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Distinguished Service Award remarks

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Idea: an Editor-in-Chief working in lovely TACL Tower

Property, equipment, and maintenance costs: your ACL dues at work
Reality:
Cindy Robinson running TACL HQ

Property, equipment, and maintenance costs: your ACL dues at work
Behold: the face behind TACL emails
A little\textsuperscript{1}-known additional award

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You Shall Not Pass!

You’re Now At the Mercy of the Action Editors, bwahahaha!

CheckMII:

- Novel Approaches to Transformers: XX
- Intrinsic Learning Natural Languages: X
- Evaluating Dialogue at a Novel Approach: XX
- Neural Synthesis for Tooth Extraction: X
The circle of life
The cycle of gratitude
The TACL initiators

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  • Jan Hajic
  • Lori Levin
  • Hwee Tou Ng
  • Dragomir Radev
  • Stuart Shieber
  • Dekai Wu

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Brian Roark
Kristina Toutanova

... for *everything* TACL has become,
... and for putting up with me.
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Sample paper: Content removal as a moderation strategy: Compliance and other outcomes in the ChangeMyView community

**Jack Hessel** PhD '20  
Sample paper: Does my multimodal model learn cross-modal interactions? It’s harder to tell than you might think!

**Tianze Shi** PhD '21  
Sample paper: Transition-based Bubble Parsing: Improvements on Coordination Structure Prediction

**Ana Smith** PhD in progress  
Sample paper: Assessing Cognitive Linguistic Influences in the Assignment of Blame

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