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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

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

2-5/19 *Neural Network Language Models as Psycholinguistic Subjects: The case of Filler-Gap Dependencies*.
• Discussion 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 Posters (* indicates peer-reviewed)

- 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

- 2018 Graduate Student Award, Mind Brain Behavior Initiative, Harvard University (\$7,700)
- 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:

- 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)

- 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, *Foreign Affairs*
Nominated: Open Russia, Journalism as a Profession best Opinion Article, 2017
- 2017 “The Accidental Formation of Russia’s War Coalition” Konstantin Gaaze, Carnegie Center Moscow.
Winner: Open Russia, Journalism as a Profession Award, Best Opinion Article, 2017
- 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

2018-present Graduate Student Representative, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University
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

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