

Alexander M. Fraser

Curriculum Vitae



Personal Data

Current Position	Professor of Information and Language Processing, LMU Munich
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Citizenship	USA
Family Status	Married, no children
Languages	English (native) German, French, Spanish (fluent) Arabic (proficient)

Research Interests

Computational Linguistics	Statistical and hybrid machine translation, statistical parsing of syntax, cross-language information retrieval, morphological analysis and generation, discourse, text mining
Machine Learning	Structured prediction, semi-supervised and unsupervised learning, hybrid discriminative and generative models, domain adaptation, distributed training algorithms

Education

12/2007	PhD in Computer Science University of Southern California, Los Angeles (CA), USA <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis Title: Improved Word Alignments for Statistical Machine TranslationAdvisor: Daniel MarcuCommittee: Eduard Hovy, Gareth James, Kevin Knight, Daniel Marcu, Paul Rosenbloom
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- 12/2002 **Masters of Science in Computer Science**
University of Southern California, Los Angeles (CA), USA
▪ GPA 3.86/4.00
- 06/1995 **BA in Computer Science and Economics (Concentration in Linguistics)**
University of Massachusetts, Boston (MA), USA
▪ GPA 3.72/4.00

Professional Experience

- Since
09/2017 **W2 Professor of Information and Language Processing (~Assoc, tenure track)**
Center for Information and Language Processing (CIS),
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- 03/2014 –
08/2014 **Visiting Professor for the W3 Professor of Linguistic Computer Science**
Institute of Computational Linguistics (ICL),
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
- Since
08/2013 **Akademischer Rat (~ Assistant professor, permanent, currently on leave)**
Center for Information and Language Processing (CIS),
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- Since
04/2013 **Leader of Statistical Machine Translation Group**
Center for Information and Language Processing (CIS),
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- 10/2012 –
09/2017 **Special Faculty Member**
Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland,
College Park (MD), USA
- 10/2009 –
04/2013 **Senior Researcher, Leader of Statistical Machine Translation Group**
Institute for Natural Language Processing (IfNLP/IMS),
University of Stuttgart, Germany
- 11/2007 –
09/2009 **Researcher**, Institute for Natural Language Processing (IfNLP/IMS),
DFG Collaborative Research Centre 732: Incremental Specification in Context
University of Stuttgart, Germany
- 09/2000 –
09/2007 **Graduate Research Assistant** (except dates listed below)
University of Southern California, Information Science Institute (ISI),
Marina del Rey (CA), USA
- 06/2003 –
05/2004 **Research Scientist**, Language Weaver, Marina del Rey (CA), USA
- 06 – 08/2002 **Research Scientist**, Department of Speech and Language Processing,
05 – 08/2001 BBN Technologies, Cambridge (MA), USA
02 – 08/2000
- 09/1995 – 01/1998 **Technical Director**, SatelLife, Boston (MA), USA (last position held)
03/1994 – 12/1994
- 05/1987 – 01/1990 **Programmer / Analyst**, The Forum Corporation, Boston (MA), USA (last position held)

Publications

Up-to-date citation counts and bibliometric information are available from my Google Citations page.

Refereed Journal Publications

- Hassan Sajjad, Helmut Schmid, **Alexander Fraser**, Hinrich Schütze (2017). Statistical Models for Unsupervised, Semi-supervised and Supervised Transliteration Mining. *Computational Linguistics*, to appear.
- Valentin Deyringer, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid, Tsuyoshi Okita (2017). Parallelization of Neural Network Training for NLP with Hogwild! *The Prague Bulletin of Mathematical Linguistics*, to appear.
- Nadir Durrani, Helmut Schmid, **Alexander Fraser**, Philipp Koehn, Hinrich Schütze (2015). The Operation Sequence Model – Combining N-Gram-based and Phrase-based Statistical Machine Translation. *Computational Linguistics*. 41(2), pages 157 to 186.
- Aleš Tamchyna, Fabienne Braune, **Alexander Fraser**, Marine Carpuat, Hal Daumé III, Chris Quirk (2014). Integrating a Discriminative Classifier into Phrase-based and Hierarchical Decoding. *The Prague Bulletin of Mathematical Linguistics*, No. 101, pages 29 to 41.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid, Richárd Farkas, Renjing Wang, Hinrich Schütze (2013). Knowledge Sources for Constituent Parsing of German, a Morphologically Rich and Less-Configurational Language. *Computational Linguistics*, 39(1), pages 57 to 85.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu (2007). Measuring Word Alignment Quality for Statistical Machine Translation. *Computational Linguistics*, 33(3), pages 293 to 303.

Book Chapters

- **Alexander Fraser**, William Wong (2008). The Language Weaver Statistical Machine Translation Software System. In A. Farghaly, editor, *Arabic Computational Linguistics*, CSLI Publications, Chapter 9, pages 257 to 288.

Refereed Conference Publications

- Matthias Huck, Simon Riess, **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Target-side Word Segmentation Strategies for Neural Machine Translation. In *In Proceedings of the Second ACL Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, to appear.
- Aleš Tamchyna, Marion Weller-Di Marco, **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Modeling Target-Side Inflection in Neural Machine Translation. In *In Proceedings of the Second ACL Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, to appear.
- Leonie Weißweiler, **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Developing a Stemmer for German Based on a Comparative Analysis of Publicly Available Stemmers. In *Proceedings of the German Society for Computational Linguistics and Language Technology (GSCL)*, to appear.
- Costanza Conforti, **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Supervised Word Sense Disambiguation for Venetan: a Proof-of-Concept Experiment. In *Proceedings of the 30th International Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society Conference (FLAIRS), Special Track on Natural Language Processing of Ancient and Other Low-Resource Languages*, May, Florida, USA.

- Anita Ramm, Riccardo Superbo, Dimitar Shterionov, Tony O'Dowd and **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Integration of a Multilingual Preordering Component into a Commercial SMT Platform. In *Proceedings of the 20th Annual Conference of the European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT)*, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Matthias Huck, Aleš Tamchyna, Ondřej Bojar, **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Producing Unseen Morphological Variants in Statistical Machine Translation. In *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, to appear.
- Marion Weller-Di Marco, **Alexander Fraser**, Sabine Schulte im Walde (2017). Addressing Problems across Linguistic Levels in SMT: Combining Approaches to Model Morphology, Syntax and Lexical Choice. In *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, to appear.
- Aleš Tamchyna, **Alexander Fraser**, Ondřej Bojar, Marcin Junczys-Dowmunt (2016). Target-side Context for Discriminative Models in Statistical Machine Translation. In *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Anita Ramm, **Alexander Fraser** (2016). Modeling Verbal Inflection for English to German SMT. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, pages 21 to 31, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Marion Weller-Di Marco, **Alexander Fraser**, Sabine Schulte im Walde (2016). Modeling Complement Types in Phrase-based SMT. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, pages 43 to 53, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Fabienne Braune, **Alexander Fraser**, Hal Daumé III, Aleš Tamchyna (2016). A Framework for Discriminative Rule Selection in Hierarchical Moses. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, pages 92 to 101, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Fabienne Braune, Nina Seemann, **Alexander Fraser** (2015). Rule Selection with Soft Syntactic Features for String-to-Tree Statistical Machine Translation. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, pages 1095 to 1101, Lisbon, Portugal, September.
- Thomas Müller, Ryan Cotterell, **Alexander Fraser**, Hinrich Schütze (2015). Joint Lemmatization and Morphological Tagging with Lemming (**honorable mention for best short paper**). In *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, pages 2268 to 2274, Lisbon, Portugal, September.
- Martin Wunderlich, **Alexander Fraser**, P.S. Langeslag (2015). God Wat Pæt Ic Eom God - An Exploratory Investigation Into Word Sense Disambiguation in Old English. In *Proceedings of the German Society for Computational Linguistics & Language Technology (GSCL)*, pages 39 to 48, Essen, Germany, September.
- Ryan Cotterell, Thomas Müller, **Alexander Fraser**, Hinrich Schütze (2015). Labeled Morphological Segmentation with Semi-Markov Models. In *Proceedings of the SIGNLL Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)*, pages 164 to 174, Beijing, China, July.
- Marion Weller, **Alexander Fraser**, Sabine Schulte im Walde (2015). Target-side Generation of Prepositions for SMT. In *Proceedings the 18th Annual Conference of the European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT)*, pages 177 to 184, Antalya, Turkey, May.

- Marion Weller, Sabine Schulte im Walde, **Alexander Fraser** (2014). Using Noun Class Information to Model Selectional Preferences for Translating Prepositions in SMT. In *Proceedings of the Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Association for Machine Translation in the Americas (AMTA)*, pages 275 to 287, Vancouver, BC, Canada, October.
- Nadir Durrani, Philipp Koehn, Helmut Schmid, **Alexander Fraser** (2014). Investigating the Usefulness of Generalized Word Representations in SMT. In *Proceedings of the 25th Annual Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*, pages 421 to 432, Dublin, Ireland, August.
- Marion Weller, **Alexander Fraser**, Ulrich Heid (2014). Combining Bilingual Terminology Mining and Morphological Modeling for Domain Adaptation in SMT. In *Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Conference of the European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT)*, pages 11 to 18, Dubrovnik, Croatia, June.
- Fabienne Cap, **Alexander Fraser**, Marion Weller, Aoife Cahill (2014). How to Produce Unseen Teddy Bears: Improved Morphological Processing of Compounds in SMT. In *Proceedings of the 14th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 579 to 587, Goteborg, Sweden, April.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Marion Weller, Aoife Cahill, Fabienne Cap (2013). NECTAR: Modeling Inflection and Word-Formation in SMT. In *Proceedings of the International Conference of the German Society for Computational Linguistics and Language Technology (GSCL), Nectar Track*, 6 pages, Darmstadt, Germany, September.
- Nadir Durrani, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid, Hieu Hoang, Philipp Koehn (2013). Can Markov Models Over Minimal Translation Units Help Phrase-Based SMT? In *Proceedings of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 399 to 405, Sofia, Bulgaria, August.
- Marion Weller, **Alexander Fraser**, Sabine Schulte im Walde (2013). Using Subcategorization Knowledge To Improve Case Prediction For Translation To German. In *Proceedings of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 593 to 603, Sofia, Bulgaria, August.
- Nadir Durrani, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid (2013). Model With Minimal Translation Units, But Decode With Phrases. In *Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT)*, pages 1 to 11, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, June.
- Hassan Sajjad, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid (2012). A Statistical Model for Unsupervised and Semi-supervised Transliteration Mining. In *Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 469 to 477, Jeju Island, Korea, July.
- Fabienne Braune, Anita Gojun, **Alexander Fraser** (2012). Long-distance Reordering During Search for Hierarchical Phrase-based SMT. In *Proceedings of the 16th Annual Conference of the European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT)*, pages 177 to 184, Trento, Italy, May.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Marion Weller, Aoife Cahill, Fabienne Cap (2012). Modeling Inflection and Word-Formation in SMT. In *Proceedings of the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 664 to 674, Avignon, France, April.
- Anita Gojun, **Alexander Fraser** (2012). Determining the Placement of German Verbs in English-to-German SMT. In *Proceedings of the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 726 to 735, Avignon, France, April.

- Hassan Sajjad, Nadir Durrani, Helmut Schmid, **Alexander Fraser** (2011). Comparing Two Techniques for Learning Transliteration Models Using a Parallel Corpus. In *Proceedings of The 5th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP)*, pages 129 to 137, Chiang Mai, Thailand, November.
- Nadir Durrani, Helmut Schmid, **Alexander Fraser** (2011). A Joint Sequence Translation Model with Integrated Reordering. In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 1045 to 1054, Portland, Oregon, USA, June.
- Hassan Sajjad, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid (2011). An Algorithm for Unsupervised Transliteration Mining with an Application to Word Alignment. In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 430 to 439, Portland, Oregon, USA, June.
- Fabienne Braune, **Alexander Fraser** (2010). Improved Unsupervised Sentence Alignment for Parallel and Asymmetrical Bilingual Corpora. In *Proceedings of the the 23rd International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) - Posters*, pages 81 to 89, Beijing, China, August.
- Nadir Durrani, Hassan Sajjad, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid (2010). Hindi-to-Urdu Machine Translation Through Transliteration. In *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 465 to 474, Uppsala, Sweden, July.
- Florian Schwarck, **Alexander Fraser**, Hinrich Schütze (2010). Bitext-Based Resolution of German Subject-Object Ambiguities. In *Proceedings of the 11th Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT) - Short Paper, Oral Presentation*, pages 737 to 740, Los Angeles, California, USA, June.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Renjing Wang, Hinrich Schütze (2009). Rich Bitext Projection Features for Parse Reranking. In *Proceedings of the 12th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 282 to 290, Athens, Greece, March.
- Hamidreza Kobdani, **Alexander Fraser**, Hinrich Schütze (2009). Word Alignment by Thresholded Two-Dimensional Normalization. In *Proceedings of MT Summit XII - Posters*, pages 260 to 267, Ottawa, Canada, August.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu (2007). Getting the Structure Right for Word Alignment: LEAF. In *Proceedings of the 2007 Joint Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and Computational Natural Language Learning (EMNLP-CoNLL)*, pages 51 to 60, Prague, Czech Republic, June.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu (2006). Semi-Supervised Training for Statistical Word Alignment. In *Proceedings of the 21st International Conference on Computational Linguistics and 44th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (COLING/ACL)*, pages 769 to 776, Sydney, Australia, July.
- Dragos Stefan Munteanu, **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu (2004). Improved Machine Translation Performance via Parallel Sentence Extraction from Comparable Corpora. In *Proceedings of the Human Language Technology and North American Association for Computational Linguistics Conference (HLT/NAACL)*, pages 265 to 272, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, May.

- Franz Josef Och, Daniel Gildea, Sanjeev Khudanpur, Anoop Sarkar, Kenji Yamada, **Alex Fraser**, Shankar Kumar, Libin Shen, David Smith, Katherine Eng, Viren Jain, Zhen Jin, Dragomir Radev (2004). A Smorgasbord of Features for Statistical Machine Translation. In *Proceedings of the Human Language Technology and North American Association for Computational Linguistics Conference (HLT/NAACL)*, pages 161 to 168, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, May.
- Jinxi Xu, **Alexander Fraser**, Ralph Weischedel (2002). Empirical Studies in Strategies for Arabic Retrieval. In *Proceedings of the 25th Annual International Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)*, pages 269 to 274, Tampere, Finland, August.

Refereed Conference Demonstrations

- Anita Ramm, Sharid Loáiciga, Annemarie Friedrich and **Alexander Fraser** (2017). Annotating Tense, Mood and Voice for English, French and German. In *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, Vancouver, Canada (to appear).
- Daniel Marcu, **Alex Fraser**, William Wong, Kevin Knight (2004). Language Weaver Arabic->English MT. In *Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (Coling)*, page 89, Geneva, Switzerland, August.

Invited Conference Publication

- **Alexander Fraser**, Renjing Wang, Hinrich Schütze (2009). A progress report on bitext parsing. In *2nd International Conference on the Future of Information Sciences (InFuture): Digital Resources and Knowledge Sharing*, pages 43 to 52, Zagreb, Croatia, November. Invited Paper.

Invited Conference Presentation

- **Alexander Fraser** (2013). Machine Learning in the Statistical Natural Language Processing Group of the University of Stuttgart. In *Joint Third EUCogIII Members Conference and PASCAL2 Review Meeting*, Palma de Mallorca, Spain, April. Invited Flashtalk and Poster.

Conference Project Description

- B. Haddow, A. Birch, O. Bojar, F. Braune, C. Davenport, **A. Fraser**, M. Huck, M. Kaspar, K. Kovarikova, J. Plch, A. Ramm, J. Ried, J. Sheary, A. Tamchyna, D. Variš, M. Weller, and P. Williams (2017). HimL: Health in my Language. In *EAMT 2017 User Studies and Project/Product Descriptions*, page 33, Prague, Czech Republic, May.

Refereed Workshop Publications

- Marion Weller, Fabienne Cap, Stefan Müller, Sabine Schulte im Walde, **Alexander Fraser** (2014). Distinguishing Degrees of Compositionality in Compound Splitting for Statistical Machine Translation. In *Proceedings of the First Workshop on Computational Approaches to Compound Analysis (ComaComa) at COLING*, pages 81 to 90, Dublin, Ireland, August.

- Fabienne Fritzing, **Alexander Fraser** (2010). How to Avoid Burning Ducks: Combining Linguistic Analysis and Corpus Statistics for German Compound Processing. In *Proceedings of the ACL 2010 Fifth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation and MetricsMATR*, pages 224 to 234, Uppsala, Sweden, July.

Refereed Workshop Presentations

- Marion Weller, **Alexander Fraser**, Sabine Schulte im Walde (2015). Predicting Prepositions for SMT. In *Proceedings of Ninth Workshop on Syntax, Semantics and Structure in Statistical Translation (SSST)*, pages 55-56, Denver, Colorado, USA, June.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Marion Weller, Aoife Cahill, Fabienne Cap (2011). Morphological Generation of German for SMT. *Abstract accepted for presentation at Machine Translation and Morphologically-rich Languages - Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation*. University of Haifa, Israel, January.

Shared Task Conference and Workshop Publications

- Matthias Huck, Fabienne Braune, **Alexander Fraser** (2017). LMU Munich's Neural Machine Translation Systems for News Articles and Health Information Texts. In *In Proceedings of the Second ACL Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, to appear.
- Matthias Huck, **Alexander Fraser**, Barry Haddow (2016). The Edinburgh/LMU Hierarchical Machine Translation system for WMT 2016. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, pages 311 to 318, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Jan-Thorsten Peter, Tamer Alkhouli, Hermann Ney, Matthias Huck, Fabienne Braune, **Alexander Fraser**, Aleš Tamchyna, Ondřej Bojar, Barry Haddow, Rico Sennrich, Frédéric Blain, Lucia Specia, Jan Niehues, Alex Waibel, Alexandre Allauzen, Lauriane Aufrant, Franck Burlot, Elena Knyazeva, Thomas Lavergne, François Yvon, Stella Frank, and Mārcis Pinnis (2016). The QT21/HimL Combined Machine Translation System. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, pages 341 to 352, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Aleš Tamchyna, Roman Sudarikov, Ondřej Bojar, **Alexander Fraser** (2016). CUNI-LMU submissions in WMT2016: Chimera constrained and beaten. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Machine Translation (WMT)*, pages 382 to 387, Berlin, Germany, August.
- Fabienne Cap, Marion Weller, Anita Ramm, **Alexander Fraser** (2015). CimS - The CIS and IMS Joint Submission to WMT 2015 addressing morphological and syntactic differences in English to German SMT. In *Proceedings of the Tenth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation*, pages 84 to 91, Lisbon, Portugal, September.
- Fabienne Cap, Marion Weller, Anita Ramm, **Alexander Fraser** (2014). CimS – The CIS and IMS joint submission to WMT 2014: translating from English into German. In *Proceedings of the ACL Ninth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation*, pages 71 to 78, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, June.
- Nadir Durrani, Helmut Schmid, **Alexander Fraser**, Hassan Sajjad, Richárd Farkas (2013). Munich-Edinburgh-Stuttgart Submissions of OSM Systems at WMT13. In *Proceedings of the ACL Eighth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation*, pages 122 to 127, Sofia, Bulgaria, August.

- Hassan Sajjad, Svetlana Smekalova, Nadir Durrani, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid (2013). QCRI-MES Submission at WMT13: Using Transliteration Mining to Improve Statistical Machine Translation. In *Proceedings of the ACL Eighth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation*, pages 219 to 224, Sofia, Bulgaria, August.
- Marion Weller, Max Kisselew, Svetlana Smekalova, **Alexander Fraser**, Helmut Schmid, Nadir Durrani, Hassan Sajjad, Richárd Farkas (2013). Munich-Edinburgh-Stuttgart Submissions at WMT13: Morphological and Syntactic Processing for SMT. In *Proceedings of the ACL Eighth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation*, pages 232 to 239, Sofia, Bulgaria, August.
- **Alexander Fraser** (2009). Experiments in Morphosyntactic Processing for Translating to and from German. In *Proceedings of the EACL Fourth Workshop on Statistical Machine Translation*, pages 115 to 119, Athens, Greece, March.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu (2005). ISI's Participation in the Romanian-English Alignment Task. In *Proceedings of the ACL Workshop on Building and Using Parallel Texts*, pages 91 to 94, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, June.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Jinxi Xu, Ralph Weischedel (2002). TREC 2002 Cross-lingual Retrieval at BBN. In *Voorhees, E.M. & Harman, D.K. (Eds.) The Eleventh Text Retrieval Conference (TREC)*, pages 102 to 106, NIST Special Publication 500-251.
- Jinxi Xu, **Alexander Fraser**, Ralph Weischedel (2001). TREC 2001 Cross-lingual Retrieval at BBN. In *Voorhees, E.M. & Harman, D.K. (Eds.) The Tenth Text Retrieval Conference (TREC)*, pages 68 to 77, NIST Special Publication 500-250.

Technical Reports

- Marine Carpuat, Hal Daume III, **Alexander Fraser**, Chris Quirk, Fabienne Braune, Ann Clifton, Ann Irvine, Jagadeesh Jagarlamudi, John Morgan, Majid Razmara, Aleš Tamchyna, Katharine Henry, Rachel Rudinger (2012). Domain Adaptation in Machine Translation: Final Report. Johns Hopkins University 2012 Summer Workshop on Language Engineering, Center for Language and Speech Processing, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, December.
- **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu (2006). Measuring Word Alignment Quality for Statistical Machine Translation. Technical Report ISI-TR-616, ISI/University of Southern California, May.
- Franz Josef Och, Daniel Gildea, Sanjeev Khudanpur, Anoop Sarkar, Kenji Yamada, **Alex Fraser**, Shankar Kumar, Libin Shen, David Smith, Katherine Eng, Viren Jain, Zhen Jin, Dragomir Radev (2003). Syntax for Statistical Machine Translation. Johns Hopkins University 2003 Summer Workshop on Language Engineering, Center for Language and Speech Processing, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, August.

Granted Patent

- **Alexander Fraser**, Daniel Marcu. Semi-Supervised Training for Statistical Word Alignment. Patent US8433556, United States Patent and Trademark Office, filed 11/2006, granted 04/2013

Honors / Awards

- 1000 Euro award for open source, distributed implementation of LEAF alignment model (from dissertation) at Euromatrix Second Machine Translation Marathon. 2009
- Full sponsorship for participation in Euromatrix Second Machine Translation Marathon (one week). 2009
- Full sponsorship to spend 8 weeks in Baltimore at the Johns Hopkins University CLSP Summer Workshop 2003: Syntax for Statistical Machine Translation, led by Franz Och and Daniel Gildea. 2003
- SIGIR 2002 Student Travel Award. 2002
- University of Southern California - Charles Lee Powell Graduate Fellowship, full support and additional stipend for 3 years of PhD studies. 2000-2003
- University of Massachusetts - Graduated magna cum laude. 1995
- University of Massachusetts - Juan Carlos Merlo Prize, awarded annually to a single graduating mathematics or computer science student for outstanding achievement. 1995
- University of Massachusetts - Honors in Computer Science. 1995
- University of Massachusetts - Honors in Economics. 1995

Grants

- Principal Investigator, ERC Starting Grant (awarded by PE6 (Computer Science and Informatics) in the 2014 call, starts at the end of 2015), 5 years, 1.2 million Euros
- Principal Investigator, Horizon2020 Innovation Action "Health in my Language (HimL)" with U. Edinburgh, Charles U. Prague, 3 other organizations, 2015-2018, 500000 Euros
- Principal Investigator (with Knight, Koehn, Schmid, Uszkoreit) on Dagstuhl Seminar on Statistical Techniques for Translating to Morphologically Rich Languages, facilitates meeting of 60 researchers in Germany for one week, 2014
- Principal Investigator (with Schütze) on DFG Sachbeihilfe, "Models of Morphosyntax for Statistical Machine Translation - Phase II", 2 years, 2013-2015, 300000 Euros
- Principal Investigator on Johns Hopkins Summer Workshop on Domain Adaptation for Statistical Machine Translation (with Daume, Carpuat, Quirk), facilitated research by 13 people for 6 weeks, 2012
- Deputy Investigator, European Commission FP7 STREP, "TTC: Terminology Extraction, Translation Tools and Comparable Corpora". Coordinator Beatrice Daille, Nantes; Stuttgart PI Ulrich Heid, 1 full-time position allocated to me for 1 1/2 years, 2010-2012, 250000 Euros total (Stuttgart)

- Principal Investigator (with Schütze) on DFG Sachbeihilfe, “Models of Morphosyntax for Statistical Machine Translation”, 3 years, 2009-2012, 517000 Euros
- Principal Investigator on Small Business Innovation Research grant to Language Weaver, “Linguistic Error Analysis of Statistical Machine Translation”. US\$50,000, 2004
- Principal Investigator (sole implementing PI) on grant for design, implementation and quality assurance of Language Weaver Arabic/English hybrid statistical machine translation system, 2 years, 2003-2004, amount confidential, approx. 5 full-time positions

Teaching

I am the coordinator of the Masters degree in Computational Linguistics at LMU Munich, and teach a standard full teaching load. I also organize the institute reading group (together with Schütze), which is currently on deep learning approaches for computational linguistics and machine translation.

- “Erweiterungsmodul: Machine Translation”, LMU München, Vorlesung und Übung, Summer Semester 2017
- “Computational Morphology and Electronic Dictionaries”, LMU München, Vorlesung und Übung, Summer Semester 2017
- “Informationsextraktion”, LMU München, Vorlesung, Winter Semester 2016/2017
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion (I)”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2016/2017
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion (II)”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2016/2017
- “Lexicon, Syntax, Semantics: Statistical Machine Translation and Neural Machine Translation”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2016/2017
- “Seminar: Advanced Neural Machine Translation”, LMU München, Seminar, Summer Semester 2016
- “Computational Morphology and Electronic Dictionaries”, LMU München, Vorlesung und Übung, Summer Semester 2016
- “Seminar: Neural Machine Translation”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2015/2016
- “Informationsextraktion”, LMU München, Vorlesung, Winter Semester 2015/2016
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion (I)”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2015/2016
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion (II)”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2015/2016
- “Lexicon, Syntax, Semantics: Word Sense Disambiguation and Statistical Machine Translation”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2015/2016
- “Intensive Introduction to Neural Machine Translation”, LMU München, Seminar, Summer Semester 2015
- “Informationsextraktion”, LMU München, Vorlesung, Winter Semester 2014/2015
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion (I)”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2014/2015
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion (II)”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2014/2015
- “Lexicon, Syntax, Semantics: Word Sense Disambiguation and Statistical Machine Translation”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2014/2015
- “Information Extraction”, DAAD International Summer School in Advanced Language Engineering, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, September 2014

- “Programmieren II: Fortgeschrittene (Java)”, Universität Heidelberg, Vorlesung and Übung, Summer Semester 2014
- “Statistical Machine Translation”, Universität Heidelberg, Vorlesung, Summer Semester 2014
- “Linguistic Knowledge for Statistical Machine Translation”, Universität Heidelberg, Proseminar, Summer Semester 2014
- “Informationsextraktion”, LMU München, Vorlesung, Winter Semester 2013/2014
- “Seminar zur Informationsextraktion”, LMU München, Seminar, Winter Semester 2013/2014
- “Statistical Machine Translation”, DAAD Summer School in Advanced Language Engineering, Kathmandu University, Nepal, September 2012
- “Statistical Machine Translation”, with Andreas Maletti, Seminar (Hauptseminar), University of Stuttgart, Winter Semester 2011/2012
- “Machine Learning for Natural Language Processing” Seminar (Hauptseminar), with Stefan Riezler and Hinrich Schütze, Joint Seminar: Heidelberg University and University of Stuttgart, Winter Semester 2010/2011
- “Statistical Machine Translation”, with Helmut Schmid, Seminar (Lektürekurs), University of Stuttgart, Summer Semester 2010
- “Parsing and Machine Translation”, with Helmut Schmid, Seminar (Hauptseminar), University of Stuttgart, Summer Semester 2009
- “Data-driven and Hybrid Approaches to Machine Translation”, with Martin Forst, intensive two week course at German Society for Linguistics Fall School in Konstanz, 2009
- One week intensive course on Statistical Machine Translation at 9th Summer School of the European Masters in Language and Speech Technology Programme, Stuttgart, 2008

Advising

Post-docs

- Dr. Fabienne Braune, research on multilingual embeddings for mining comparable corpora
- Dr. Liane Guillou, 04/2016 to 09/2016, research on discourse for translation
- Matthias Huck, research on domain adaptation and translation to morphologically rich languages
- Dr. Tsuyoshi Okita, 01/2016 to 12/2016, research on neural models for automatic post-editing
- Dr. Aleš Tamchyna, 01/2017 to 04/2017, research on translation to morphologically rich languages (jointly supervised with Prof. Jan Hajic, Charles University Prague)

Ph.D. Advising

- Anita Ramm (née Gojun) (with Sabine Schulte im Walde), since 05/2013
- Dario Stojanovski, since 06/2017
- Marion Weller-Di Marco (with Sabine Schulte im Walde), since 12/2011

- Fabienne Braune (with Andreas Maletti), 10/2009-11/2015, Decoding Strategies for Syntax-based Statistical Machine Translation. Winner of the **European Association for Machine Translation Best Thesis Award** for the best machine translation dissertation in Europe in 2015. First position after graduation: Post-doc at LMU Munich with Alexander Fraser.
- Fabienne Cap (née Fritzinger), 10/2009-10/2014, Morphological Processing of Compounds for Statistical Machine Translation. First position after graduation: Post-doc (VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming) at Uppsala University with Joakim Nivre.
- Nadir Durrani (with Helmut Schmid), 04/2008-11/2012, A Joint Translation Model with Integrated Reordering. Winner of the **German Society for Computational Linguistics award** for the best natural language processing / computational linguistics dissertation for the years 2011 to 2013. First position after graduation: Post-doc at University of Edinburgh with Philipp Koehn.
- Hassan Sajjad (with Helmut Schmid), 04/2008-10/2012, Statistical Models for Unsupervised, Semi-supervised and Supervised Transliteration Mining. First position after graduation: Qatar Computing Research Institute.

Visiting Ph.D. Students

- Viktor Hangya (DAAD Scholarship), University of Szeged, 10/2016 to 12/2016
- Aleš Tamchyna, Charles University Prague, 10/2015 to 05/2016
- Marija Brkic (Erasmus), University of Zagreb, Croatia. 09/2010 to 02/2011

External Ph.D. Committees

- Ph.D. Committee Member: Arianna Bisazza. University of Trento, Italy. 04/2013
- Ph.D. Committee Member: Jagadeesh Jagarlamudi. University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA. 04/2013
- Examiner, “Licentiate of Philosophy” (similar to American Ph.D. qualification exam): Sara Stymne, Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University, Sweden. 12/2009

Masters/Bachelors Advising

- Valentin Deyringer, Masters in Computational Linguistics, Parallelization of Neural Machine Translation
- Stefan Schätz, Masters in Computational Linguistics, Producing German Compounds in Statistical Machine Translation through Phrase Table Enrichment
- Jekaterina Siilivask, Masters in Computational Linguistics, Statistical Machine Translation of Russian with Full Morphological Generalization
- Luisa Berlanda, Bachelors in Computational Linguistics, Part-of-speech Tagging for Spoken Language Corpora, completed 05/2016
- Iryna Markovych, Bachelors in Computational Linguistics, Comparative Error Analysis of Machine Translation into Slavic Languages, completed 05/2016
- Tetsuhiro Tamada, Bachelors in Computational Linguistics, Context-dependent Neural Machine Translation, completed 05/2016
- Alexander Zap, Bachelors in Computational Linguistics, Classifier-based Domain Adaptation with an Application to Machine Translation, completed 05/2016
- Fabian Dreer, Bachelors in Computational Linguistics, Focused Crawling for Statistical Machine Translation, completed 01/2016
- Renjing Wang, Masters Thesis (Diplomarbeit) in Computer Science, Self-Training for German Parsing, completed 09/2011
- Ronny Jauch, Bachelors Thesis (Studienarbeit) in Computational Linguistics, Umordnung von quellsprachlichen Sätzen in die Satzstruktur der Zielsprache (Reordering of Source-Language Sentences into the Ordering of the Target Language), completed 08/2011
- Anita Gojun, Masters Thesis (Diplomarbeit) in Computational Linguistics, Null Subjects in Statistical Machine Translation: A Case Study on Aligning English and Italian Verb Phrases with Pronominal Subjects, completed 08/2010
- Marion Weller, Masters Thesis (Diplomarbeit) in Computational Linguistics, An Empirical Analysis of Source Context Features for Phrase-Based Statistical Machine Translation, completed 08/2010
- Fabienne Braune (Universität de Fribourg, Switzerland), Masters Thesis in Computer Science, Analysing and Improving Unsupervised Sentence Alignment, completed 09/2009
- Renjing Wang, Bachelors Thesis (Studienarbeit) in Computer Science, Parsing Bitext, completed 05/2009
- Marion Weller, Bachelors Thesis (Studienarbeit) in Computational Linguistics, Separate Morphologiebehandlung als Methode zur Verbesserung statistischer maschineller Übersetzung (Separate Morphological Processing as a Method for Improving Statistical Machine Translation), completed 05/2009. Winner of **Informatik-Verbund-Stuttgart Award** (given yearly for the two best Bachelors Theses in computer science-related fields in Stuttgart)
- Fabienne Fritzinger, Masters Thesis (Diplomarbeit) in Computational Linguistics, Extracting Multiword Expressions from Parallel Text, completed 08/2008

Invited Presentations

- Invited Talk, “Linguistically-informed Target-word Representations for Machine Translation”, Dublin City University, Ireland, 2017
- Invited Talk, “Towards Perfect Machine Translation: Statistical Methods and Linguistic Knowledge”, University of Potsdam, Germany, 2017
- Keynote Speaker, “Translation to Morphologically Rich Languages”, European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT 2016), Riga, Latvia, 2016
- Invited Talk, “Towards Perfect Machine Translation: Statistical Methods and Linguistic Knowledge”, University of Hamburg, Germany, 2015
- Invited Talk, “Improving Translation to German”, Universität Zürich, Switzerland, 2014
- Invited Talk, “Domain Adaptation with Parallel and Comparable Corpora”, Machine Translation Marathon, Prague, Czech Republic, 2013
- Keynote Speaker, “Improving Translation to Morphologically Rich Languages”, La 20ème conférence du Traitement Automatique du Langage Naturel (TALN), Sables d’Olonnes, France, 2013
- Invited Talk, “Improving Translation to Morphologically Rich(er) Languages”, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Karlsruhe, Germany, 2013
- Invited Talk, “Towards Perfect Machine Translation: Statistical Methods and Linguistic Knowledge”, Institute for Natural Language Processing, University of Stuttgart, Germany, 2012
- Invited Talk, “Modeling Morphology and Syntax for Statistical Machine Translation”, Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing Lab, TU Darmstadt, Germany, 2012
- Panel, “Arabic Natural Language Processing Technologies Round-Table”, Qatar Computing Research Institute, Doha, Qatar, 2011
- Invited Talk, “Analysis and Generation of German for Statistical Machine Translation”, Institute for Language, Cognition and Computation Seminar, University of Edinburgh, 2010
- Keynote Speaker, “Morphosyntactic Correspondences and a Progress Report on Bitext Parsing”, InFuture 2009, Zagreb, Croatia, 2009
- Invited Talk, “Beyond Phrase-Based Statistical Machine Translation”, German Society for Computational Linguistics & Language Technology Workshop “Costs and Uses of Machine Translation”, 2009
- Invited Talk, “Semi-Supervised Word Alignment”, Research Track of Euromatrix Second Machine Translation Marathon, 2008
- Invited Talk, “Statistical Word Alignment”, Institute for Computational Linguistics, Heidelberg University, 2008
- Invited Talk, “Getting the Structure Right for Word Alignment: LEAF”, Linguistics Department, University of Potsdam, 2007
- Invited Talk, “Improved Word Alignments for Statistical Machine Translation”, Language Technology Laboratory, DFKI (German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence), 2006
- Invited Talk, “Improved Word Alignments for Statistical Machine Translation”, Institute for Natural Language Processing (IMS), University of Stuttgart, 2006

- Demonstration, Language Weaver Arabic/English Statistical Machine Translation System, HLT-NAACL 2004
- Demonstration, Language Weaver Arabic/English Statistical Machine Translation System, COLING Workshop on Computational Approaches to Arabic Script-based Languages 2004
- Panel, “Issues in Arabic to English Machine Translation”, MT Summit IX Workshop on Machine Translation for Semitic Languages, 2003
- Invited Talk, “USC/ISI’s Arabic/English Machine Translation System”, US National Institute of Standards Machine Translation Evaluation Workshop, 2003

Professional Activities

Senior PC

- EAMT 2017: Program Chair (research track)
- EMNLP 2016: Area Co-Chair: Machine Translation
- NAACL 2016: Area Co-Chair
- EACL 2014: Area Co-Chair: Machine Translation
- ACL 2014: Tutorials Co-Chair

Journal Reviewer

- Computational Linguistics (CL)
- Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL)
- Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Conference/Workshop Reviewer

- Regular reviewer at ACL, NAACL, EACL, EMNLP
- Regular reviewer at Conference on Machine Translation
- Regular reviewer at ACL/NAACL/EACL Workshops on Machine Translation
- NIPS 2010-2011
- COLING 2008, COLING 2010
- MT Summit 2009
- IJCNLP 2008
- Theoretical and Methodological Issues in Machine Translation (TMI) 2004
- Workshop reviews: ACL Workshop on Building and Using Parallel Texts; ACL Workshop on Syntax, Semantics and Structure in Statistical Translation; EACL/ACL Workshops on Computational Approaches to Semitic Languages; Workshop on Hybrid Approaches to Machine Translation; IWSLT International Workshop on Spoken Language Translation; COLING Workshop on Human Judgements in Computational Linguistics; MT Summit IX Workshop on Machine Translation for Semitic Languages

Other Reviewing

- German Research Foundation (DFG) - Proposal Reviewer
- U.S. National Science Foundation - Proposal Reviewer
- Neural Information Processing Series, “Learning Machine Translation”, MIT Press
- Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing, Anita Borg Institute

Other Activities

- Designed and managed creation of the first commercially available statistical machine translation system (Language Weaver Arabic/English)
- Engineered top ranked systems in cross-language information retrieval, information retrieval, word alignment and machine translation
 - Best English to German machine translation, WMT 2017 (news), constrained track
 - Best German to English machine translation, ACL-WMT 2009 constrained track
 - Word alignments used in 1st or 2nd best ranked Chinese to English and Arabic to English machine translation systems, NIST-MT 2006, 2008, 2009
 - Best Romanian/English word alignment, ACL-WPT 2005 constrained track
 - Best Arabic to English machine translation, NIST-MT 2003 constrained and unconstrained tracks
 - Best English to Arabic cross-language retrieval, TREC 2001, TREC 2002
 - Best Arabic information retrieval, TREC 2001
- Software provided to the research community:
 - Implementation of a Discriminative Lexicon in Moses, with Kristina Toutanova and Ondrej Bojar and team at Open Source track of the Eighth Machine Translation Marathon 2013
 - Integration of Vowpal Wabbit, a high-speed learner of classification models, as a lexicon model into the open source Moses statistical machine translation engine, with team at the Johns Hopkins Summer Workshop on Domain Adaptation for Machine Translation 2012
 - Cube pruning algorithm implemented in open source Moses statistical machine translation engine, with team at Open Source track of Euromatrix Second Machine Translation Marathon 2009
 - Word alignment graphical user interface implemented in Java Swing, used by 7 research labs, 2007
- Data provided to the research community:
 - Standard data sets for domain-adaptation experimentation in machine translation created at the Johns Hopkins Summer Workshop on Domain Adaptation for Machine Translation
 - Probabilistic Dictionary (with Jinxi Xu) for use in TREC-2002 Cross-Lingual Information Retrieval Task (using English queries to request Arabic documents)
 - BBN release of the Arabic/English UN corpus (with Jinxi Xu, Ralph Weischedel), distributed by the Linguistic Data Consortium
 - Sentence aligned the Ummah corpus, distributed by the Linguistic Data Consortium
- Organizing of Stuttgart Reading Group on Parsing and Machine Translation
- Stuttgart Coordinator for Pascal2 EU Network of Excellence (Pascal2: Pattern Analysis, Statistical Modelling and Computational Learning)