Hunter Youngquist

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EDUCATION

Oct 2019 — Mar 2022   **Master′s in Linguistics, Università degli studi di Verona**   Verona

Thesis: Exploring Distributional Semantic Models in Discourse Analysis: A case study on identity construction in the r/lgbt subreddit

Final Grade: 110/110 con lode

Awards: Borsa di studio

Sep 2015 — Dec 2017   **Bachelor′s in Linguistics, University of Minnesota**   Minneapolis

Final Research Paper: Gesturing during Japanese Storytelling Groundwork

Graduated with Distinctions

Minors in Asian Languages and Literature and Teaching English as a Second Language

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Nov 2021 — Present   **Linguist, Telus International**   Online

- Completing various language-related annotation projects such as confidence rewriting, grammatical error correction, and diagnosis of model performance.
- Following annotation guidelines and ensuring proper standards are upheld.
- Assisting in the development of further guidelines by communicating concerns and discrepancies.

Feb 2018 — Sep 2021   **English Language Teacher, DaDa**   Online

- Assisted students ages 4-16 with improving their language skills.
- Accomplished over 2,500 one-to-one lessons in which we practiced all levels of language and developed better communicative skills.

INTERNSHIPS

Oct 2021 — Dec 2022   **InterDiplo Pilot Corpus Internship, Università degli studi di Verona**   Online

- Assisted in construction of InterDiplo Corpus containing specialized diplomatic interviews and XML annotated speech tags.
- Corrected 80 English transcriptions following annotation guidelines.
- Tagged question and reply pairs through XML Attributes for discourse research.
- Edited suprasegmental annotations such as pauses, repetitions, and other unique speech features.

PROJECTS

Jan 2022   **r/lgbt Subreddit Corpus**

- Constructed a custom XML-tagged corpus utilizing Python.
- Gathered data by accessing the Reddit API.
- Ensured research ethics by properly anonymizing all users.

Oct 2020 — Feb 2021   **Twitter Sentiment Analysis Project**

- Trained and tested an SGD classifier to predict tweet sentiment.
- Utilized Streamlit API and Python to create a custom web application.
- Preprocessed text data using regular expressions and converted emojis into shortcodes to maintain important semantic features.

RESEARCH

Nov 2021 — Feb 2022

Identity construction in r/lgbt subreddit

- Explored the usage of identity labels in a self-described LGBT subreddit.
- Used distributional semantic models to find binaries that were closely related in the semantic space.
- utilized concordances, collocations, and frequency lists to examine discourses surrounding these labels.

Feb 2017 — May 2017

Conversational analysis of Japanese conversation

- Coordinated with research team to collect 2 hours of spontaneous Japanese conversational language data.
- Utilized specific annotation conventions to manually transcribe and annotate conversations.
- Analyzed labeled data and videos to research the usage of gestures in storytelling sequences.

Sep 2016 — Dec 2016

Newari field research

- Assisted in the analysis of the understudied Nepalese language Newari by holding weekly elicitation sessions with an informant.
- Presented and led group elicitation sessions with a specific focus on valency patterns.
- Accumulated research on Newari's valency patterns in a final paper.

COURSES

Oct 2021

Mathematics for Machine Learning: Multivariate Calculus, Coursera

Sep 2021

Mathematics for Machine Learning: Linear Algebra, Coursera

Oct 2020 — Jun 2021

Programming and database, Università degli studi di Verona

Feb 2020 — Jul 2020

English linguistics with an introduction to discourse analysis, Università degli studi di Verona

Feb 2020 — Jul 2020

Statistics for the humanities, Università degli studi di Verona

Feb 2020 — Jul 2020

Language learning, Università degli studi di Verona

Oct 2019 — Jan 2020

Semantics and pragmatics, Università degli studi di Verona

VOLUNTEERING

Sep 2017 — Feb 2018

English Language Assistant   Minneapolis

- Assisted in mixed-level English language classroom.
- Taught grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary one-on-one, in small groups, and to the whole class.

SKILLS

R Studio	Regular Expressions
Python	SQL
XML	LaTeX

LANGUAGES

English	Native speaker	Japanese	Good working knowledge
Italian	B2		