Anna Howell

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A knowledge engineer and linguist with strong analytical skills honed working in the tech industry and academia. I have extensive experience building taxonomies, analyzing language data and communicating research insights. I'm a motivated learner, passionate about improving online tools that help connect people with information and each other.

EXPERIENCE

Content Analyst & Knowledge Engineer
Verizon Media   Oct. 2019 – Now

- Classified and analyzed diverse unstructured data for ML testing and training. Refined taxonomy structure and classification guidelines in collaboration with project leads.

- Reviewed, edited and analyzed content for Yahoo Search in US and German markets to meet user information needs, focusing on trending news and current events.

- Performed structured data extraction using in-house tools, JavaScript, XPath and regular expressions to personalize user experience for Yahoo Mail.

Research Associate & Lecturer
University of Tübingen, Germany   Dec. 2013 – Jan. 2019

- Analyzed language data collected via interviews and acceptability rating experiments to investigate patterns of variation in grammatical structure across languages.

- 5 publications in journals and conference proceedings.

- Taught 7 undergraduate linguistics courses ranging from 250+ student lecture courses to small advanced seminars, with consistently excellent teaching evaluations.

- Research and teaching topics in the areas of syntax, semantics and pragmatics of natural languages with empirical focus on cross-linguistic variation and linguistic fieldwork.

Student Research Assistant
University of Tübingen, Germany   Jun. 2010 – Nov. 2013

- Collected and annotated language data for a collaborative research project on linguistic variation.

- Edited a monthly newsletter showcasing research project activities and performed regular website maintenance.

SKILLS

Taxonomy Building
Statistical Analysis
Experimental Design
Regular Expressions
Language Annotation
Linguistic Fieldwork
Teaching

TOOLS

JavaScript
XPath
HTML, CSS
Python
R
SQL

EDUCATION

PhD & MA in Linguistics
University of Tübingen, Germany
Magna cum Laude, 2018

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics
McGill University, Canada
First Class Honors, 2009

LANGUAGES

English (Native Speaker)
German (Full Professional Fluency)
French (Full Professional Fluency)