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## EDUCATION

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**Uppsala University; Sweden** *2019-23*

*PhD* in Computational Linguistics

Project: multilingual morphosyntactic parsing

Supervisors: Joakim Nivre and Anders Søgaard

**University of the Basque Country; Spain** *2017-18*

*MSc* in Language and Communication Technology

Year two of EM-LCT program.

**University of Groningen; Netherlands** *2016-17*

*MA* in Language and Communication Technology

Year one of EM-LCT program.

**University of Massachusetts-Amherst; USA** *2008-12*

*BA* in English Language and Literature

Cum Laude

Certificate in Technical Writing and Professional Communication

Minor in Spanish

Minor in Information Technology

## HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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**GUF GRANT** *2017*

Awarded to outstanding Masters students at the University of Groningen.

**EM-LCT Consortium Scholarship** *2016*

Awarded to motivated students enrolled in the EM-LCT program.

**Dean's List** *2008-12*

Awarded to Bachelor's students who maintain at least a 3.5 GPA per semester.

**John and Abigail Adams Scholarship** *2008-12*

Awarded to in-state Massachusetts students who maintain at least a 3.5 per year.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**What can we learn from semantic tagging?** *2018*

Abdou, Kulmizev, Ravishankar, Abzianidze, Bos. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2018. - *forthcoming*

**AffecThor at SemEval-2018 Task One: A cross-linguistic approach to sentiment intensity quantification in tweets** *2018*

Abdou, Kulmizev, Ginés. Proceedings of the 12th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2018).

**Discriminator at SemEval-2018 Task Ten: Zero-shot Discrimination** *2018*

Kulmizev, et al. Proceedings of the 12th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2018).

**MGAD: Multilingual Generation of Analogy Datasets.** *2018*

Abdou, Kulmizev, Ravinshankar. Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC) 2018.

**The Power of Character N-Grams in Native Language Detection.** *2017*

## MASTER'S THESIS

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**Title:** *Multilingual Word Embeddings and Their Utility in Cross-lingual Learning* (or lack thereof...)

- Proposed and investigated numerous supervised and unsupervised algorithms for extending bilingual word embedding mappings to a multilingual case, where a variable number of languages could exist in the same vector space.
- Evaluated the utility of word embedding alignment as it relates to cross-lingual part-of-speech tagging and dependency parsing. Conducted an extensive experiment to this end, incorporating numerous languages, sources of data, embedding alignments, and input representations.

## RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Poster presentation at TABUDAG** *Groningen, NL — 2018*

Presented research regarding findings in multilingual transfer learning for dependency parsing enabled via multilingual word embeddings.

**Poster Presentation at LREC 2018** *Miyazaki, JP — 2018*

- Presented work on generation of multilingual analogy datasets for word embedding evaluation at the 11th edition of Language Resources and Evaluation Conference.

**SemEval-2018 Task 1: Affect in Tweets** *2018*  
*Winning group*

- Implemented an ensemble of deep LSTMs and gradient-boosted classifiers using sentence, word, and character-level representations. Applied for sentiment affect regression and classification in Arabic, English, and Spanish Tweets.
- Won ordinal classification tasks for Arabic and Spanish.

**SemEval-2018 Task 10: Capturing Discriminative Attributes** *2018*

- Explored the performance of various linear and non-linear classifiers in detecting discriminative attributes encoded in numerous sets of word embeddings, using techniques such as embedding retrofitting, distance thresholding, and sentence embedding.

**2017 Shared Task on Native Language Identification** *2017*  
*Winning group*

- Employed a character-level SVM (among other methods) in order to predict the native language of an author given a sample of their writing.
- Presented group-best results at EMNLP 2017 Poster Session in Copenhagen, Denmark.

**ESSLLI** *Toulouse, FR — 2017*

- Attended the 29th European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information.

**Lot Summer School** *Leiden, NL — 2017*

- Attended the Landelijke Onderzoekschool Taalwetenschap.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

2012-2016

*Learning Management System Administrator*

*Amherst, Massachusetts, USA*

- Front-end administration for Blackboard Learn and various building blocks.
- Management of institution-wide transition from self-hosted environment to managed hosting by Blackboard.
- Technical project management and logistical planning for online teaching and learning environments.
- Testing and implementation of service packs, cumulative patches, building blocks and integrations of other applications and services.

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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**Programming Languages**

Python, R, Java, Ruby

**Machine Learning Toolkits**

Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras, scikit-learn, WEKA

**Other**

numpy; scipy; pandas; NLTK; gensim  
technical writing and documentation; git; LINUX/UNIX;  
web design (Bootstrap, Jekyll); data visualization  
(ggplot2, matplotlib, seaborn); L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## LANGUAGES

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**English**

Native-level

**Russian**

First language

**Spanish**

Written & Oral Proficiency

**Dutch**

Written & Oral Proficiency (B1)

**Basque**

Basic (A1)