Dr. Jonathan Dunn

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Specialization

Computational Linguistics; Cognitive Linguistics; Computational Syntax; Computational Sociolinguistics

Overview

I am a computational linguist working to model both (i) the emergence of grammatical structure within individuals and (ii) variation in grammatical structure across individuals, populations, and registers. To support this research, I've developed large multi-lingual geographic corpora. My work has also examined the impact of linguistic variation on large language models.

Monographs

Dunn, J. (2026). *Syntactic Variation from Individuals to Populations: Language as a Complex System*. Elements in Construction Grammar. Cambridge University Press. Manuscript.

Dunn, J. (2024). *Computational Construction Grammar: A Usage-Based Approach*. Elements in Cognitive Linguistics. Cambridge University Press. Interactive Labs.

Dunn, J. (2022). *Natural Language Processing for Corpus Linguistics*. Elements in Corpus Linguistics. Cambridge University Press. Interactive Labs
Reviews: *Natural Language Engineering*, *Corpus Pragmatics*, *Int'l Journal of Corpus Linguistics*

Appointments held

2024–	Associate Professor in Linguistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2023-2023	Senior Lecturer Above the Bar in Linguistics, University of Canterbury (NZ)
2021-2022	Senior Lecturer in Linguistics, University of Canterbury (NZ)
2018-2020	Lecturer in Linguistics, University of Canterbury (NZ)
2015-2018	Research Assistant Professor in Computer Science, Illinois Institute of Technology
2015-2018	Visiting Scientist, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
2014-2015	Post-Doc in Computer Science, Illinois Institute of Technology

Education

2013   PhD, Purdue University
        Dissertation: *Automatic Identification of Metaphoric Utterances*
        Advisor: Victor Raskin
2010   MA, Purdue University
        Thesis: *Towards a Computational Model of Metaphor*
        Advisor: Victor Raskin
2008   BA, Classics, Hillsdale College

MOOCS on edX

Now over 14,000 students
Text Analytics 1: Introducing Natural Language Processing
Text Analytics 2: Visualizing Natural Language Processing

Leadership and Visiting Positions

2024-   Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois
2025   Faculty, LSA Linguistic Institute, University of Oregon
2021-2023 Theme Leader at the New Zealand Institute for Language, Brain and Behaviour
2022   Visiting Scholar at the Center for Spatial Data Science, University of Chicago
2015   Faculty, LSA Linguistic Institute, University of Chicago

Major Funding

2024-2027 Marsden Fund Standard Grant (NZL)
           Does Machine-Assisted Writing Erase Linguistic Diversity?
           Co-PI: $660,000 (NZD)
2020-2022 Science for Technological Innovation, National Science Challenges, MBIE (NZL)
           Domain Adaptation to Support Polynesian Language Technology
           PI: $200,000 (NZD)
2015-2018 Visiting Scientist Research Fellowship, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education
           Geolinguistics
           PI: Approx. $500,000 (USD)

Awards and Other Funding

2025   BRIDGE Seed Fund
        University of Illinois and University of Birmingham
        Co-PI, Prof. Jack Grieve, Birmingham
        Award: $6,500 USD and £6,500 GBP
2023   Early Career Research Award in Humanities, Social Sciences or Creative Arts
        Faculty of Arts, University of Canterbury
        Award: $2,000 (NZD)
2021   Early Career Researcher Development Fund, University of Canterbury
        Towards Equitable Language Models
        Grant: $5,000 (NZD)

2020	Teaching Development Grant, University of Canterbury
	Syntactic Annotations for Māori Corpora
	Grant with Jeanette King: $5,000 (NZD)
2019	Support Grant, University of Canterbury
	Automating Tourist Profiles By Integrating Spatial and Textual Artificial Intelligence
	Grant with Ben Adams and Girish Prayag: $5,000
2017	Certificate of Merit, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education
	Award: $3,000 (USD)
2014-2015	IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
	Computational Cognitive Stylistics For Multi-Modal Identity Analytics
2013	Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship, Purdue University Graduate School
	Automated Identification of Metaphoric Utterances
2011-2012	Bilsland Strategic Initiatives Grant, Purdue University Graduate School
	Evaluating Cross-Listed Graduate Courses

Papers

My research is situated at intersection between linguistics and natural language processing. Thus, I have published widely in both fields. Here I am distinguishing between NLP proceedings and linguistics journals for convenience. Both represent peer-reviewed publications.

In Press

1. **Dunn, J.** (in press). "Diffusion Across the Grammar: Complexity in Areal Interactions Between Dialects of English" in Enrique-Arias, A., C. De Benito Moreno and F. Del Barrio De La Rosa (eds.) *The Spatial Diffusion of Linguistic Changes: New Methods and Theoretical Perspectives.* Berlin: De Gruyter. Studies in Language Change 26.

2. **Dunn, J.** (in press). "Cognition and Computation." In the *Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics.* Bloomsbury.

2026

3. Morin, C.; Coats, S.; & **Dunn, J.** (2026). "How register and region shape the language network: Evidence from Computational Construction Grammar." *Constructions*, 18(1). DOI: 10.24338/cons-755.

4. Gan, Q.; **Dunn, J.**; Nini, A.; & Adams, B. (2026). "A Multi-Dialectal, Longitudinal Corpus of Human-AI Hybrid Language Production." In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC.

5. **Dunn, J.** (2026). "Association Measures." In the *International Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 3rd Edition. Elsevier. DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-323-95504-1.01533-7

2025

6. **Dunn, J.** & Wong, S. (2025). "Language Contact and Population Contact As Sources of Dialect Similarity." *Languages*, 10(8), 188. DOI: 10.3390/languages10080188.

7. Anand, G., & **Dunn, J.** (2025). "Mapping Semantic Domains Across India's Social Media: Networks, Geography, and Social Factors." In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computational Semantics*. Association for Computational Linguistics. 307-320. Link.

8. **Dunn, J.** & Eida, M. (2025). "LLMs Learn Constructions That Humans Do Not Know." In *Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Construction Grammars and NLP*. Association for Computational Linguistics. 13-23. Link.

2024

9. **Dunn, J.**; Adams, B.; & Tayyar Madabushi, H. (2024). "Pre-Trained Language Models Represent Some Geographic Populations Better Than Others." In *Proceedings of the Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC/COLING. 12966–12976.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

10. **Dunn, J.** & Edwards-Brown, L. (2024). "Geographically-Informed Language Identification." In *Proceedings of the Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC/COLING. 7672–7682.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP) Link.

11. **Dunn, J.** (2024). "Validating and Exploring Large Geographic Corpora." In *Proceedings of the Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC/COLING. 17348–17358.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

12. Eida, M.; Nassar, M.; & **Dunn, J.** (2024). "How Well Do Tweets Represent Sub-Dialects of Egyptian Arabic?" In *Proceedings of the Eleventh Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties, and Dialects*. Association for Computational Linguistics. 41-55. Link.

2023

13. Li, H.; **Dunn, J.***; & Nini, A. (2023). "Register Variation Remains Stable Across 60 Languages." *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, 19(3): 397-426.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link. *Corresponding author.*

14. **Dunn, J.** (2023). "Syntactic variation across the grammar: Modelling a complex adaptive system." *Frontiers in Complex Systems*. DOI: 10.3389/fcpxs.2023.1273741.

15. **Dunn, J.** (2023). "Exploring the Constructicon: Linguistic Analysis of a Computational CxG." In *Proceedings of the First International Workshop on Construction Grammars and NLP*. Association for Computational Linguistics. Link.

16. **Dunn, J.** (2023). "Variation and Instability in Dialect-Based Embedding Spaces." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects*. Association for Computational Linguistics.
(Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

17. Wong, S. G.-J., Durward, M., Adams, B., & **Dunn, J.** (2023). "Cantnlp@ LT-EDI-2023: Homophobia/transphobia detection in social media comments using spatio-temporally retrained language models." In *Proceedings of the Third Workshop on Language Technology for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*. Link.

2022

18. **Dunn, J.** (2022). "Exposure and Emergence in Usage-Based Grammar: Computational Experiments in 35 Languages." *Cognitive Linguistics*, 33(4): 659-699.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Data. Link.

19. **Dunn, J.** & Wong, S. G.-J. (2022). "Stability of Syntactic Dialect Classification Over Space and Time." In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computational Linguistics*,

COLING. 26-36.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

20. **Dunn, J.**; Li, H.; & Sastre, D. (2022). "Predicting Embedding Reliability in Low-Resource Settings Using Corpus Similarity Measures." In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC. European Language Resources Association. 6461-6470.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

21. **Dunn, J.** & Nijhof, W. (2022). "Language Identification for Austronesian Languages." In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC. European Language Resources Association. 6530-6539.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

22. Li, H. & **Dunn, J.*** (2022). "Corpus Similarity Measures Remain Robust Across Diverse Languages." *Lingua*, 275: 103377.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link. *Corresponding author*.

23. **Dunn, J.** (2022). "Cognitive Linguistics Meets Computational Linguistics: Construction Grammar, Dialectology, and Linguistic Diversity." In Tay, D. & Xie Pan, M. (eds.), *Data Analytics in Cognitive Linguistics: Methods and Insights*. 273-308. Berlin: De Gruyter.
Link

2021

24. **Dunn, J.** & Tayyar Madabushi, H. (2021). "Learned Construction Grammars Converge Across Registers Given Increased Exposure." In *Proceedings of the Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning*, CoNLL. Association for Computational Linguistics. 268-278.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

25. **Dunn, J.** (2021). "Representations of Language Varieties Are Reliable Given Corpus Similarity Measures." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects* @ EACL. Association for Computational Linguistics. 28-38.
(Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

26. **Dunn, J.** & Nini, A. (2021). "Production vs Perception: The Role of Individuality in Usage-Based Grammar Induction." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics* @ NAACL. Association for Computational Linguistics. 149-159.
(Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

2020

27. **Dunn, J.** (2020). "Mapping Languages: The Corpus of Global Language Use." *Language Resources and Evaluation*, 54(4): 999-1,018.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

28. **Dunn, J.** & Adams, B. (2020). "Geographically-Balanced Gigaword Corpora for 50 Language Varieties." In *Proceedings of the Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation*, LREC. European Language Resources Association. 2,521-2,529.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

29. **Dunn, J.**; Coupe, T.; & Adams, B. (2020). "Measuring Linguistic Diversity During COVID-19." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational*

Social Science @ EMNLP. Association for Computational Linguistics. 1-10. (Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

30. **Dunn, J.** (2020). "Ontological and Grammatical Constraints on Metaphor Productivity." In Attardo, S. (ed.), *Script-Based Semantics: Foundations and Applications. Essays in Honor of Victor Raskin*. Berlin: De Gruyter. 55-76. Link

31. Mohammadhassan N., Mitrovic A., Neshatian K. & **Dunn J.** (2020). "Automatic Quality Assessment of Comments in Active Video Watching Using Machine Learning Techniques." In So H-J; Rodrigo M; Mason J; Mitrovic A (Eds). *Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Computers in Education*. I: 1-10. Taiwan: Asia-Pacific Society for Computers in Education. Link

32. Mohammadhassan N., Mitrovic A., Neshatian K. & **Dunn J.** (2020) "Developing Personalized Nudges to Improve Quality of Comments in Active Video Watching." In *Proceedings of 28th International Conference on Computers in Education* 2: 766-769. Taiwan: Asia-Pacific Society for Computers in Education. Link

2019

33. **Dunn, J.** (2019). "Global Syntactic Variation in Seven Languages: Towards a Computational Dialectology." *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence: Language and Computation.* Section on Computational Sociolinguistics. 10.3389/frai.2019.00015 (Altmetric: Top 10%). Link.

34. **Dunn, J.** (2019). "Modeling Global Syntactic Variation in English Using Dialect Classification." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects* @ NAACL. Association for Computational Linguistics. 42-53. (Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

35. **Dunn, J.** (2019). "Frequency vs. Association for Constraint Selection in Usage-Based Construction Grammar." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics* @ NAACL. Association for Computational Linguistics. 117-128. (Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

36. **Dunn, J.** & Adams, B. (2019). "Mapping Languages and Demographics with Georeferenced Corpora." In *Proceedings of GeoComputation 19*. Link

2018

37. **Dunn, J.** (2018). "Multi-Unit Association Measures: Moving Beyond Pairs of Words." *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, 23(2): 183-215. (Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link

38. **Dunn, J.** (2018). "Finding Variants for Construction-Based Dialectometry: A Corpus-Based Approach to Regional CxGs." *Cognitive Linguistics*, 29(2): 275-311. (Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

39. **Dunn, J.** (2018). "Modeling the Complexity and Descriptive Adequacy of Construction Grammars." In *Proceedings of the Society for Computation in Linguistics*. Association for Computational Linguistics. 81-90. Link.

2017

40. **Dunn, J.** (2017). "Computational Learning of Construction Grammars." *Language and Cognition*, 9(2): 254-292. (Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

2016   41. **Dunn, J.**; Argamon, S.; Rasooli, A.; & Kumar, G. (2016) "Profile-Based Authorship Analysis."
Digital Scholarship in the Humanities, 31(4): 689-710.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

2015   42. **Dunn, J.** (2015) "Modeling Abstractness and Metaphoricity." *Metaphor & Symbol*, 30(4):
259-289.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

43. **Dunn, J.** (2015). "Three Types of Metaphoric Utterances That Can Synthesize Theories
of Metaphor." *Metaphor & Symbol*, 30(1): 1-23.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

2014   44. **Dunn, J.** (2014). "Measuring Metaphoricity." In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the
Association for Computational Linguistics*, ACL. Association for Computational Linguistics.
745-751.
(Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

45. **Dunn, J.** (2014). "Multi-Dimensional Abstractness in Cross-Domain Mappings." In *Proceedings
of the Workshop on Metaphor in NLP @ ACL*. Association for Computational Linguistics.
27-32.
(Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

46. **Dunn, J.**; Beltran de Heredia, J.; Burke, M.; Gandy, L.; Kanareykin, S.; Kapah, O.; Taylor,
M.; Hines, D.; Frieder, O.; Grossman, D.; Howard, N.; Koppel, M.; Morris, S.; Ortony,
A.; & Argamon, S. (2014). "Language-Independent Ensemble Approaches to Metaphor
Identification." In *Proceedings of the 28th Conference on Artificial Intelligence: Workshop
on Cognitive Computing for Augmented Human Intelligence*. 6-12.
(Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in AI). Link.

2013   47. **Dunn, J.** (2013). "How Linguistic Structure Influences and Helps To Predict Metaphoric
Meaning." *Cognitive Linguistics*, 24(1): 33-66.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

48. **Dunn, J.** (2013). "Evaluating the Premises and Results of Four Metaphor Identification
Systems." In *Proceedings of the Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational
Linguistics, Vol. 1*. Heidelberg: Springer. 471-486. Link

49. **Dunn, J.** (2013). "What Metaphor Identification Systems Can Tell Us About Metaphor-in-Language."
In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Metaphor in NLP @ NAACL*. Association for Computational
Linguistics. 1-10.
(Workshop @ Top 10 Venue in NLP). Link.

2011   50. **Dunn, J.** (2011). "Gradient Semantic Intuitions of Metaphoric Expressions." *Metaphor &
Symbol*, 26(1): 53-67.
(Q1 Journal in Linguistics). Link.

Teaching

Computational Linguistics

Computational Corpus Linguistics (LING 413: Mixed-level)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Recent Teaching Evaluation: 4.89 (out of 5)

Computational Sociolinguistics (LING 442: Mixed-level)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Recent Teaching Evaluation: 4.83 (out of 5)

Computational Syntax (LING 444: Mixed-level)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Recent Teaching Evaluation: 4.75 (out of 5)

Capstone in Computational Linguistics (LING 453: Undergraduate)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Recent Teaching Evaluation: 4.75 (out of 5)

Natural Language Processing (COSC 441: Graduate-level)
University of Canterbury
Teaching Evaluation: 4.75 (out of 5)

Text Analytics (LING 223: Undergraduate-level)
University of Canterbury
Teaching Evaluation: 4.90 (out of 5)

Linguistics

Topics in Syntactic Theory (LING 306: Undergraduate-level)
University of Canterbury
Teaching Evaluation: 4.50 (out of 5)

Grammatical Structure (LING 217: Undergraduate-level)
University of Canterbury
Teaching Evaluation: 4.64 (out of 5)

Forensic Linguistics (LING 225: Undergraduate-level)
University of Canterbury
Teaching Evaluation: 4.70 (out of 5)

General Linguistics

English Structures (LING 400: Graduate-level Intro)
University of Canterbury
Teaching Evaluation: 4.90 (out of 5)

The English Language (LING 101: Undergraduate-level Intro)
    University of Canterbury
    Teaching Evaluation: 4.10 (out of 5)

Other Teaching

Computational Construction Grammar: LSA Linguistic Institute @ University of Oregon
Data-Driven Computational Pragmatics: LSA Linguistic Institute @ University of Chicago
Introduction to Linguistics (LING 227) @ Purdue University
Classroom Communication for International Graduate Students @ Purdue University
First Year Composition for International Students (ENGL 1011) @ Purdue University
First-Year Composition (ENGL 101) @ Purdue University
Residential Learning Community (ENGL 101) @ Purdue University

Teaching Awards and Recognition

2025	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2024	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2012	Quintilian Award (Top 10% of Instructor Evaluations), Purdue University, Department of English
2012	Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University

Supervisions, Post-Doctoral

2021-2022	Haipeng Li (Post-doc, New Zealand Institute for Language Brain and Behaviour)
2024-Present	Qiao Gan (Post-doc, New Zealand Institute for Language Brain and Behaviour)

Supervisions, Ph.D.

2024-2025	Brennan Dell (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Illinois)
2024-Present	Mai Mohamed Eida (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Illinois)
2024-Present	Sofya Styrina (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Illinois)
2024-Present	Tai Armstrong (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Illinois)
2024-Present	Mikaela Martins (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Illinois)
2024-Present	Gunjan Anand (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Illinois)
2021-Present	Sidney Wong (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Canterbury; With Ben Adams)
2021-Present	Matthew Durward (Ph.D. Student, Linguistics, Canterbury; With Chris Thomson)
2020-2022	Negar Mohammadhassan (Ph.D. Student, Computer Science, Canterbury; Primary: Tanja Mitrovic)

Supervisions, Other

2024	Zofia Graham (Summer Mentoring Program, Undergraduate-level, Illinois)
2023	Fernando Miguez (M.A. Student, Linguistics, Canterbury; With Dineke Schokkin)

Software and Data

earthLings: Computational Linguistic Atlas
A 440 billion word geo-referenced corpus from the web and social media
https://www.earthLings.io
`https://www.github.com/jonathandunn/earthLings`

C2xG: Computational Construction Grammar
Python package for learning, evaluating, and annotating CxGs
`https://www.github.com/jonathandunn/c2xg`

GeoLID: Identifying minority languages more accurately using geographic priors
Python package for state-of-the-art LID
`https://www.github.com/jonathandunn/geoLid`

pacificLID: Identifying languages and code-switching with a focus on Austronesian languages
Python Version: `https://github.com/jonathandunn/pacific_CodeSwitch`
fastText Version: `https://jdunn.name/corpora/`

text_analytics: Package for teaching computational linguistics in Python
`https://www.github.com/jonathandunn/text_analytics`

corpus_similarity: Package for measuring corpus similarity and homogeneity
`https://www.github.com/jonathandunn/corpus_similarity`

Common Crawl Corpus: Corpus building from the common crawl data
`https://www.github.com/jonathandunn/common_crawl_corpus`

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Work

2026	Area Chair, Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)
2018-2024	Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence* (Language and Computation)

Reviewing, Books

Textbooks in Linguistics, Cambridge University Press
Linguistics and Language Education, Bloomsbury Academic
Synthesis Lectures in Human Language Technologies, Morgan Claypool

Reviewing, Proposals

Austrian Science Fund
Croatian Science Foundation
Endeavour Fund, MBIE, New Zealand
Swiss National Science Foundation
European Science Foundation, EU
Fund for Scientific Research (F.R.S.-FNRS), Belgium
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada

Reviewing, Journals

Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science
Cognitive Linguistics
Cognitive Science
Constructions
Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory
IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing
Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research
Journal of Cognitive Science
Language & Cognition
Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience
Language Resources and Evaluation
Lingua
Linguistics Vanguard
Nature Communication
npj Heritage Science
Metaphor & Symbol
Psychological Review
Royal Society Open Science
Scientific Reports
The Computer Journal

Reviewing, Proceedings Articles

Asia-Pacific Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL)
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
Association for Computational Linguistics Rolling Review (ARR)
Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
European Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)
International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)
International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)
International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (ACL-IJCNLP)
North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)
Joint Linguistic Annotation Workshop and Designing Meaning Representations

Workshop on Linguistic Annotation
Workshop on Figurative Language Processing
Workshop on Metaphor in NLP
Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science
Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects
International Workshop on Construction Grammars and NLP

REVIEWING, CONFERENCES

Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting
Symposium on Corpus Approaches to Lexicogrammar
International Conference on Construction Grammar

University Service

COMMITTEES

2025-Present	Graduate College Fellowship Board (Humanities and Arts), University of Illinois
2024-2025	Committee on Courses and Curricula, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois
2024	Ad Hoc Hiring Committee, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois
2023	Academic Programmes Committee, College of Arts, University of Canterbury
2023	Hiring Committee, Department of Linguistics, University of Canterbury
2023	Hiring Committee, NZILBB, University of Canterbury
2020-2021	Academic Programmes Committee, College of Arts, University of Canterbury
2018-2023	Academic Programmes Committee, College of Science, University of Canterbury
2020-2022	Steering Group for Bachelors of Data Science Degree, University of Canterbury
2019-2020	Research Committee, School of Language, Social & Political Sciences, University of Canterbury
2019	Hiring Committee, Department of Linguistics, University of Canterbury

ADMINISTRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

2020	Developed and delivered one of the flagship MOOCs for the University of Canterbury
2020	Developed the *Computational Linguistics* undergraduate major, University of Canterbury
2020	Helped develop the undergraduate degree, *Bachelors of Data Science*, University of Canterbury

Partially Peer-Reviewed Publications

2018   1. Dunn, J. (2018). "Recursively Emerging Structure: A Discovery-Device CxG." In *Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistics Society*, 53: 71-86.

2017   2. Dunn, J. (2017). "Learnability and Falsifiability of Construction Grammars: A Learning-Based Approach." *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, 2(1):1-15.

3. Dunn, J. (2017). *Automating Human Geography With Dialectology.* Technical Report for National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Washington, D.C.

2015   4. Dunn, J. (2015). "Review of Frames and Constructions in Metaphoric Language (Constructional Approaches to Language, 14)." *Cognitive Linguistics*, 26(2): 371-375.

5. Dunn, J. (2015). "Review of The Semantic Representation of Natural Language." *Studies in Language*, 39(2): 492-500.

2013   6. Dunn, J. (2013). "Review of Converging Evidence: Methodological and Theoretical Issues for Linguistic Research. (Human Cognitive Processing, 33)." *Cognitive Linguistics*, 24(4): 711-717.

Invited Talks (Since 2022)

2025   1. University of Colorado, Boulder: Institute for Cognitive Science: "Computational Sociolinguistics: Population-Level Variation and Its Impact on Language Technology."

2. University of Colorado, Boulder: Department of Linguistics: "Language as a Complex System: Syntactic Variation from Individuals to Populations."

2024   3. "Linguistic Diversity in the Digital World: From Perception to Production." University of Galway

4. University of Illinois, Chicago: "Impacts of Linguistic Diversity on Language Technology."

2023   5. "Emerging Structure in Computational Construction Grammar." Plenary at the Construction Grammars and NLP Workshop, Georgetown University (CxGs+NLP)

6. "Learnability and Variability in Computational Linguistics: Implications for Second Language Acquisition." Purdue University

2022   7. "Improving Corpus Resources for Low-Resource Languages." University of Galway

8. "Computational Linguistics for Socially-Responsible Technology." University of Wisconsin-Madison

9. "Linguistic Variation in NLP." Pacific Northwest National Lab