



Our preliminary agenda for the New Directions in Text Analysis conference (May 21--22) is now available (see the pdf or below). Please RSVP to Gabrielle Stone <gstone@iq.harvard.edu> by May 7 if you plan to attend.

This conference is sponsored by the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, as part of the Eric M. Mindich Series on Experimental Social Science.

Date: Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, 2010

Time: May 21: 8am-5pm / May 22: 8:30am-3:30pm

Location: CGIS South Building, 1730 Cambridge Street, Room S-020, the **Belfer Case Study Room**, (lower level) Cambridge, MA 02138.

Catering: We plan on serving breakfast and lunch during the conference.

Preliminary Agenda

Friday, May 21

8:15am-9am Breakfast

9am-9:15am Welcome (Peter Bol, Stuart Shieber, Arthur Spirling)

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10am-10:45am Presentation: Presentation: Philip Desenne (Academic Technologies, Harvard) "*Perspectives on the Common Collaborative Media Annotation Framework Initiative*" (Presenters will include Phillip Desenne, Leonard Mueller, Classics Dept. Professor at Brandeis University and the Director of Information Technology and Publications at the Center for Hellenic Studies.)

10:45am-11:15am Coffee

11:15am-12pm Presentation: Justin Grimmer (Government, Harvard; Political Science, Stanford) "*Measuring Representation Outside of Congress*"

12pm-12:45pm Discussion: Dan Donoghue (English Dept, Harvard); Yochai Benkler (Harvard Law School) with Ethan Zuckerman (Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard); Alex Damour (Harvard Business School). Discussant: Lillian Lee (Computer Science, Cornell)

12:45pm-1:45pm Lunch

1:45pm-2:30pm Presentation: Arthur Spirling (Government, Harvard) "*US Treaty Making with American Indians, 1784–1911*"

2:30pm-3:15pm Presentation: Noah Smith (Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon) "*Text-Driven Forecasting: Meaning as a Real Number*"

3:15pm-3:30pm Coffee

3:30pm-4:15pm Presentation: Griffin Weber (Harvard Medical School) "*Harvard Catalyst Profiles: A Research Networking and Expertise Discovery Website*"

4:15pm-5:00pm Presentation: Peter Jackson (Reuters) "*15 Years of Research & Development in Text Analysis for Online Information at Thomson Reuters*"

Saturday, May 22

8:30am-9am Breakfast

9am-9:45am Presentation: Lars Backstrom (Computer Science, Cornell) "*Meme-tracking and the Dynamics of the News Cycle*"

9:45am-10:30am Presentation: Jure Leskovec (Computer Science, Stanford) "*Influence and dynamics in online media*"

10:30am-11am Coffee

11am-11:45am Presentation: Burt Monroe (Political Science, Penn State University) "*Estimating Dynamic Legislator Positions from Speech*"

11:45am-12:30pm Discussion: Eric Lin (Harvard Business School); Peter Bol (East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard); Amy Catalinac (Government, Harvard). Discussant: Will Lowe (Maastricht University).

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm-2:15pm Presentation: Michael Macy (Sociology, Cornell) "*Answers In Search of a Question*"

2:15pm-3pm Presentation: Breck Baldwin (alias-i) "*Providing the Tools and Know-How for the Text Analysis Gold Rush: LingPipe use across academia and industry*"

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