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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Over twenty years of (academic and industrial) research experience in Natural Language Processing
- ✓ Coauthor of 30+ highly-cited scientific publications in Language Technologies
- ✓ Inventor on 13 United States patents on applications of Natural Language Processing
- ✓ Applied research at Apple, LLM-based user experiences and language understanding in Siri
- ✓ [Senior] Program Committee Member and Reviewer for top NLP, AI conferences and scientific journals

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist

Sep 2016 - Oct 2018

R&D Manager

Oct 2018 - Oct 2022

Senior ML Research Scientist

Oct 2022 - present

Apple, Cupertino, CA

- Lead the prototyping and development of applications natural language interactions, code generation and UI navigation, leveraging LLMs and modern ML.
- Investigated Web-based knowledge graph expansion of Siri's internal facts for QA over knowledge domains.
- Lead a team of applied researchers to build voice-driven query understanding models for on-device deployment (model compression, model development).
- Prototyped methods for scaling natural language understanding in Siri to over 20 worldwide languages.
- Developed scalable models for knowledge-graph question answering in Siri, with international scale-up across supported locales.

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Oct 2009 - Feb 2012

Senior Software Engineer

Feb 2012 - Nov 2014

Research Staff Member

Nov 2014 - Aug 2016

IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY

- Developed answer scoring and question analysis components for IBM Watson -- a ground-breaking question answering system that defeated grand champions Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter in a nationally televised challenge on the TV game show Jeopardy! [in JNLE, IBM Journal of R&D, CIKM '12, EMNLP '11, CIKM '11]
- Researched "scenario-based" question answering in the medical domain with IBM Watson, through inference "chaining" over unstructured data. [in AI Magazine '17, IBM Research Report]
- Conducted research in question answering on electronic health records. [in ACL '16, and podium abstract in AMIA-CRI '16]
- Built event-focused information extraction for automatic "machine reading" and reasoning for complex Q&A over text documents (DARPA funded). [in EACL '12 and COLING '10]

Summer Research Intern

May 2007 - Aug 2007

IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY

- Conducted research on automatic speech recognition models, through an analysis of errors in recognizing Keywords and reducing Word Error Rate. [in Interspeech '08]

Research Assistant

Aug 2003 - Oct 2009

School of Computing, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

- Conducted research on probabilistic event-focused IE, using SVM and CRFs with textual features in event descriptions. [in EMNLP '09]

- Designed and implemented two-phase SVM-based model for event information extraction from text through text-based features. [in EMNLP-CoNLL '07]
- Developed an approach for greater coverage of text-based IE with new lexico-syntactic pattern-based approaches. [in ACL '06 workshop]
- Implemented a hierarchical structure (feature subsumption) for selecting the best ML features in opinion detection in text. [in EMNLP '06]
- Designed and implemented algorithms (WordNet::Similarity) for automatic measurement of the semantic similarity and relatedness of English words and concepts. [system demo at NAACL '04 and AAAI '04]
- Created and open-sourced system (WordNet::SenseRelate) for disambiguating the intended meaning of any given word from its context, using the notion of semantic relatedness of concepts. [system demo at ACL '05 and AAAI '05]

Summer Research Intern

May 2003 - Aug 2003

Division of Biomedical Informatics, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

- Adapted WordNet-based approaches for measuring semantic similarity to applications in the biomedical domain; built open source modules Snomed::Interface, Semantic::Similarity and UMLS::Similarity for the biomed domain. [in JBI]

EDUCATION

PhD, Computer Science

May 2010

University of Utah

MS, Computer Science

Aug 2003

University of Minnesota

BE, Computer Engineering

May 2001

University of Pune

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Outstanding Technical Contribution Award, IBM Watson Group (2014)

AAAI Feigenbaum Prize (to the IBM Watson team), the Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (2013)

Area Chair, EMNLP '25, ACL '25, NAACL '25, AAAI '25, EMNLP '24, ACL '24, NAACL '24, EACL '24, AAAI '24, ACL '22, NAACL Industry Track '22, ACL '21, ACL '19, COLING '14

Senior Program Committee Member, AAAI '26, AAAI '23, AAAI '22, AAAI '21, IJCAI '16

Publications Chair, EMNLP '17, EMNLP '16

Advisory Board, DropThought Inc. (2011 - 2016)

Advisory Board, Scientific Advisory Board, NIST TAC-KBP 2020

Program Committee, EMNLP Industry Track '25, COLM '24, EMNLP '23, BlackboxNLP Workshop '23, ACL '23, EMNLP '22, COLING '22, NAACL '22, ACL'22, BlackboxNLP Workshop '21, EMNLP '21, NAACL '21, EMNLP '20, COLING '20, IJCAI '20, ACL '20, WeCNLP '19, EMNLP '19, NAACL '19, IJCAI '19, AAAI '19, EMNLP '18, ACL '18, NAACL '18, COLING '18, IJCAI-ECAI '18, EMNLP '17, ACL '17, EACL '17, AAAI '17, COLING '16, IJCAI '16, NAACL '16, ACL '16, AMIA CRI '16, *SEM '16, EMNLP '15, ACL-IJCNLP '15, NAACL '15, *SEM '15, EMNLP '14, ACL '14, EACL '14, LREC '14, SIGIR '14 Workshop on Semantic Matching in Information Retrieval, IJCNLP '13, ACL '13, NAACL-HLT '13, COLING '12, EMNLP-CoNLL '12, ACL '12, NAACL-HLT '12, RANLP '11 Workshop on Information Extraction and Knowledge Acquisition, EMNLP '11, ACL-HLT '11, EMNLP '10, COLING '10, NAACL-HLT '10, ACL '08

Reviewer, Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems ('25), Computational Linguistics ('23, '22, '21, '20), Natural Language Engineering ('23, '18, '15, '13), Computer Speech & Language ('22), Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics ('21, '20, '19, '18, '17, '16, '15, '14, '13), IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing ('17, '16), Artificial Intelligence ('15), Language Resources and Evaluation ('12), Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery ('11), Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research ('09), NESCAI ('08, '07)

Auxiliary Reviewer, AAAI '16, CIKM '14, AAAI '06

Session Chair, EMNLP '24, CL '21, ACL '19, CIKM '12, ACL '06 Workshop on IE Beyond the Document

Mentor, AI Generator '21, AI@MIT

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, School of Computing, University of Utah (2004)

Most Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota Duluth, MN (2003)

National Talent Search Scholarship, National Council for Educational Research & Training, India (1995 - 2001)

PATENTS

B. Boguraev, J. Chu-Carroll, A. Kalyanpur, D. McClosky, J. W. Murdock and S. Patwardhan. **Entailment Knowledge Base in Natural Language Processing Systems.** *US Patent 11,520,813 B2 and US Patent 11,720,611 B2*, Aug 2023.

Y. Park and S. Patwardhan. **Adaptable Processing Components.** *US Patent 11,144,718 B2*, October 2021.

H. Badenes, R. Mannan and S. Patwardhan. **Tone Analysis of Legal Documents.** *US Patent 10,452,780, and US Patent 10,929,615*, February 2021.

S. Bagchi, K. Barker, B. Boguraev, M. Bornea, A. Faulkner, Y. Li, S. Patwardhan, and S. Rosenthal. **Processing Context-based Inquiries for Knowledge Retrieval.** *US Patent 10,769,138*, September 2020.

M. Devarakonda, S. Patwardhan and P. Raghavan. **Self-Training of Question Answering System using Question Profiles.** *US Patent 10,699,215*, June 2020.

B. Boguraev, D. Buchanan, J. Chu-Carroll, D. Ferrucci, A. Kalyanpur, J. W. Murdock, and S. Patwardhan. **Generating Secondary Questions in an Introspective Question Answering System.** *US Patent 10,621,880, US Patent 10,614,725*, April 2020.

H. Badenes, R. Mannan and S. Patwardhan. **Annotation of Legal Documents with Case Citations.** *US Patent 10,373,278*, August 2019.

M. Devarakonda, S. Patwardhan and P. Raghavan. **Automated Timeline Completion Using Event Progression Knowledge Base.** *US Patent 10,372,822*, August 2019.

B. Boguraev, E. Khorasani, V. Sheinin, S. Patwardhan and P. Zerfos. **Robust and Readily Domain-Adaptable Natural Language Interface to Databases.** *US Patent 10,042,921 B2*, August 2018.

B. Boguraev, E. Khorasani, V. Sheinin, S. Patwardhan and P. Zerfos. **Natural Language Interface to Databases.** *US Patent 9,959,311 B2*, May 2018.

B. Boguraev, E. Khorasani, V. Sheinin, S. Patwardhan and P. Zerfos. **Natural Language Interface to Databases.** *WO Patent WO/2017/046729*, March 2017.

S. Berajawala, A. Levas, S. Patwardhan, and D. Taieb. **Collaborative Creation of Annotated Training Data.** *US Patent 9,860,308 B2*, January 2018.

D. Ferrucci, D. Gondek, A. Kalyanpur, A. Lally, and S. Patwardhan. **Fact Checking Using and Aiding Probabilistic Question Answering.** *US Patent 8,972,321 B2 and US Patent 8,959,043 B2*, February 2015.

Y. Park and S. Patwardhan. **Adaptable Processing Components.** *WO Patent Application WO/2018/158626*, filed December 2017. Patent Pending.

M. Devarakonda, J. Liang, S. Patwardhan and P. Raghavan. **Identification of Related Electronic Medical Record Documents in a Question and Answer System.** *US Patent Application 15/336,261*, filed October 2016. Patent Pending.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

G. Cohn, R. Agarwal, D. Gupta, and S. Patwardhan. **EELBERT: Tiny Models through Dynamic Embeddings.** In Proceedings of EMNLP 2023 Industry Track, Singapore, December 2023.

B. Muller, D. Gupta, J. Fauconnier, S. Patwardhan, D. Vandyke, S. Agarwal. **Languages You Know Influence Those You Learn: Impact of Language Characteristics on Multi-Lingual Text-to-Text Transfer.** In NeurIPS 2022 Workshop on Transfer Learning for Natural Language Processing, New Orleans, LA, December 2022.

H. Liu, A. Polisetty, S. Patwardhan, P. Grasch, and S. Agarwal. **Model Stability with Continuous Data Updates.** In Preprint arXiv: 2201.05692, January 2022.

- J. Zhang, A. Mishra, A. Polisetty, S. Patwardhan, and S. Agarwal. **Can Open Domain Question Answering Systems Answer Visual Knowledge Questions.** In Preprint arXiv: 2202.04306, February 2022.
- A. Lally, S. Bagchi, M. Barborak, D. Buchanan, J. Chu-Carroll, D. Ferrucci, M. Glass, A. Kalyanpur, E. Mueller, J. W. Murdock, S. Patwardhan, and J. Prager. **WatsonPaths: Scenario-based Question Answering and Inference over Unstructured Information.** In AI Magazine, 38(2):59-76, Summer 2017.
- C. Shivade, P. Raghavan, and S. Patwardhan. **Addressing Limited Data for Textual Entailment across Domains.** In Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Berlin, Germany, August 2016. [acceptance rate 28%]
- O. Melamud, D. McClosky, S. Patwardhan, and M. Bansal. **The Role of Context Types and Dimensionality in Learning Word Embeddings.** In Proceedings of NAACL-HLT 2016, San Diego, CA, June 2016. [acceptance rate 25%]
- B. Boguraev, S. Patwardhan, A. Kalyanpur, J. Chu-Carroll, and A. Lally. **Parallel and Nested Decomposition for Factoid Questions.** In Natural Language Engineering, 20(04):441-468, October 2014.
- A. Kalyanpur, S. Patwardhan, B. Boguraev, A. Lally, and J. Chu-Carroll. **Fact-based Question Decomposition in DeepQA.** In IBM Journal of Research and Development, 56(3/4):13:1-13:11, May/July 2012.
- A. Kalyanpur, B. Boguraev, S. Patwardhan, J. W. Murdock, A. Lally, C. Welty, J. Prager, B. Coppola, A. Fokoue-Nkoutche, L. Zhang, Y. Pan, and Z. Qiu. **Structured Data and Inference in DeepQA.** In IBM Journal of Research and Development, 56(3/4):10:1-10:14, May/July 2012.
- A. Lally, J. Prager, M. McCord, B. Boguraev, S. Patwardhan, J. Fan, P. Fodor, and J. Chu-Carroll. **Question Analysis: How Watson Reads a Clue.** In IBM Journal of Research and Development, 56(3/4):2:1-2:14, May/July 2012.
- A. Moschitti, J. Chu-Carroll, S. Patwardhan, J. Fan, and G. Riccardi. **Using Syntactic and Semantic Structural Kernels for Classifying Definition Questions in Jeopardy!.** In Proceedings of the 2011 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Edinburgh, UK, July 2011. [acceptance rate 23%]
- E. Riloff, S. Patwardhan, and J. Wiebe. **Feature Subsumption for Opinion Analysis.** In Proceedings of the 2006 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Sydney, Australia, July 2006. [acceptance rate 31%]
- Y. Choi, C. Cardie, E. Riloff, and S. Patwardhan. **Identifying Sources of Opinions with Conditional Random Fields and Extraction Patterns.** In Proceedings of Human Language Technology Conference and Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Vancouver, Canada, October 2005. [acceptance rate 32%]
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- ## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS
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- Discussion Panel on IE/IR**
Invited Panelist
TAC-KBP 2020 Workshop Feb 2021
- Semantic Technologies for Automatic Question Answering**
Visiting Professor, ECI 2016 Winter School
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina Jul 2016
- Watson: From Jeopardy! to Medicine**
Invited Talk
IBM, Argentina Jul 2016
- Cognitive Computing: Question Answering Technologies Behind Watson**
Guest Instructor, IBM Online Course, IBM Watson Academy
IBM, Armonk NY Mar 2015
- Case Study on IBM Watson**
Invited Guest Commentator, MBA Course: "Technology and Operations Management"
Harvard Business School, Boston MA Nov 2015
- UIMA in IBM Watson**
Guest Lecturer, Computer Science Course: "Semantic Technologies in IBM Watson"
Columbia University, New York NY Oct 2015

Building Applications with Watson Experience Manager

Guest Lecturer, Computer Science Course: "Natural Language Processing with Watson"

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy NY

Oct 2014

Building IBM's Watson: Technical Insights into the Jeopardy-winning DeepQA Technology

Invited Speaker, First Workshop on Cognitive Systems and Watson

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Sept 2014

Jeopardy! "Special" Questions: Exploring the Boundaries of Watson

Guest Lecturer, Computer Science Course: "Natural Language Processing with Watson"

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy NY

March 2014

Watson Beyond Jeopardy: Adaptation to the Medical Domain

Invited Speaker, Computer Science Colloquium

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy NY

March 2014

UIMA in IBM Watson

Guest Lecturer, Computer Science Course: "Semantic Technologies in IBM Watson"

Columbia University, New York NY

March 2014

UIMA in IBM Watson

Guest Lecturer, Computer Science Course: "Semantic Technologies in IBM Watson"

Columbia University, New York NY

March 2013

Building Watson: An Overview of the DeepQA Project for the Jeopardy! Challenge

Invited Speaker, Computer Science Colloquium

University of Utah, Salt Lake City UT

Feb 2012

Building Watson: An Overview of the DeepQA Project for the Jeopardy! Challenge

Invited Speaker, External Speaker Series

Knight Capital Group, Jersey City NJ

Oct 2011

TEACHING

Instructor, 'Teach the Teacher' Course

IBM, Argentina

Jul 2016

Visiting Professor, Semantic Technologies for Automatic Question Answering

ECI 2016 Winter School, University of Buenos Aires

Jul 2016

Guest Instructor, Cognitive Computing: Question Answering Technologies Behind Watson

IBM Online Course: <http://ibm.com/watsonacademy>

Mar 2015

Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning

School of Computing, University of Utah

Fall 2003

Teaching Assistant, Operating Systems Practicum

Department of Computer Science, University of Minnesota Duluth

Spring 2003

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Natural Language Processing

Department of Computer Science, University of Minnesota Duluth

Fall 2002

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science II

Department of Computer Science, University of Minnesota Duluth

Spring 2002

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science I

Department of Computer Science, University of Minnesota Duluth

Fall 2001