Dear Dr. Berthelier,

Hello and good morning! My name is Xiangning Lyu and I am a postgraduate student in English Studies / Cultural Studies at Usyd. Given that I have a sincere interest in pursuing a PhD degree here, I started researching supervisors and noticed that you are very well achieved in the digital humanities field, specifically in analysing North Korean literature. It aligns with my background and interests very well as I previously worked as a software engineer in the United States for 5 years. My specialties are in machine learning (a bit of NLP when I was with Facebook Search) and big data processing (ETL pipelines with Zillow), and I saw that you mentioned text mining and artificial intelligence in your talk “A Computational Perspective on North Korean Literature” in the seminar series. It would be thrilled for me to learn more about text processing from you and what you mean by “reverse engineering”, and see if we can apply more of the mature or new tools in AI to discover patterns in literature (although I am more interested in Chinese literature by nature). Thus, I sincerely hope we can build a connection, and even more, if you are currently looking for any help in your research.

I hereby attach my resume at work and my transcript from the past semester as a reference. Again, I am eager to hear back from you and hope I can get an opportunity to work with you.

Best regards,

Xiangning Lyu

Dear Dr. Borghesi,

Hello and good morning! My name is Xiangning Lyu and I am a postgraduate student in English Studies / Cultural Studies at Usyd. Given that I have a sincere interest in pursuing a PhD degree here, I started researching supervisors and noticed that you are the lead researcher in the digital humanities field. I was wondering if you can connect me to some researchers here at Uni? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For example, I saw Dr. Berthelier is specialized in text mining / AI in Korean Studies and I have reached out to him.

In the meanwhile, my background: I previously worked as a software engineer in the United States for 5 years. My specialties are in machine learning (a bit of NLP when I was with Facebook Search) and big data processing (ETL pipelines with Zillow). My current research interests are in Chinese literature, film studies and aesthetics patterns. Thus, I sincerely hope you can redirect me to any researchers currently looking for any help in their projects.

I hereby attach my resume at work and my transcript from the past semester as a reference. Again, I am eager to hear back from you and hope all is well with your work and holiday plans!

Best regards,

Xiangning Lyu