

# Justin Betteridge

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Semi-supervised information extraction, computational semantics, statistical relational learning, ontology induction, generative lexicon theory

## EDUCATION

**Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Ph.D., Language Technologies, September 2007 - present

- Advisor: Tom Mitchell
- Areas of Study: Self/Semi-supervised Information Extraction, Continuous Learning, Natural Language Understanding

M.S., Language Technologies, May 2006

- Advisor: Teruko Mitamura
- Areas of Study: Language & Statistics, Machine Translation, Grammar Formalisms, Machine Learning

**Brigham Young University**, Provo, Utah USA

B.S., Computer Science, April 2004

- Minor in Linguistics

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

*Graduate Research Assistant*

**September 2007 to present**

- Helping to develop a Never Ending Language Learner (NELL) as part of Tom Mitchell's Read the Web project
- Refactored prototype system into a maintainable, extensible architecture
- Drastically improved run-time efficiency of various system components through distributed computation on Yahoo!'s Hadoop-based M45 Cluster

*Teaching Assistant*

**September 2008 to December 2008**

- Assisted Roni Rosenfeld in 10-601: Machine Learning
- Refined and graded assignments on basic ML theory and implementation.
- Graded midterm and final examinations

*Research Associate*

**May 2006 to August 2007**

- Reduced answer type classification error rate in the JAVELIN II question answering system by 16% using a combination of rule-based and machine learning approaches.

*Graduate Research Assistant*

**September 2004 to May 2006**

- Extended the KANTOO machine translation system to facilitate knowledge acquisition in the Halo II project and question analysis in the JAVELIN II question answering system.

Brigham Young University Provo, Utah USA

*Undergraduate Research Assistant*

**February 2003 to April 2004**

- Helped create a word-dependency transformation of a well-known syntactic tree-bank.

CONFERENCE  
PUBLICATIONS

Justin Betteridge, Andrew Carlson, Sue Ann Hong, Estevam R. Hruschka Jr., Edith L. M. Law, Tom M. Mitchell, Sophie H. Wang. [Toward Never Ending Language Learning](#). AAAI Spring Symposium on Learning by Reading and Learning to Read. 2009.

Nico Schlaefer, Jeongwoo Ko, Justin Betteridge, Guido Sautter, Manas Pathak, Eric Nyberg. [Semantic Extensions of the Ephyra QA System for TREC 2007](#). In Proceedings of the Sixteenth Text REtrieval Conference (TREC). 2007.

Teruko Mitamura, Frank Lin, Hideki Shima, Mengqiu Wang, Jeongwoo Ko, Justin Betteridge, Matthew Bilotti, Andrew Schlaikjer and Eric Nyberg. [JAVELIN III: Cross-Lingual Question Answering from Japanese and Chinese Documents](#). In Proceedings of NTICIR-6 Workshop, Tokyo, Japan. 2007.

Irene Langkilde-Geary and Justin Betteridge. [A Factored Functional Dependency Transformation of the English Penn Treebank for Probabilistic Surface Generation](#). In Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC). 2006.

Eric Nyberg, Teruko Mitamura, Justin Betteridge, Simon Fung, and David Svoboda. Poster abstract: Capturing knowledge from domain text with controlled language. In Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Knowledge Capture (KCAP). 2005

AWARDS

Carnegie Mellon University

- Research Assistantship, 2004–2006, 2007–present

Brigham Young University

- University Scholarship (4 year, full-tuition), 1998–1999, 2001–2004

SERVICE

Full-time Volunteer Missionary, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1999-2001

- Mongolia Ulaanbaatar Mission
- Taught conversational English in schools and universities, 16 hours/week

TECHNICAL SKILLS Programming Languages: Java, Ruby, Lisp, XML, XSLT, SQL, Perl, C/C++,  $\LaTeX$ ,

Frameworks: UIMA, Hadoop

Operating Systems: Linux, Apple OS X, Microsoft Windows XP/2000

LANGUAGE SKILLS Advanced competency in spoken/written Mongolian

CITIZENSHIP

USA