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Professional Preparation

Carnegie-Mellon University   Modern Languages, Education   Bachelor of Arts 1973
University of Paris VII   Linguistics DEA (Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies - equiv. Masters) 1981
University of Paris XI   Computer Science   Doctorat de Troisieme Cycle 1984

Appointments

Director, Dialog Research Center at Carnegie Mellon (2015 -)
Principal Systems Scientist Carnegie Mellon University (2010-   )
Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, Carnegie Speech Company (2001 - 2011) A CMU spinoff
Associate Teaching Professor, Carnegie Mellon University (2003 - 2009)
Systems Scientist, Carnegie-Mellon University (1996 -2003)
Visiting Research Scholar, Carnegie-Mellon University (1994-1996)
CNRS Tenured Researcher (1990 - 2012)
CNRS Junior Researcher (1986-1990)
Head of theAssessment and Variability theme in the Speech Group at LIMSI CNRS (1984 - 1994)

Grants and Project Funding Sources

Government: National Science Foundation, US Department of Transport, US Department of Education,
National Institute of Standards and Technology, DARPA, EEC programs, Francophonie
Industry: Google, Amazon, Samsung, Siemens

Awards

Best Paper SIGDIAL 2019
Best Paper SIGDIAL 2017
Nominated for Best Paper SIGDIAL 2016
Challenge Winner: The Dialog State Challenge at SIGDIAL2013

Notable Activities

Keynotes :
NeurIPS Workshop Human in the Loop Dialog systems, Virtual, 2020, Users in the Loop
user2agent Workshop on User-aware Conversational Agents at ACM IUI Los Angeles, 2019, Beyond
Turing: Intelligent Agents Centered on the User
Journees d'Etudes sur la Parole (JEP), Aix-en-Provence, 2018, Avancees en Recherche en Dialogue
Human Language Technology for Language Learning Symposium (HLT4LL), Stellenbosch, South
Africa, 2013, Language Learning Technology
Eurospeech93, Berlin, 1993, Trends in Speaking Style Research

Invited talks
Assessment of Spoken Dialogue Systems (Young Researchers' Roundtable on Dialogue 2009)
Language Technologies and Education (Portugal 2009)
Invited Tutorial on Speech and Education at Interspeech 2007, Antwerp
Yearly talk to Interns: How to make and create a poster and how to apply to graduate school
Yearly invited talk on the REAP system at PSLC Summer School
Acoustical Society of America Meeting – Speech and Education - December 2006, Hawaii

Conferences:
Organizer NSF Future Directions Workshop, 2019, Pittsburgh
Chair IWSDS workshop, 2017, Farmington, Pennsylvania
Chair SIGDIAL conference, 2013, Metz, France
Chair, SLaTE 2007, Farmington, Pennsylvania
Senior Area Chair NAACL2021
Coorganiser: Journees d'Etudes sur la Parole - SFA, 1987
Penn State Acoustical Society of America Technical Program (1997)
Coorganizer CALICO 2004, Pittsburgh
Scientific Committee: Eurospeech, INSTiL
Organizer, LIMSI Speaking Style Workshop 1995
Session Organizer, COCOSDA (1991, 1993)
Scientific committees, reviewer, Interspeech, NAACL, ACL, EMNLP, SIGDIAL, SLT

Other Activities:
Member of Editorial Board - Computer Speech and Language
Guest Editor - Speech Communication (Elsevier) – special issue on Speech Technologies for Education 2008-2009
SIGDIAL board member 2015-2017
Panelist, NSF, ANR
Founder and first Chair of Speech and Language Technologies in Education (SLaTE), an ISCA Special Interest Group
Founding member COCOSDA
ISCA Distinguished lecturers committee 2015-2017
Scientific Advisor EU PF-STAR project
Scientific Board: CNR Italy
CMU representative to ELRA 1996-2000
Software assessment Advisor: The Learning Company, Interactive Systems
Member Governing Committee, Department of Computer Science, U. Paris XI (1983 - 1995).

Community Service:
Creator of WomenNSpeech list of women working in speech and dialog domains
Creator of How to Run a Meeting instructions for conferences, workshops, etc.
Diversity Director, NSF Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center - developed summer intern program which enabled many minority students to experience research and eventually apply to graduate school
Faculty member in charge of LTI Admitted Grad Student Open House
LTI Admissions Committee
LTI Curriculum Committee
LTI Marriage Committee

LTI Representative on SCS ARCS Scholar Committee
MCALL Admissions Head
SCS women@scs scholarship committee

Scientific Societies

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA)
Acoustical Society of America
IEEE
Societe Francaise d'Acoustique

Indexes

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Advising

PhD
Shikib Mehri (present)
Tiancheng Zhao
Pedro Mota
Rui Correira
Jose David Aguas Lopes PhD at Instituto Superior Technico
Antoine Raux
Paul-Eric Stern (LIMSI)
Helene Maynard-Bonneau
Anne Lacheret-Dujour

Postdoc
Kyusong Lee LTI Postdoc
Sungjin Lee LTI Postdoc
Oscar Saz
Yuki Yoshimura Psychology Post-doc (with Brian MacWhinney)

Visitors
Emer Gilmartin
Junki Ohmura

LTI Master (MLT)
Jessica Hyunh
Ting Rui
Yi-Ting
Evgeniia Razumovskaia
Yulun Du
Elliot Schumacher
Andrew Fandrianto
David Pellow
Ting-Yao Hu
Gabriel Parent
Adam Skory
Kevin dela Rosa
Jose Gonzalez
Juan Pino

Michael Heilman
Jonathan Brown,
James Sanders
Jie Hu, LTI MCALL student - advise + direct the 2 summer projects (2001-2002)
Jong Hyun Lee, LTI MCALL student (2004)

Undergraduates
Yuan Gao
Michelle Zhang
Arthur Barelli
Allen Lu
Edward Cai
Ekaterina Villevald
Meheresh Yeditha
Miranda Lin
Wynne Yao
Sashank Gogula
Quiyi Yin
Anand Bollu
Kathrin Probst
Aleata Hubbard
Elizabeth Harris
Yibin Lin
Karen Yarshin Wang
Yan Ke
Fabrizio Ghigi, Visiting Student at CMU
Amy Isard, Visiting Student at LIMSI

Products

Patent

| 7,149,690 | Method and apparatus for interactive language instruction |

Datasets

Let's Go dataset on Github https://github.com/DialRC/LetsGoDataset
The YOUTH database, licensing through Carnegie Speech Company 2004.
Communicator Wizard of Oz Data, DARPA 1996.
The CMU KIDS Corpus, 1996, a series of 2 CDROMS of children reading aloud, funded by the NSF and distributed by the Linguistic Data Consortium. Eskenazi, M., Mostow, J., Graff, D., LDC97S63, ISBN 1-58563-120-5.
BREF, a database of read sentences from the French newspaper, Le Monde, distributed by the European Languages Data Association 1992.
The NATO isolated word database 1982, distributed by speech subgroup of NATO

Publications

Books

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Eskenazi, M., Levow, G., Meng, H., Parent, G., Suendermann, D. 2013, Crowdsourcing for Speech Processing, Wiley, May 2013.

Papers in Refereed Journals

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Probst, K., Ke, Y., Eskenazi, M., 2002, Enhancing foreign language tutors - in search of the golden speaker, Speech Communication, 37/3-4 pp. 161-173.

Eskenazi, M. (1999). Using a computer in foreign language pronunciation training: What advantages?, CALICO Journal, 16, 447-469.

Eskenazi, M., (1999) Issues in the use of speech recognition for foreign language tutors invited paper: Language Learning and Technology Journal (online) Vol. 2, No. 2, January 1999, pp. 62-76

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Eskenazi, M., Lienard, J.S., 1983, Recognition of steady-state French sounds pronounced by several speakers: comparison of human performance and an automatic recognition algorithm, Speech Communication 2, p. 173 - 177.

Memmi, D., Eskenazi, M., Mariani, J., Nguyen-Xuan, A., (1983), Un systeme expert pour la lecture de sonagrammes, Speech Communication, vol. 2, p.234 - 236.

Neel, F., Eskenazi, M., Mariani, J., (1983), Cadrage automatique pour la constitution de dictionnaires d'entites phonetiques, Speech Communication, vol. 2, p.193 - 195.

Papers in Refereed Conferences

2021

Gunasekara, Chulaka, Seokhwan Kim, Luis Fernando D'Haro, Abhinav Rastogi, Yun-Nung Chen, Mihail Eric, Behnam Hedayatnia, Karthik Gopalakrishnan, Yang Liu, Chao-Wei Huang, Dilek Hakkani-Tür, Jinchao Li, Qi Zhu, Lingxiao Luo, Lars Liden, Kaili Huang, Shahin Shayandeh, Runze Liang, Baolin Peng, Zheng Zhang, Swadheen Shukla, Minlie Huang, Jianfeng Gao, Shikib Mehri, Yulan Feng, Carla Gordon, Seyed Hossein Alavi, David Traum, Maxine Eskenazi, Ahmad Beirami, Eunjoon (EJ)Cho, Paul

A. Crook, Ankita De, Alborz Geramifard, Satwik Kottur, Seungwhan Moon, Shivani Poddar, and Rajen Subba. "Overview of the ninth dialog system technology challenge: Dstc9." DSTC9 Workshop at AAAI 2021. https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.06486

Shikib Mehri, Yulan Feng, Carla Gordon, Seyed Hossein Alavi, David Traum, Maxine Eskenazi "Interactive Evaluation of Dialog Track at DSTC9". DSTC9 Workshop at AAAI 2021.

Yulan Feng, Alan W Black, Maxine Eskenazi, 2021, Towards Automatic Route Description Unification In Spoken Dialog Systems, Proceedings IEEE SLT.

2020

Shikib Mehri, Maxine Eskenazi. "Unsupervised Evaluation of Interactive Dialog with DialoGPT," In *Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGdial),* 2020.

Shikib Mehri, Maxine Eskenazi. "USR: An Unsupervised and Reference Free Evaluation Metric for Dialog Generation," In *Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL),* 2020.

Yulan Feng, Shikib Mehri, Maxine Eskenazi, Tiancheng Zhao. "'None of the Above': Measure Uncertainty in Dialog Response Retrieval," In *Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL),* 2020.

2019

Tiancheng Zhao, Kaige Xie and Maxine Eskenazi Rethinking Action Spaces for Reinforcement Learning in End-to-end Dialog Agents with Latent Variable Models, long paper at NAACL 2019.

Pedro Mota, Maxine Eskenazi, Luísa Coheur, BeamSeg: a Joint Model for Multi-Document Segmentation and Topic Identification, *In* Proceedings of the 23rd Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning, Association for Computational Linguistics, pages 582-592, Hong Kong, China, , November 2019.

Shikib Mehri, Maxine Eskenazi. "Multi-Granularity Representations of Dialog," In *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-IJCNLP),* 2019.

Shikib Mehri, Alan W Black, Maxine Eskenazi. "CMU GetGoing: An Understandable and Memorable Dialog System for Seniors," In *Workshop on Dialog for Good (DiGo) in SIGdial,* 2019.

Shikib Mehri, Tejas Srinivasan, Maxine Eskenazi. "Structured Fusion Networks for Dialog," In *Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGdial),* 2019. **[Best Paper Award]**

Prakhar Gupta, Shikib Mehri, Tiancheng Zhao, Amy Pavel, Maxine Eskenazi, Jeffrey P Bigham. "Investigating Evaluation of Open-Domain Dialogue Systems With Human Generated Multiple References," In *Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGdial),* 2019.

Shikib Mehri, Evgeniia Razumovskaia, Tiancheng Zhao, Maxine Eskenazi. "Pretraining Methods for Dialog Context Representation Learning," In *Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL),* 2019.

2018

Tiancheng Zhao and Maxine Eskenazi Zero-Shot Dialog Generation with Cross-Domain Latent Actions, in proceedings SIGDIAL2018 a long paper.**[Best Paper Award]**

Kyusong Lee, Tiancheng Zhao, Alan W Black and Maxine Eskenazi DialCrowd: A toolkit for easy dialog system assessment, in proceedings SIGDIAL2018 demo paper.

Tiancheng Zhao, Kyusong Lee and Maxine Eskenazi, Unsupervised Discrete Sentence Representation Learning for Interpretable Neural Dialog Generation, in proceedings ACL2018 long paper.

Junki Ohmura, Maxine Eskenazi, 2018, Context-Aware Dialog Re-Ranking for Task-Oriented Dialog Systems IEEE SLT 2018.

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2017

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2016

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2015

Saz, Oscar and Lin, Yibin and Eskenazi, Maxine, 2015, Measuring the impact of translation on the accuracy and fluency of vocabulary acquisition of English, Computer Speech & Language.

Lopes, Jose and Eskenazi, Maxine and Trancoso, Isabel, From rule-based to data-driven lexical entrainment models in spoken dialog systems, Computer Speech & Language.

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2014

Correia, Rui and Mamede, Nuno and Baptista, Jorge and Eskenazi, Maxine, Using the crowd to annotate metadiscursive acts, Proceedings 10th Joint ISO-ACL SIGSEM Workshop on Interoperable Semantic Annotation.

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Black, Alan W and Eskenazi, Maxine, Real Users and Real Dialog Systems: The Hard Challenge for SDS, Natural Interaction with Robots, Knowbots and Smartphones.

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2013

Lopes, Jose and Eskenazi, Maxine and Trancoso, Isabel, Automated two-way entrainment to improve spoken dialog system performance, Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2013 IEEE.

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2012

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Fandrianto, Andrew and Eskenazi, Maxine, Prosodic entrainment in an information-driven dialog system, Thirteenth Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association.

Lee, Sungjin and Eskenazi, Maxine, Pomdp-based let's go system for spoken dialog challenge, Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT), 2012 IEEE.

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2011

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2010

R Correia, J Baptista, N Mamede, I Trancoso, M Eskenazi, 2010, Automatic generation of cloze question distractors, Proceedings of the Interspeech 2010 Satellite Workshop on Second Language Learning.

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2008

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2007

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