

# TOM SHERBORNE

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RESEARCH [SEMANTIC SCHOLAR](#)

## SUMMARY

- I have recently finalised and submitted my PhD researching cross-lingual transfer and multilinguality in structured prediction. Four first author papers in ACL, EMNLP, and TACL with viva planned for May 2024.
- Eight years experience in NLP research including cross-lingual transfer, machine translation evaluation, and multi-modal generative models. Recent work focuses on multi-domain representation alignment using latent variables, optimization algorithms for domain adaptation, and parallel pre-training for large language models.
- Pursuing an industry role for research in expanding NLP to new languages & communities, theoretical & empirical analysis of optimisation, and robust evaluation of text generation systems.

## EDUCATION

2019 - 2024	<b>PhD</b> Computer Science <b>Thesis:</b> Modelling Cross-lingual Transfer for Semantic Parsing <b>Advisor:</b> Mirella Lapata Low resource cross-lingual transfer for semantic parsing and structure prediction. First author papers modeling <a href="#">machine translation</a> , <a href="#">zero-shot transfer</a> , <a href="#">meta-learning</a> and <a href="#">optimal transport over latent variable models</a> .	University of Edinburgh Submitted Jan 2024, Viva May 2024
2018 - 2019	<b>MSc(R)</b> Data Science <b>Thesis:</b> Bootstrapping a Crosslingual Semantic Parser <b>Advisor:</b> Mirella Lapata	University of Edinburgh <b>Award:</b> DISTINCTION (79%)
2017 - 2018	<b>MPhil</b> Advanced Computer Science <b>Thesis:</b> Evaluating Image Description Systems with Truth-Conditional Semantics <b>Advisor:</b> Ann Copestake	University of Cambridge <b>Award:</b> DISTINCTION (85%)
2013 - 2017	<b>MEng</b> Electronic Engineering Undergraduate Bachelor & Master Combined Degree Program	University College London <b>Award:</b> 1ST HONS (84%)
2015 - 2016	Columbia University – Exchange Student (GPA: 3.84)	

## EMPLOYMENT

Jan - Now 2024	<b>University of Edinburgh</b> – Research Associate Latent variable modelling for multilingual information retrieval with Mirella Lapata.
Apr - Oct 2023 2023	<b>Allen Institute for AI</b> – AllenNLP Research Intern Cross-lingual and cross-domain optimization & training dynamics with Hao Peng and Pradeep Dasigi.
Jun - Sep 2018 2018	<b>Apple</b> – Siri Machine Learning Intern Cross-lingual spoken language understanding & sequence tagging with Diarmuid Ó Séaghdha.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Preprint	<b>How To Train Your (Compressed) Large Language Model</b> Ananya Harsh Jha, <b>Tom Sherborne</b> , Evan Pete Walsh, Dirk Groeneveld, Emma Strubell and Iz Beltagy Work in progress to submit to ACL 2024
ICLR24	<b>TRAM: Bridging Trust Regions and Sharpness Aware Minimization</b> <b>Tom Sherborne</b> , Naomi Saphra, Pradeep Dasigi and Hao Peng Accepted to ICLR 2024 (Spotlight, Top 5%)
TACL23	<b>Optimal Transport Posterior Alignment for Cross-lingual Semantic Parsing</b> <b>Tom Sherborne</b> , Tom Hosking and Mirella Lapata Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2023) Vol. 11: 1432-1450.
ACL23	<b>Extrinsic Evaluation of Machine Translation Metrics</b> Nikita Moghe, <b>Tom Sherborne</b> , Mark Steedman and Alexandra Birch Proceedings of ACL 2023, <b>Outstanding Paper Award</b>
TACL23	<b>Meta-Learning a Cross-lingual Manifold for Semantic Parsing</b> <b>Tom Sherborne</b> and Mirella Lapata Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2023) Vol. 11: 49-67.

## SKILLS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

TECHNICAL	5+ years: Python (NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, PyTorch), Git, Bash/UNIX, Slurm, $\LaTeX$ . 1+ years: SQL, Java, C++, Assembly.
REVIEWER	JMLR, ACL & ARR, EMNLP, NeurIPS, ICML. ICLR22 <a href="#">highlighted reviewer</a> , ACL23 <a href="#">best reviewer</a> .