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Professional Experience

Senior Research Coordinator / Lead Annotator, Linguistic Data Consortium, University of Pennsylvania (2010 – present)

- Work with external sponsors/researchers to assess needs, specify collection/annotation tasks & identify deliverables for a variety of speech collection projects
- Manage large-scale recruitment efforts involving hiring of independent contractors, part-time and student workers
- Develop plans, timelines, draft budgets for satisfying project requirements
- Oversee development of project guidelines and specifications
- Manage part-time and full-time staff
- Draft schemes of work for vendors and prepare feedback on vendor performance
- Prepare and submit monthly reports to project sponsor (RATS, LRE, SRE, HAVIC)
- Plan and coordinate technical tasks and specify tool design in support of speech collection projects
- Develop training and quality assurance procedures for annotation tasks
- Represent collection and annotation efforts to project sponsor and research organizations in telecons, site visits and regular written reports
- Write papers for professional conferences
- Coordinate deliveries of audio and annotation data to external agencies/research sites

Annotator, LDC, University of Pennsylvania (2007 – 2010)

- Performed linguistic annotation tasks on a variety of projects

Web Designer, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Department, University of Pennsylvania (July 2009 – May 2010)

- Liaised with multiple University departments to implement web redesign for the Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Department (NELC)
- Ensured adherence to web style, security, and copyright guidelines across a range of university departments
- Led pre-launch web site testing & solved browser compatibility, user and coding problems

Freelance web design (2007 – 2010)

- Created a distinctive web presence for a range of organizations
- Optimized sites for search engine ranking
- Directed migrations from flat sites to interactive CSS sites

Volunteer / independent work while raising infants (2001-2007)

- HTML formatting and copy-editing articles for the *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (a cross university online resource) 2007
- Worked on near future thriller, *Control Alter Delete* (released under pen name Stella Whiteman)

Trainer, Kensington & Chelsea Local Authority, London, UK (1993-2000)

- Designed multiple English, communication skills and math courses reflecting needs of learners
- Proposed, designed and marketed a new integrated IT, math and English course
- Liaised with software vendors and installed computer hardware and multimedia software
- Compiled a report comparing different assessment instruments & conducted student assessments and course evaluations

Lecturer, Kensington & Chelsea College, London (1995-1998)

- Designed courses and delivered instruction in English and math

Computer Operator, Manpower, Design Council, Intervisual Advertising, BT, UK (1983-89)

- Prepared data for computerized interactive display in Design Council gallery

Professional Training

- CITI Certification – Human Subjects Research (2010)
- Certificate in Web Site Design (Temple University 2006)
- Certificates in Educational Assessment / Standards Verification (London 1998-1999)
- Adult Education Teacher's Certificate (London 1993- 1994)
- Certificate in Teaching Literacy (London 1993)

Education

- BA Honors in Philosophy, King's College, University of London, UK (1992)
- Post-baccalaureate studies in linguistics, Arabic, creative writing 2011-2013 (University of Pennsylvania)

Research Publications

- Jones,K., Strassel,S., Walker,K., Graff,D., Wright,J. (2017). Call My Net Corpus: A Multilingual Corpus for Evaluation of Speaker Recognition Technology. In Proceedings of Interspeech 2017: 18th Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association Stockholm, Sweden, August 20-24
http://www.isca-speech.org/archive/Interspeech_2017/pdfs/1521.PDF
- Jones,K., Graff,D., Wright,J., Walker.K, Strassel.S, (2016). Multi-language Speech Collection for NIST LRE. In Proceedings of LREC 2016: 10th Edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference, Portoroz, May 23-28.
<http://www.lrec-conf.org/proceedings/lrec2016/index.html>

- Strassel,S., Walker,K., Jones,K., Graff,D., Cieri,C. (2012). New Resources for Recognition of Confusable Linguistic Varieties: The LRE11 Corpus. In Proceedings of Odyssey 2012 - The Speaker and Language Recognition Workshop, Singapore, June 25 - 28, pp.202 - 208.
http://www.isca-speech.org/archive/odyssey_2012/papers/od12_202.pdf

Other Skills

- IT skills: HTML, CSS, Microsoft Office, Wordpress