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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational linguistics for less-studied languages, automated discourse analysis, grammar engineering; language documentation; formal and functional syntax, argument structure and linking, voice; lexical and formal semantics, structure of discourse; language and music

Linguistics of American indigenous languages: Ojibwe (Algonquian), Q'anjob'al and Uspanteko (Mayan), Chatino (Zapotecan)

EDUCATION

- 2001 – present **PhD** in Linguistics expected May 2009, University of Texas at Austin
PhD thesis: 'Semi-Automated Annotation for Language Documentation'
Supervisors: Jason Baldridge, Katrin Erk
Committee members: Nora England, Ray Mooney, Tony Woodbury
- 2001 – 2005 **MA** in Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin; Supervisor: Jonas Kuhn
MA thesis: 'Strategies for Automatic Classification of Situation Entities'
- 1990 – 1994 **BA** in English Language and Literature, University of Michigan
- Summer 2007 Student, LSA Summer Institute, Stanford, CA.
Summer 2002 Student, ESSLLI, Trento, Italy.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, UT Austin Dept. of Linguistics
- 2007 – 2008 University Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2007 NAACL/ACL Fellowship to the LSA Linguistic Institute
- 2007 Travel grant to ACL 2007, Don and Betty Walker Foundation Student Scholarship
- 2004 David Bruton, Jr, Graduate Fellowship stipend, UT Austin
- 2003 Honorable mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 1992 – 1994 National Merit Scholarship, University of Michigan

PAPERS IN REFEREED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2007 Alexis Palmer, Elias Ponvert, Jason Baldridge, and Carlota Smith. A sequence model for situation entity classification. *Proceedings of ACL 2007*. Prague.
- 2007 Alexis Palmer and Katrin Erk. IGT-IML: An XML format for interlinearized glossed text. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Annotation Workshop (LAW-07)*, ACL07. Prague.
- 2007 Jason Baldridge, Sudipta Chatterjee, Alexis Palmer, and Ben Wing. DotCCG and VisCCG: Wiki and Programming Paradigms for Improved Grammar Engineering with OpenCCG. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Grammar Engineering Across*

- 2004 *Frameworks (GEAF-2007)*. Stanford, CA.
- 2004 Alexis Palmer, Jonas Kuhn, and Carlota Smith. Utilization of Multiple Language Resources for Robust Grammar-Based Tense and Aspect Classification. *Proceedings of LREC 2004*. Lisbon.
- 2004 Nicholas Asher, Pascal Denis, Jonas Kuhn, Erik Larson, Eric McCready, Alexis Palmer, Brian Reese, and Linton Wang. Extracting and Using Discourse Structure to Resolve Anaphoric Dependencies: Combining Logico-Semantic and Statistical Approaches. *TALN Proceedings (SDRT Workshop)*. Fès, Morocco.
- 2003 Alexis Palmer. Inverse agreement, argument structure, and hierarchy-driven phenomena in Ojibwe. *Proceedings of Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 2003)*. Santa Barbara, CA.

EDITED VOLUMES

- To appear (2008) Nicholas Gaylord, Stephen Hilderbrand, Alexis Palmer, and Elias Ponvert, eds.. *Proceedings of TLSX 2006: Computational Linguistics for Less-Studied Languages*. CSLI: Stanford, CA.
- 2007 Online proceedings of 4th *Workshop on Discourse Structure*. UT Austin. <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/linguistics/workshops/4DW>
- 2006 Pascal Denis, Eric McCready, Alexis Palmer, and Brian Reese, eds. *Proceedings of the 8th Meeting of the Texas Linguistics Society: Issues at the Semantics-Pragmatics Interface*. Cascadilla Proceedings Project: Somerville, MA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION (WITHOUT CORRESPONDING PUBLICATION)

- 2004 Alexis Palmer. Toward an Understanding of the Discourse Function of the Inverse Construction in Ojibwe. In *Proceedings of Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 2004)*. Santa Barbara, CA.

INVITED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2007 Invited as working group member. *Toward Interoperability of Language Resources (TILR)*. Workshop at LSA Summer Institute. Stanford, CA.
- 2006 Invited as working group member. *EMELD Workshop on Digital Language Documentation: 'Tools and Standards: State of the Art' and Digital Tools Summit in Linguistics (DTLS)*. East Lansing, MI.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2007 – 2008 Research Assistant, *EARL – Efficient Annotation of Resources using Learning*; Jason Baldrige and Katrin Erk, principal investigators; NSF Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) grant
- 2007 Research Assistant, *TexTime – Temporal Expressions and Time Processing*; Jason Baldrige, principal investigator; New York Community Trust grant
- 2007 Research Assistant, *OpenCCG GUI development*; Jason Baldrige, principal investigator; UT Austin Liberal Arts Instructional Technology Services grant
- 2006 Research Assistant, *Linguistic research on text interpretation*;

2006 Carlota Smith, principal investigator; New York Community Trust grant
 Research Assistant, *The UT-Austin NLP Software Suite*;
 Jason Baldridge, faculty sponsor; UT Austin DIIA ~FAST Tex program
 2004 Research Assistant, *Natural language generation for the medical domain*; Mary
 Dee Harris, supervisor; ReCare Inc., Austin, TX
 2003 – 2004 Research Assistant, *Linguistic research on text interpretation*;
 Carlota Smith, principal investigator; New York Community Trust grant

TEACHING

Assistant Instructor Language and Music (LIN312, undergraduate)
 Introduction to the Study of Language (LIN306, undergraduate)
 Teaching Assistant Syntax I (LIN380L, graduate), Carlota Smith
 Language and Meaning (LIN350, undergraduate), Bernhard Schwarz
 Introduction to the Study of Language (LIN306, undergraduate), Robert King

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference organization TLSX, *Computational Linguistics for Less-Studied Languages*, UT
 Austin, 2006.
 4th *Workshop on Discourse Structure*, UT Austin, 2006.
 Reviewing TLS 8, *Issues at the Semantics-Pragmatics Interface*, UT Austin, 2004.
 SALSA (Symposium about Language and Society in Austin)
 2005, 2006, 2007; EMNLP-CoNLL 2007
 Other Student member, search committee for assistant professor of semantics

OTHER

Programming Python (proficient); XML, shell scripting, UNIX text tools (conversant); Java,
 Ruby, Prolog (basic); C++ (minimal)
 Languages English (native), German (formerly proficient but rusty), Spanish (beginning),
 French (beginning)

REFERENCES

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