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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara

- Master of Arts in Linguistics, 2008.

Indiana University Bloomington

- Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and in Russian, 2003, summa cum laude.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Coordinator, Linguistic Data Consortium, University of Pennsylvania, Jan 2014-Present

- *Project manager, DEFT AMR, BOLT IR; Annotation manager, DEFT Inference*: Serve as primary point of oversight, contact, and design for semantic annotation projects. Maintain deep cross-project knowledge and consistency of annotation and extraction approaches; Design novel and experimental approaches and tools to address difficult and newly tractable problems in field.

Lead Annotator, Linguistic Data Consortium, University of Pennsylvania, Dec 2009-Jan 2014

- *Acting annotation manager, DEFT, BOLT IR, DeepNLU/AMR, TAC KBP*: Serve as primary point of oversight, contact, and design for semantic annotation and information extraction projects; Coordinate with external project sponsors to specify semantic annotation and information extraction tasks.
- *Acting project manager, BOLT IR, DeepNLU/AMR, Machine Reading*: Serve as primary point of contact between LDC team and external sponsors and participants; Coordinate with external project sponsors to develop specifications and timelines for deliverables; Manage LDC team and monitor progress toward and quality of deliverables; Document project action items, decisions, issues, and methodologies.
- *Lead annotator, BOLT IR, DeepNLU/AMR, Machine Reading, TAC KBP*: Develop and update annotation guidelines; Hire, train, and manage team of part-time annotators; Conduct quality control of data for deliverables; Identify, resolve, and document annotation issues and decisions.

Annotator, Linguistic Data Consortium, University of Pennsylvania, October 2008-November 2009

- *MT Post-Editor*: Conducted comparative semantic analysis of segment-aligned machine-translated and human-translated texts; Made maximally efficient edits of machine-translated texts to achieved semantic equivalence to human-translated texts.
- *Assessor*: Evaluated machine and human extracted data for accordance with annotation guidelines.

Research Assistant, UCSB Department of Linguistics, Ditransitive Verb Project, August-October 2006

- Created database of all tokens of *give* in the Santa Barbara Corpus of Spoken American English.
- Developed coding system to capture a range of morphosyntactic, semantic, and discourse features.

Research Assistant, UCSB Department of Linguistics, Autism and Dialogic Syntax Project, 2005-2006

- Created database of therapist-autistic client interviews from session transcripts.
- Developed, implemented, and revised coding system to capture targeted semantic, pragmatic, and dialogic-syntactic linguistic features; Assisted in qualitative and quantitative analysis of data.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant and Reader, UCSB Department of Linguistics, October 2004-June 2008

- Led and prepared material for discussion sections, tutored students in office hours, collaborated with instructors regarding course content, graded assignments and exams, administered exams.
- Courses: Introduction to Linguistics; Introduction to Semantics; First Language Acquisition; Language and Power; Language, Gender, and Sexuality; Introduction to Morphology; Word Origins; Introduction to Phonology.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Developing semantic annotation systems for human language; particularly systems which are robust to informal and conversational data, and rooted in discourse-based semantic and syntactic analysis.

SKILLS

Human languages: Basic proficiency in Russian, structural knowledge of American Sign Language and Latin.
Computing: Linux/Unix, Mac OS, Windows; MS Office and Project Software; some familiarity with R.

MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa