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## Research interests

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Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Digital Humanities, Computational Social Science

## Education

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- 2015 **Carnegie Mellon University**  
PhD, School of Computer Science, Language Technologies Institute. Advisor: Noah Smith.
- 2006 **Boston University**  
MA, Applied Linguistics
- 1998 **University of Wisconsin–Madison**  
BA, Classics

## Experience

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- 2021– **University of California, Berkeley**  
Associate Professor, School of Information; Associate Professor (affiliated): Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), Computational Precision Health, Linguistics
- 2015–2021 **University of California, Berkeley**  
Assistant Professor, School of Information
- 2017–2021 **University of California, Berkeley**  
Assistant Professor (affiliated), Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)
- 2011–2015 **Carnegie Mellon University**  
Graduate Research Assistant, School of Computer Science, Language Technologies Institute
- 2013 **Amazon**  
Research Scientist Intern, X-ray for Kindle
- 2005–2011 **Perseus Project, Tufts University**  
Senior Researcher

## Awards

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- 2023 Mellon Foundation, “Text and Data Mining: Demonstrating Fair Use,” \$200,000
- 2020 National Science Foundation, “CAREER: Using Fiction to Improve Real-World Information Systems,” \$450,000
- National Endowment for the Humanities, “Multilingual BookNLP: Building a Literary NLP Pipeline Across Languages,” \$324,874
- 2019 Hellman Fellowship (UC Berkeley), “Representation Learning for the Discovery of Musical Influence,” \$60,000
- 2018 National Science Foundation, “Building Subjective Knowledge Bases by Modeling Viewpoints,” \$500,000 (co-PI with Brendan O’Connor, UMass)
- Amazon research award, “Natural Language Processing for Literary Texts,” \$80,000
- Digital Humanities Collaborative Research Grant (UC Berkeley), \$20,000
- 2017 National Endowment for the Humanities, “Text in Situ: Reasoning about Visual Information in the Computational Analysis of Books,” \$325,000 (co-PI with Taylor Berg-Kirkpatrick, CMU)
- 2016 Amazon AWS Cloud Credits for Research Grant, \$12,000
- NVIDIA GPU Hardware Grant, Tesla K40
- Digital Humanities Collaborative Research Grant (UC Berkeley), \$10,000
- Digital Humanities Course Development Grant (UC Berkeley), \$11,890
- 2015 Honorable mention, CMU School of Computer Science Dissertation Award
- 2014 Winner, Alan J. Perlis SCS Graduate Student Teaching Award, for designing and co-teaching the interdisciplinary *Digital Literary and Cultural Studies* at Carnegie Mellon University
- 2011–2014 ARCS Foundation Fellowship
- 2010 Winner, Best Paper Award at the ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) for David Bamman, Alison Babeu, and Gregory Crane (2010), “Transferring structural markup across translations using multilingual alignment and projection”

## Teaching

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- 2023 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing” (INFO 159/259), UC Berkeley
- 2022 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing” (INFO 159/259), UC Berkeley
- Instructor, “Information Organization and Retrieval” (INFO 202), UC Berkeley

- 2021 Instructor, “Applied Natural Language Processing” (INFO 256), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing” (INFO 159/259), UC Berkeley
- 2020 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing” (INFO 159/259), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Computational Humanities” (INFO 190/COMLIT 170), UC Berkeley
- 2019 Instructor, “Applied Natural Language Processing” (INFO 256), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Information Organization and Retrieval” (INFO 202), UC Berkeley
- 2018 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing” (INFO 159/259), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Information Organization and Retrieval” (INFO 202), UC Berkeley
- 2017 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing” (INFO 159/259), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Information Organization and Retrieval” (INFO 202), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Deconstructing Data Science” (INFO 290), UC Berkeley
- 2016 Instructor, “Deconstructing Data Science” (INFO 290), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Natural Language Processing Seminar” (INFO 290/CS 294), UC Berkeley  
 Instructor, “Information Organization and Retrieval” (INFO 202), UC Berkeley
- 2014 Teaching assistant, “Natural Language Processing” (11-411/611), Carnegie Mellon University
- 2013 Instructor, “Digital Literary and Cultural Studies” (76-429/829), Carnegie Mellon University

## Press

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- 2023 Business Insider, “ChatGPT’s secret reading list”  
 New Scientist, “ChatGPT seems to be trained on copyrighted books like Harry Potter”
- 2019 Wired, “Machine learning is totally changing what we think of as literature”
- 2018 The Guardian, “Women better represented in Victorian novels than modern, finds study”  
 Smithsonian Magazine, “Women were better represented in Victorian novels than modern ones”  
 Economist, “Machines are getting better at literary analysis”  
 Washington Post, “How computational analysis is teaching us to read in new ways”
- 2016 Popular Mechanics, “Teaching Siri to snark”  
 CBC Spark, “Can an algorithm detect sarcasm better than you?”
- 2015 Washington Post, “Inside the surprisingly high-stakes quest to design a computer program that ‘gets’

- sarcasm online”
- 2012 Boston Globe, “How Twitter language reveals your gender — or your friends”  
New Scientist, “Revealed: How China censors its social networks”  
BBC, “China’s social networks hit by censorship, says study”
- 2011 New York Times, “The jargon of the novel, computed”

## Service

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- 2022 Senior area chair (computational social science and cultural analytics), NAACL, EMNLP  
Co-organizer, Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (EMNLP)
- 2021 Senior area chair (computational social science and cultural analytics), NAACL
- 2020 Co-organizer, Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (EMNLP)  
Area chair (social media and computational social science), ACL  
Area chair (social media and computational social science), EMNLP
- 2019 Co-organizer, Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (NAACL)  
Co-organizer, Workshop on Narrative Understanding (NAACL)  
Area chair (social media and computational social science), EMNLP
- 2017 Co-organizer, Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (ACL)  
Area chair (social media and computational social science), EMNLP
- 2016 Co-organizer, Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (EMNLP/WebSci)  
Co-organizer, Algorithms in Culture conference (UC Berkeley)  
Area chair (social media), ACL

### ***Program committees and reviewing***

**NLP:** *Transactions of the ACL* (2014ff.), ACL (2014ff.), NAACL (2015), EMNLP (2013ff.), EACL (2013ff.).

**Computational humanities:** *Journal of Cultural Analytics* (2017), *Digital Humanities* (2011ff.)

**Machine learning:** NIPS (2015), ICML (2015), *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research* (2015).

**General computer science/web:** WWW (2015), *IEEE Internet Computing* (2012).

**Workshops:** ACL 2015 Workshop on Noisy User-generated Text (W-NUT); NAACL 2015 Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Literature (CLfL); Workshop on Language Technology for Cultural Heritage Data (LaTeCH) (2008ff.), Workshop on Treebanks and Linguistic Theories (TLT) (2009-2010; 2015).

## Refereed Conference Papers

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Sandeep Soni, Amanpreet Sihra, Elizabeth F. Evans, Matthew Wilkens and David Bamman (2023), “Grounding Characters and Places in Narrative Text,” ACL

Kent K. Chang, Danica Chen and David Bamman (2023), “Dramatic Conversation Disentanglement,” *Findings of ACL*

Li Lucy, Jesse Dodge, David Bamman and Katherine A. Keith (2023), “Words as Gatekeepers: Measuring Discipline-specific Terms and Meanings in Scholarly Publications,” *Findings of ACL*

Li Lucy, Divya Tadimeti and David Bamman (2022), “Discovering Differences in the Representation of People Using Contextualized Semantic Axes,” EMNLP 2022

Sandeep Soni, David Bamman and Jacob Eisenstein (2022), “Predicting Long-Term Citations from Short-Term Linguistic Influence,” *Findings of EMNLP 2022*

Andrew Piper, Richard Jean So and David Bamman (2021), “Narrative Theory for Computational Narrative Understanding,” EMNLP 2021.

Jon Gillick, Wesley Deng, Kimiko Ryokai and David Bamman (2021), “Robust Laughter Detection in Noisy Environments,” Interspeech 2021.

Jon Gillick and David Bamman (2021), “What to Play and How to Play it: Guiding Generative Music Models with Multiple Demonstrations,” New Interfaces for Musical Expression (NIME)

Matthew Sims and David Bamman, “Measuring Information Propagation in Literary Social Networks,” EMNLP 2020.

Matthew Jörke, Jon Gillick, Matthew Sims and David Bamman, “Attending to Long-Distance Document Context for Sequence Labeling,” *Findings of EMNLP 2020*.

David Bamman, Olivia Lewke and Anya Mansoor (2020), “An Annotated Dataset of Coreference in English Literature,” LREC 2020.

Matthew Sims, Jong Ho Park and David Bamman (2019), “Literary Event Detection,” ACL 2019.

Jon Gillick, Adam Roberts, Jesse Engel, Douglas Eck and David Bamman (2019), “Learning to Groove with Inverse Sequence Transformations,” ICML 2019.

Jon Gillick, Carmine-Emanuele Cella and David Bamman (2019), “Estimating Unobserved Audio Features for Target-Based Orchestration,” ISMIR 2019.

David Bamman, Sejal Papat and Sheng Shen (2019), “An Annotated Dataset of Literary Entities,” NAACL 2019.

Jon Gillick and David Bamman (2018), “Please Clap: Modeling Applause in Campaign Speeches,” NAACL 2018.

Kimiko Ryokai, Elena Durán López, Noura Howell, Jon Gillick, and David Bamman (2018), “Capturing, Representing, and Interacting with Laughter,” ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI).

Lara McConnaughey, Jennifer Dai and David Bamman (2017), “The Labeled Segmentation of Printed Books,” Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).

Yi Wu, David Bamman and Stuart Russell (2017), “Adversarial Training for Relation Extraction,” Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).

David Bamman, Michelle Carney, Jon Gillick, Cody Hennesy, and Vijitha Sridhar (2017), “Estimating the Date of First Publication in a Large-Scale Digital Library,” Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL).

David Bamman (2017), “Natural Language Processing for the Long Tail,” Digital Humanities (DH).

Smitha Milli and David Bamman (2016), “Beyond Canonical Texts: A Computational Analysis of Fanfiction” (EMNLP).

David Bamman and Noah Smith (2015), “Open Extraction of Fine-Grained Political Statements,” Proceedings of the 2015 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).

David Bamman and Noah Smith (2015), “Contextualized Sarcasm Detection on Twitter,” Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on the Web and Social Media (ICWSM).

David Bamman, Ted Underwood and Noah Smith (2014a), “A Bayesian Mixed Effects Model of Literary Character,” Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

David Bamman, Chris Dyer and Noah Smith (2014b), “Distributed Representations of Geographically Situated Language,” Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

David Bamman, Brendan O’Connor and Noah Smith (2013), “Learning Latent Personas of Film Characters,” Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

David Bamman, Adam Anderson, and Noah Smith (2013). “Inferring Social Rank in an Old Assyrian Trade Network,” Digital Humanities.

David Bamman and Gregory Crane (2011), “Measuring Historical Word Sense Variation,” Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL).

David Bamman, Alison Babeu, and Gregory Crane (2010), “Transferring Structural Markup Across Translations Using Multilingual Alignment and Projection,” Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL). **Winner, Best Paper Award.**

Boschetti, Federico, Matteo Romanello, Alison Babeu, David Bamman, and Gregory Crane, “Improving OCR Accuracy for Classical Critical Editions,” in Proceedings of the 13th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries (ECDL 2009).

David Bamman and Gregory Crane, “Building a Dynamic Lexicon from a Digital Library,” in: Proceedings of the 8th ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL 2008).

David Bamman, Marco Passarotti, Roberto Busa, and Gregory Crane (2008), “The Annotation Guidelines of the Latin Dependency Treebank and Index Thomisticus Treebank: The Treatment of Some Specific Syntactic Constructions in Latin,” in: Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC).

Alison Babeu, David Bamman, Gregory Crane, Robert Kummer and Gabriel Weaver, “Named Entity Identification and Cyberinfrastructure,” in: Proceedings of the 11th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries (ECDL 2007), pp. 259-270.

Gregory Crane, David Bamman, Lisa Cerrato, Alison Jones, David Mimno, Adrian Packel, David Sculley and Gabriel Weaver, “Beyond Digital Incunabula: Modeling the Next Generation of Digital Libraries,” in: Proceedings of the 10th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries (ECDL 2006), pp. 341-352.

## Refereed Journal Articles

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Jon Gillick, Joshua Yang, Carmine-Emanuele Cella and David Bamman (2021), “Drumroll Please: Modeling Multi-Scale Rhythmic Gestures with Flexible Grids,” *Transactions of the International Society for Music Information Retrieval (TISMIR)*

Li Lucy and David Bamman (2021), “Characterizing English Variation across Social Media Communities with BERT,” *Transactions of the ACL*.

Ted Underwood, David Bamman, and Sabrina Lee (2018), “The Transformation of Gender in English-Language Fiction,” *Cultural Analytics*.

David Bamman and Noah Smith (2014), “Unsupervised Discovery of Biographical Structure from Text,” *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*.

David Bamman, Jacob Eisenstein and Tyler Schnoebelen (2014), “Gender Identity and Lexical Variation in Social Media,” *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 18.2.

David Bamman, Brendan O’Connor, and Noah A. Smith (2012), “Censorship and Deletion Practices in Chinese Social Media,” *First Monday*, 17(3).

David Bamman and David Smith (2012), “Extracting Two Thousand Years of Latin from a Million

Book Library” *ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage*, 5(1).

David Bamman and Gregory Crane (2009), “Computational Linguistics and Classical Lexicography,” *Digital Humanities Quarterly*, 3(1).

David Bamman, Marco Passarotti and Gregory Crane (2008), “A Case Study in Treebank Collaboration and Comparison: Accusativus cum Infinitivo and Subordination in Latin,” *Prague Bulletin of Mathematical Linguistics* 90.

Gregory Crane, David Bamman, Alison Babeu, “eScience and the Humanities,” *International Journal of Digital Libraries*, 7(1), 2007.

## Refereed Workshop Papers

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Li Lucy and David Bamman (2021), “Gender and Representation Bias in GPT-3 Generated Stories,” NAACL 2021 Workshop on Narrative Understanding

Jon Gillick and David Bamman (2019), “Breaking Speech Recognizers to Imagine Lyrics,” NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning for Creativity and Design.

Jon Gillick and David Bamman (2018), “Telling Stories with Soundtracks: An Empirical Analysis of Music in Film,” NAACL 2018 Storytelling Workshop.

David Bamman, “Interpretability in Human-Centered Data Science,” CSCW Workshop on Human-Centered Data Science, 2016.

Schneider, Nathan, Brendan O’Connor, Naomi Saphra, David Bamman, Manaal Faruqui, Jason Baldridge, Noah A. Smith, and Chris Dyer, “A Framework for (Under)specifying Dependency Syntax Without Overloading Annotators,” In Proceedings of the ACL Linguistic Annotation Workshop (LAW 2013), Sofia, Bulgaria, August 2013.

Brendan O’Connor, David Bamman, and Noah A. Smith (2011), “Computational Text Analysis for Social Science: Model Assumptions and Complexity,” Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Computational Social Science and the Wisdom of the Crowds (NIPS 2011).

David Bamman, Francesco Mambrini, and Gregory Crane (2009), “An Ownership Model of Annotation: The Ancient Greek Dependency Treebank,” The Eighth International Workshop on Treebanks and Linguistic Theories (TLT 8).

David Bamman and Gregory Crane, “The Logic and Discovery of Textual Allusion,” LREC Workshop on Language Technology for Cultural Heritage Data (LaTeCH 2008).

David Bamman and Gregory Crane, “The Latin Dependency Treebank in a Cultural Heritage Digital Library,” in: Proceedings of the 2007 ACL Workshop on Language Technology for Cultural Heritage Data (LaTeCH 2007), pp. 33-40.

David Bamman and Gregory Crane, “The Design and Use of a Latin Dependency Treebank,” in: Proceedings of the Fifth International Workshop on Treebanks and Linguistic Theories (TLT2006) (Prague, Czech Republic: 2006), pp. 67-78.



## Book Chapters

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David Bamman (2020), “LitBank: Born-Literary Natural Language Processing,” in: Jessica Marie Johnson, David Mimno, and Lauren Tilton (eds.), *Computational Humanities*, Debates in Digital Humanities.

Gregory Crane, David Bamman, and Alison Babeu, “ePhilology: When the Books Talk to Their Readers,” in: *Blackwell Companion to Digital Literary Studies* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2007).

## Open-source software

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- 2022 book-nlp. Natural language processing pipeline for book-length documents.  
<https://github.com/booknlp/booknlp>
- 2017 book-segmentation. Labeled segmentation for the document structure of printed books  
<https://github.com/dbamman/book-segmentation>