University, Cambridge MA
Visiting Student, Department of Cognitive Science, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France
2011-2015 B.A.S in Symbolic Systems and Slavic Languages and Literatures with Honors
Stanford University, Stanford CA

Full-Time Professional Positions

10/16-8/17 Computational Linguist, Transcendent Endeavors, New York, NY
10/15-10/16 Translator, Gotlieb & Lion LLC; Carnegie Moscow Center, Moscow & Remote

Publications

2020 Jennifer Hu, Jon Gauthier, **Ethan Wilcox**, Peng Qian, and Roger Levy. 2020. A systematic assessment of syntactic generalization in neural language models. In *Proceedings of the Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL 2020)*. To appear.

2020 Jon Gauthier, Jennifer Hu, **Ethan Wilcox**, Peng Qian, and Roger Levy. 2020. SyntaxGym: An online platform for targeted evaluation of language models. In *Proceedings of the Association of Computational Linguistics: System Demonstrations (ACL 2020)*. To appear.

2019 Aixiu An, Peng Qian, **Ethan Wilcox**, and Roger Levy. *Representation of Constituents in Neural Language Models: Coordination Phrase as a Case Study*. EMNLP, Hong Kong, China

2019 **Ethan Wilcox**, Roger Levy and Richard Futrell. *Hierarchical Representation in Neural Language Models: Suppression and Recovery of Expectations*. BlackboxNLP 2019.

2019 **Ethan Wilcox**, Roger Levy and Richard Futrell. *What Syntactic Structures block Dependencies in RNN Language Models?* CogSci 2019.

2019 **Ethan Wilcox** and Benjamin Spector. *The Role of Prior Beliefs in The Rational Speech Act Model of Pragmatics: Exhaustivity as a Case Study*. CogSci 2019.

2019 **Ethan Wilcox**, Peng Qian, Richard Futrell, Miguel Ballesteros, Roger Levy. *Structural Supervision Improves Learning for Non-Local Dependencies*. NAACL-HLT 2019

2019 Richard Futrell, **Ethan Wilcox**, Takashi Morita, Miguel Ballesteros, Roger Levy. *Neural Language Models as Psycholinguistic Subjects: Representation of Syntactic State*. NAACL-HLT 2019

2018 **Ethan Wilcox**, Roger Levy, Takashi Morita and Richard Futrell. *What do RNN Language Models Learn about the Filler-Gap Dependency*, Proceedings of Blackbox NLP, ACL.

- 2018 Richard Futrell, **Ethan Wilcox**, Takashi Morita, Roger Levy, *RNNs as Psycholinguistic Subjects: Syntactic State and Grammatical Dependency*
- 2015 **Ethan Wilcox**. *Revolutionary Linguistics: The Ideology of the Soviet Esperanto Movement 1917-1938*. BA Honors Thesis, Stanford University

Presentations

- 3/20 *Benchmarking Neural Networks as Models of Human Language Processing*. CogLunch, MIT, Cambridge MA
- 10/19 *Using Global Hotspots to Assess the Effects of Climate Change on Linguistic Diversity*. Computational Psycholinguistics Lab Meeting, Cambridge, MA
- 10/19 *Neural Network Language Models and the Argument from the Poverty of the Stimulus*. Ling Lunch, MIT, Cambridge MA
- 2-5/19 *Neural Network Language Models as Psycholinguistic Subjects: The case of Filler-Gap Dependencies*.
 - Group on Computation and Linguistics, MIT, Cambridge MA (5/19)
 - Mind Brain Behavior Lunch Series, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge MA (3/19).
 - Language and Cognition, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge MA (3/19)
 - Workshop on Developing and Evaluating Neural and Symbolic Architectures for Language Modeling, MIT, Cambridge MA. (2/19)
- 4/19 *Structural Supervision Improves Learning for Non-Local Dependencies*. LingedIn Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge MA.
- 3/19 *The Role of Prior Beliefs in The Rational Speech Act Model of Pragmatics: Exhaustivity as a Case Study*. Meaning and Modality Lab Meeting, Harvard University, Cambridge MA.
- 2/19 *Using Structure to Predict the next Word: What RNN Language Models Learn about Syntax*
 - Computation and Psycholinguistics Lab, Johns Hopkins, MD
 - CogLunch, MIT, Cambridge MA
- 11/18 *When A means A & B: Exploring the Role of Priors in Recursive Pragmatic Models*. LingedIn, Harvard University
- 11/18 *What do RNN Language Models Learn about the Filler-Gap Dependency?*
 - Blackbox NLP Workshop, Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Brussels, Belgium (Paper Presentation)
 - Meaning and Modality Lab, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
 - Computational Psycholinguistics Lab Meeting, MIT, Cambridge MA
 - Psycholinguistics and Cognitive Science Laboratory, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France
- 3/18 *What do Neural Networks Learn about Wh-Movement?* LingedIn, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Conference Presentations (* indicates peer-reviewed)

- 3/2020 *Ethan Wilcox, Jon Gauthier, Peng Qian, Jennifer Hu, and Roger Levy. *Evaluating the Effect of Model Inductive Bias and Training Data in Predicting Human Reading Times*. CUNY Sentence Processing, Amherst MA (and virtual due to Covid)
- 9/2019 Ethan Wilcox, Jennifer Hu, Jon Gauthiers and Roger Levy. *Syntax Gym: A Unified Platform for Psycholinguistic Assessment of Neural Language Models*. IBM AI Week, Cambridge MA
- 9/2019 Aixiu An, Peng Qian, Ethan Wilcox, Roger Levy. *Evaluating Syntactic Generalizations of Neural Language Models*. IBM AI Week, Cambridge MA
- 7/2019 * Ethan Wilcox, Roger Levy and Richard Futrell. *What Syntactic Structures block Dependencies in RNN Language Models?* CogSci 2019.
- 7/2019 * Ethan Wilcox and Benjamin Spector. *The Role of Prior Beliefs in The Rational Speech Act Model of Pragmatics: Exhaustivity as a Case Study*. CogSci 2019.
- 7/2019 * Ethan Wilcox. *Testing Gender Markedness of Nouns with Self a Paced Reading Study*. CogSci, 2019.
- 7/2019 * Ethan Wilcox. *Phonological Cues to Syntactic Structure in a Large-Scale Corpus*. CogSci 2019.
- 6/2019 * Richard Futrell, Ethan Wilcox, Takashi Morita, Miguel Ballesteros, Roger Levy. *Neural Language Models as Psycholinguistic Subjects: Representation of Syntactic State*. NAACL-HLT 2019
- 6/2019 * Ethan Wilcox, Peng Qian, Richard Futrell, Miguel Ballesteros and Roger Levy. *Syntactic Structure Aids Learning of Grammatical Dependencies in Neural Networks*. NAACL-HLT 2019.
- 5/2019 Ethan Wilcox, Peng Qian, Richard Futrell, Miguel Ballesteros and Roger Levy. *Syntactic Structure Aids Learning of Grammatical Dependencies in Neural Networks*. IBM Watson AI Lab Poster Reception
- 3/2019 * Ethan Wilcox, Peng Qian, Richard Futrell, Miguel Ballesteros, Roger Levy. *Syntactic Structure aids Learning of Grammatical Dependencies in Neural Networks*. CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, Boulder CO
- 3/2019 * Richard Futrell, Ethan Wilcox, Takashi Morita, Miguel Ballesteros, Roger Levy. *Large neural network language models learn representations of incremental parse states*. CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, Boulder CO
- 11/18 Ethan Wilcox, Peng Qian, Richard Futrell, Miguel Ballesteros, Roger Levy. *Targeted Syntactic Analysis of RNNs and LSTMs*. Symposium on Robust, Interpretable, Deep Learning Systems, MIT, Cambridge MA
- 10/18 Roger Levy, Miguel Ballesteros, Peng Qian, Ethan Wilcox. *Hierarchically Structured Symbolic Architectures with Neural Control for Robust and Human-like Natural Language Parsing*, IBM AI Research Horizons, MIT, Cambridge MA

Grants & Awards

- 2020 Graduate Student Award, Mind Brain Behavior Initiative, Harvard University (\$550)
- 2019 Graduate Student Award, Mind Brain Behavior Initiative, Harvard University (\$978)
- 2018 Graduate Student Award, Mind Brain Behavior Initiative, Harvard University (\$7,700)

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| 2015 | Best Honors Thesis Award, Division of Languages Cultures and Literatures, Stanford University |
| 2013 | Major Language Study Grant, Division of Languages, Cultures and Literatures, Stanford University (\$10,000) |
| 2012 | Minor Language Study Grant, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Stanford University (\$3,000) |

Internships & Fellowships:

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| 2018 | 0213eight Data Science Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge MA |
| 2015 | Front-end Web Engineer summer Internship, Omixy Inc., Paris, France |
| 2014 | Product Quality Engineer summer Internship, Palantir, Palo Alto, CA |
| 2013 | Summer Intensive, Russian Language, Presidential Academy of National Economy, Moscow, Russia |

Selected Translations (all work co-translated with Mikhail Lion)

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| 2018 | “Sanctions and Retaliation: Where Russia-U.S. Relations are Headed” Andrey Movchan, Carnegie Center Moscow |
| 2017 | “Is Putin Losing Control of Russia’s Conservative Nationalists?” Alexander Baunov, <i>Foreign Affairs</i>
<i>Nominated: Open Russia, Journalism as a Profession best Opinion Article, 2017</i> |
| 2017 | “The Accidental Formation of Russia’s War Coalition” Konstantin Gaaze, Carnegie Center Moscow.
<i>Winner: Open Russia, Journalism as a Profession Award, Best Opinion Article, 2017</i> |
| 2016 | “The Snow Queen” by Evgeny Schwartz (stage play), produced by Dacha Theater / Lesser Known Players, Seattle WA |
| 2016 | “Going to the People -- and Back Again: The Changing Shape of the Russian Regime” (white paper) by Alexander Baunov, Carnegie Center Moscow |

Academic Service

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| 2020-present | Linguistics Department Representative to HU-UAW Union |
| 2018-present | Graduate Student Representative, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented first ever department climate survey (Spring 2019) • Ran graduate student portion of new faculty search (Spring 2020) • Coordinated graduate Student Covid-19 Response (Spring 2020) |
| 2018-2019 | Chair, Admitted Students Welcome Committee, Department of Linguistics, Harvard |
| 2017-2018 | Event Organizer, Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics, Harvard University |
| 2013-2015 | Academic Theme Associate, Slavianskii Dom, Stanford University |
| 2013-2015 | Writing Tutor, Structured Liberal Education, Stanford University |
| 2013-2014 | Undergraduate Representative to the Breadth Governance Board, Stanford University |

Teaching

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| 2020 | Computational Psycholinguistics (BCS 9.19), MIT (TA) |
| 2020 | Statistical Methods in Linguistics (Ling190), Harvard University (TA) |

2019	Introductory Linguistics (Ling83), Harvard University (TA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate for Distinction in Teaching awardee
2015	“Adaptations of Slavic Folktales” Slavianskii Dom, Stanford University
2014	“Russian Architecture through the Ages” Slavianskii Dom, Stanford University
2013	“Russian Plays: Chekhov and Kharms” Slavianskii Dom, Stanford University