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Personal Information

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Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science September 2005

Computer Science Department, Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, Tonantzintla, Puebla, México

Dissertation title: “*Improvement of Named Entity Tagging by Machine Learning*”

Advisor: Prof. Aurelio López López

M.S. in Computer Science August 2002

Computer Science Department, Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, Tonantzintla, Puebla, México

Thesis title: “*Using Unlabeled Data to Improve Classifier Accuracy*”

Advisor: Prof. Olac Fuentes

B.S. in Computer Systems Engineering July 2000

Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, Chihuahua, México

Professional Experience

Co-Founder and R&D Officer May 2017 -

VideoPoints LLC

Associate Professor September 2014 -

Department of Computer Science, University of Houston

Assistant Professor June 2009 –August 2014

Department of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Research Associate September 2007–June 2009

Department of Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas

Lecturer September 2005–August 2007

Department of Computer Science, University of Texas at El Paso

Research Interests

Natural Language Processing and Applied Machine Learning: stylistic modelling of text, forensic linguistics, information extraction from user generated text, language assessment, enabling technology for mixed-language analysis in social media

Extramural Research Grants Funded (over \$2M in funds secured)

- Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships, NSF** July 2018–July 2019
 \$225,000 SBIR Phase I: VideoPoints: A Companion for Classroom Learning
 Investigators: Tayfun, Tuna (PI, VideoPoints)
 Jaspal Subhlok, (co-PI, VideoPoints)
 Shishir Sha (co-PI, VideoPoints)
 Thamar Solorio (co-PI, VideoPoints)
- U.S. Department of Defense** July 2016–July 2017
 \$406,963 Cluster Computing Infrastructure for Large Scale Data and Text Analytics at UH
 Investigators: Rakesh Verma (PI, UH) Thamar Solorio (co-PI, UH)
- IIP, STTR Phase I, NSF** January 2016–December 2016
 \$224,110 STTR Phase I: Book Discovery through Literary DNA
 Holly Payne (PI, Booxby) Thamar Solorio (co-PI, UH)
- IIS, Secure & Trustworthy Cyberspace, NSF** August 2015–July 2018
 \$499,695 TWC: Small: Statistical Models for Opinion Spam Detection Leveraging Linguistic and Behavioral Cues
 Arjun Mukherjee (PI, UH) Thamar Solorio (Senior Personnel, UH)
- IIS, Robust Intelligence, NSF** January 2014–January 2019
 \$470,000 CAREER: Authorship Analysis in Cross-Domain Settings
 Thamar Solorio (PI, UH)
- CNS, Division of Computing and Network Systems, NSF** September 2012–August 2015
 \$364,301, CI-ADDO-NEW: Collaborative Research: A Repository for Annotating Multilingual Code Switched Data
 Investigators: Thamar Solorio (PI, UH)
- Human-Centered Computing, IIS, NSF** September 2010–August 2016
 \$301,055, Analysis of Language Impairment in Monolingual and Bilingual Children
 Thamar Solorio (PI, UH)
- IIS, Division of Information & Intelligent Systems NSF** September 2012–August 2014
 \$45,048, EAGER: Investigating linguistic dimensions in cross-domain authorship analysis
 Thamar Solorio (PI, UAB)
- Office of Naval Research** March 2012–February 2015
 \$379,171, Secure Document Signatures
 Thamar Solorio (PI, UAB)
 Ragib Hasan (co-PI, UAB)
- Robust Intelligence, IIS, NSF** January 2011–December 2011
 \$16,200, ACL-HLT Student Session
 Investigators: Thamar Solorio (PI, UAB)
- Computing Research Infrastructure, NSF** February 2010–February 2012
 \$21,992, Collaborative Research:CI-P: Creation of an annotated repository of multilingual and multigenre code switched data for several language pairs
 Investigators: Thamar Solorio (PI, UAB)
- Robust Intelligence and OISE, NSF** January 2010–July 2010
 \$17,972, Young Investigators in the Americas Workshop
 Investigators: Thamar Solorio (PI, UAB)

Human-Centered Computing, IIS, NSF September 2008–August 2010
 \$110,493, HCC-Small: Collaborative Research: Prediction of Language Status in Bilingual Children (PoLSi-BC)
 Thamar Solorio (PI, UAB), Yang Liu (co-PI, UTD)

National Center for Research Resources, NIH September 2008–August 2009
 \$36,000, Prediction of Language Status in Monolingual Children (PoLSi-MC)
 Thamar Solorio (PI, UTD), Yang Liu (co-PI, UTD)

Other External Funding

Adobe September 2018
 Unrestricted Gift Grant, \$20,000

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

UHCS Academic Excellence Award Fall 2017
 COSC Department Award

CRA-W Mid Career Mentoring Workshop June 2015
 Travel Grant

2014 Denice Denton Emerging Leader ABIE Award Fall 2014
 Recognition by the Anita Borg Institute

Research Visit for Distinguished Researchers, UPV, Spain Fall 2011
 Research Visit Grant

Anthony Barnard Award, CIS, UAB Fall 2011
 Travel Grant

Anthony Barnard Award, CIS, UAB Fall 2009
 Travel Grant

CRA Academic Careers Workshop, NSF February 2008
 Travel Grant

CRA-W Career Mentoring Workshop, NSF June 2007
 Travel Grant

National Council for Science and Technology (CONACyT) September 2002- August 2005
 Fellowship for PhD studies

National Council for Science and Technology (CONACyT) August 2000- August 2002
 Fellowship for MS studies

Program Co-Chair

2019 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, NAACL-2019.

Workshop Co-Chair

Second Workshop on Stylistic Variation, to be held in conjunction with NAACL 2018.

Third Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching, to be held in conjunction with ACL 2018.

First Workshop on Stylistic Variation, held in conjunction with EMNLP 2017.

Second Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching, held in conjunction with EMNLP 2016.

First Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching, held in conjunction with EMNLP 2014.
 NAACL-HLT 2010, Young Investigators Workshop on Computational Approaches to Languages of the Americas

Steering Committees

First Emerging Leaders Workshop. Faculty development workshop sponsored by the Anita Borg Institute and the National Science Foundation, June 3, 2016 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Editorial Board Member

Computer Speech and Language

Program & Organization Committees

ACL 2018 Demonstration Papers
 EMNLP 2016, Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing
 IBERAMIA 2016, 15th edition of the Ibero-American Conference on Artificial Intelligence, NLP Area Chair
 ACL 2016, The 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, area co-chair for multilinguality track
 NAACL 2016, 15th Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies
 AAI 2016, Thirtieth AAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 WWW 2016, 25th International World Wide Web Conference, Natural Language Processing PC member
 ACL 2015, The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics
 SEPLN 2015, XXXI Congreso de la Sociedad Española para el Procesamiento del Lenguaje Natural
 NAACL-HLT, the 2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics Human Language Technologies (NAACL HLT 2015), Tutorial co-chair
 IBERAMIA 2014, 14th edition of the Ibero-American Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 EACL 2014, 14th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics
 ACL 2014, The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics
 RANLP 2013 Student Research Workshop
 IJCAI 2013, 23rd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 ACL 2013, Area Chair
 CICLing-2013, 14th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 CICLing-2012, 13th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 IBERAMIA 2012, 13th edition of the Ibero-American Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 CERI 2012, *II Congreso Nacional de Recuperación de la Información*
 PAN CLEF 2012, Uncovering Plagiarism, Authorship, and Social Software Misuse
 IEKA 2011, Workshop on Information Extraction and Knowledge Acquisition
 PAN CLEF 2011, 5th International Workshop on Uncovering Plagiarism, Authorship, and Social Software Misuse
 STIL 2011 : 8th Brazilian Symposium in Information and Human Language Technology
 RANLP-2011 Student Research Workshop
 ACL-HLT 2011, The 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies. Area chair
 Student Session of the ACL-HLT 2011, The 49th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies. Faculty Advisor
 CICLing-2011, 12th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 CICLing-2010, 11th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 MICAI-2010, 9th Mexican International Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 MICAI-2009, 8th Mexican International Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 RANLP-2009, Recent Advances in Natural Language Processing
 CICLing-2009, 10th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 MICAI-2008, 7th Mexican International Conference on Artificial Intelligence
 CICLing-2008, 9th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 NAACL-HLT 2007, The Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics
 CICLing-2007, 8th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics

CICLing-2006, 7th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics
 ACL Demos and Interactive Posters, 43rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2005

Journal Reviewer

Transaction of the Association of Computational Linguistics (TACL), 2016
 Editorial Board Member for the Journal Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR), 2016
 Procesamiento de Lenguaje Natural Journal, Journal for the Spanish Society of Natural Language Processing, 2016
 Language & Linguistics Compass, 2015
 ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing, 2015, 2016
 IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, 2014
 IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
 Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, 2013, 2014
 Natural Language Engineering, 2012, 2013
 ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology, TIST, 2011
 Language Resources and Evaluation, 2011
 Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology, 2011
 Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience, 2010
 INFORMS Journal on Computing, 2010
 Computación y Sistemas, Special issue: “Innovative applications of AI”, 2008

Services to Government Agencies

Panel reviewer for the National Science Foundation 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009.
 Ad-hoc reviewer for the National Science Foundation, 2008.

Other Service Activities

Project reviewer for the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), 2015

Publications

[Students under my direct supervision are noted as ^s.]

Refereed Journal Articles

- [J1] John D. Osborne, Matthew B. Neu, Maria I. Danila, **Thamar Solorio**, and Steven J. Bethard. Cuiless2016: a clinical corpus applying compositional normalization of text mentions. *Journal of Biomedical Semantics*, 9(2), January 2018.
- [J2] Dasha Bogdanova, Paolo Rosso, and **Thamar Solorio**. Exploring high-level features for detecting cyberpedophilia. *Comput. Speech Lang.*, 28(1):108–120, January 2014.
- [J3] **Thamar Solorio**. Survey on emerging research on the use of natural language processing in clinical language assessment of children. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 7(12):633–646, 2013.
- [J4] Kairuh nisa Hassanali, Yang Liu, Aquiles Iglesias, **Thamar Solorio**, and Chrstine Dollaghan. Automatic generation of the index of productive syntax for child language transcripts. *Behavior Research Methods*, 45(13), June 2013.
- [J5] Gabriela Ramírez de-la Rosa^s, Manuel Montes y Gómez, **Thamar Solorio**, and Luis Villaseñor-Pineda. A document is known by the company it keeps: Neighborhood consensus for short text categorization. *Language Resources and Evaluation*, (47):127–149, 2012.
- [J6] Keyur Gabani^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Yang Liu, and Christine Dollaghan. Exploring a corpus-based approach for detecting language impairment in monolingual English-speaking children. *Artificial Intelligence in Medicine*, 53(9):161–170, November 2011.

- [J7] **Thamar Solorio**, Melissa Sherman^s, Yang Liu, Lisa Bedore, Elizabeth Peña, and Aquiles Iglesias. Analyzing language samples of Spanish-English bilingual children for the automated prediction of language dominance. *Natural Language Engineering*, 17(11):367–395, 2011.
- [J8] M. Taufer, M-Y. Leung, **Thamar Solorio**, A. Licon, D. Mireles, D. Gomez-Leon, R. Araiza, and K.K. Johnson. RNAVLab: A unified environment for computational RNA structure analysis based on grid computing technology. *Parallel Computing*, 34:661–680, 2008.
- [J9] Nigel G. Ward, Rafael Escalante, Yaffa Al Bayyari, and **Thamar Solorio**. Learning to show you’re listening. *Computer Assisted Language Learning*, 20(4):385–407, 2007.
- [J10] **Thamar Solorio**, Olac Fuentes, Roberto Terlevich, and Elena Terlevich. An active instance-based machine learning method for stellar population studies. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 363(2):543–554, October 2005.

Peer Reviewed Conference and Workshop Papers

- [C1] Amirreza Shirani, Franck Deroncourt, Paul Asente, Nedim Lipka, Seokhwan Kim, Jose Echevarria, and **Thamar Solorio**. Learning emphasis selection for written text in visual media from crowd-sourced label distributions. In *The 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2019)*, 2019.
- [C2] Mahsa Shafaei and Adrian Pastor Lopez-Monroy and **Thamar Solorio**. Exploiting textual, visual and product features for predicting the likeability of movies. The 32nd International FLAIRS Conference, 2019.
- [C3] Amirreza Shirani, Bowen Xu, David Lo, **Thamar Solorio**, and Amin Alipour. Question relatedness on stack overflow: The task, dataset, and corpus-inspired models. In *AAAI Reasoning for Complex Question Answering Workshop (AAAI 2019)*, 2019.
- [C4] Suraj Maharjan, Manuel Montes, Fabio A. Gonzalez, and **Thamar Solorio**. A genre-aware attention model to improve the likability prediction of books. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Brussels, Belgium, November 2018.
- [C5] Deepthi Mave^s, Suraj Maharjan, and **Thamar Solorio**. Language identification and analysis of code-switched social media text. In *Proceedings of the Third Workshop on Computational Approaches to Linguistic Code-Switching*, pages 51–61, Melbourne, Australia, July 2018. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C6] Suraj Maharjan^s, Sudipta Kar, Manuel Montes, Fabio A. Gonzalez, and **Thamar Solorio**. Letting emotions flow: Success prediction by modeling the flow of emotions in books. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, Volume 2 (Short Papers)*, pages 259–265, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2018. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C7] Adrian Pastor López Monroy, Fabio A. González, Manuel Montes, Hugo Jair Escalante, and **Thamar Solorio**. Early text classification using multi-resolution concept representations. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, Volume 1 (Long Papers)*, pages 1216–1225, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2018. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C8] Sudipta Kar^s, Suraj Maharjan, and **Thamar Solorio**. Folksonomication: Predicting tags for movies from plot synopses using emotion flow encoded neural network. In *Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics*, pages 2879–2891, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, August 2018. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C9] Gustavo Aguilar^s, Adrian Pastor López Monroy, Fabio González, and **Thamar Solorio**. Modeling noisiness to recognize named entities using multitask neural networks on social media. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, Volume 1 (Long Papers)*, pages 1401–1412. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2018.
- [C10] Sudipta Kar^s, Suraj Maharjan, A. Pastor Lopez-Monroy, and **Thamar Solorio**. Mpst: A corpus of movie plot synopses with tags. In *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC 2018)*. European Language Resources Association (ELRA), 2018.

- [C11] Amirreza Shirani^s, Pastor Lopez-Monroy, Fabio Gonzalez, **Thamar Solorio**, and Mohammad Amin Alipour. Evaluation of type inference with textual cues. In *Thirty-Second AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-18)*, 2018.
- [C12] John Arevalo^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes y Gomez, and Fabio A Gonzalez. Gated multimodal units for information fusion. In *5th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2017 -Workshop Track*, 2017.
- [C13] Prasha Shrestha^s, Sebastian Sierra, Fabio A. Gonzalez, Manuel Montes y Gómez, and **Thamar Solorio**. Convolutional neural networks for authorship attribution of short texts. In *Proceedings of the EACL*, Valencia, Spain, 2017. EACL.
- [C14] Suraj Maharjan^s, John Arevalo, Fabio A. Gonzalez, Manuel Montes y Gómez, and **Thamar Solorio**. A multi-task approach to predict likability of books. In *Proceedings of the EACL*, Valencia, Spain, 2017. EACL.
- [C15] Niloofar Safi Samghabadi^s, Suraj Maharjan^s, Alan Sprague, Raquel Diaz Sprague, and **Thamar Solorio**. Detecting nastiness in social media. Vancouver, Canada, 2017. ACL.
- [C16] Giovanni Molina^s, Fahad AlGhamdi, Mahmoud Ghoneim, Abdelati Hawwari, Nicolas Rey-Villamizar^s, Mona Diab, and **Thamar Solorio**. Overview for the second shared task on language identification in code-switched data. In *Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching*, pages 40–49, Austin, Texas, November 2016. Association for Computational Linguistics. [PDF].
- [C17] Younes Samih, Suraj Maharjan^s, Mohammed Attia, Laura Kallmeyer, and **Thamar Solorio**. Multilingual code-switching identification via LSTM recurrent neural networks. In *Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching*, pages 50–59, Austin, Texas, November 2016. Association for Computational Linguistics. [PDF].
- [C18] Fahad AlGhamdi, Giovanni Molina^s, Mona Diab, **Thamar Solorio**, Abdelati Hawwari, Victor Soto, and Julia Hirschberg. Part of speech tagging for code switched data. In *Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching*, pages 98–107, Austin, Texas, November 2016. Association for Computational Linguistics. [PDF].
- [C19] Upendra Sapkota^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes y Gómez, and Steven Bethard. Domain adaptation for authorship attribution: Improved structural correspondence learning. In *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Volume 1: Long Papers)*, pages 2226–2235, Berlin, Germany, August 2016. ACL, Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C20] Prasha Shrestha^s, Arjun Mukherjee, and **Thamar Solorio**. Large scale authorship attribution of online reviews. In *Computational Linguistics and Intelligent Text Processing - 17th International Conference, CICLing 2016*, Konya, Turkey, 2016 (to appear).
- [C21] Prasha Shrestha^s, Nicolas Rey-Villamizar^s, Farig Sadeque, Ted Pedersen, Steven Bethard, and **Thamar Solorio**. Age and gender prediction on health forum data. In Nicoletta Calzolari (Conference Chair), Khalid Choukri, Thierry Declerck, Sara Goggi, Marko Grobelnik, Bente Maegaard, Joseph Mariani, Helene Mazo, Asuncion Moreno, Jan Odijk, and Stelios Piperidis, editors, *10th Edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference, LREC*. European Language Resources Association (ELRA), 2016.
- [C22] Nicolas Rey-Villamizar, Prasha Shrestha, Farig Sadeque, Steven Bethard, Ted Pedersen, Arjun Mukherjee, and **Thamar Solorio**. Analysis of anxious word usage on online health forums. In *Proceedings of the Seventh International Workshop on Health Text Mining and Information Analysis*, pages 37–42, Auxtin, TX, November 2016. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C23] Farig Sadeque, Ted Pedersen, **Thamar Solorio**, Prasha Shrestha, Nicolas Rey-Villamizar, and Steven Bethard. Why do they leave: Modeling participation in online depression forums. In *Proceedings of The Fourth International Workshop on Natural Language Processing for Social Media*, pages 14–19, Austin, TX, USA, November 2016. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C24] Mohammed Attia, Suraj Maharjan, Younes Samih, Laura Kallmeyer, and **Thamar Solorio**. Cogalex-v shared task: Ghhh - detecting semantic relations via word embeddings. In *Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Cognitive Aspects of the Lexicon (CogALex - V)*, pages 86–91, Osaka, Japan, December 2016. The COLING 2016 Organizing Committee.

- [C25] Farig Sadeque, **Thamar Solorio**, Ted Pedersen, Prasha Shrestha^s, and Steven Bethard. Predicting continued participation in online health forums. In *Proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Health Text Mining and Information Analysis (Louhi)*, pages 15–20, Lisboa, Portugal, 2015. Association for Computational Linguistics. [PDF].
- [C26] Suraj Maharjan^s, Elizabeth Blair^s, Steven Bethard, and **Thamar Solorio**. Developing language-tagged corpora for code-switching tweets. In *Proceedings of The 9th Linguistic Annotation Workshop*, pages 72–84, Denver, Colorado, USA, 2015. ACL. [PDF].
- [C27] Upendra Sapkota^s, Steven Bethard, Manuel Montes y Gómez, and **Thamar Solorio**. Not all character n-grams are created equal: A study in authorship attribution. In *2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics Human Language Technologies (NAACL HLT 2015)*, pages 93–102, Denver, Colorado, 2015. ACL.
- [C28] Prasha Shrestha^s and **Thamar Solorio**. Identification of original document by using textual similarities. In *Computational Linguistics and Intelligent Text Processing - 16th International Conference, CICLing 2015, Cairo, Egypt, April 14-20, 2015, Proceedings, Part II*, pages 643–654, 2015.
- [C29] Suraj^s Maharjan, Prasha Shrestha^s, **Thamar Solorio**, and Ragib Hasan. A straightforward author profiling approach in mapreduce. In *Proceedings of the 14th Iberoamerican Conference on AI*, pages 62–72, Santiago de Chile, Chile, November 2014. Advances in Artificial Intelligence- Lecture Notes in Computer Science.
- [C30] **Thamar Solorio**, Elizabeth Blair^s, Suraj Maharjan^s, Steven Bethard, Mona Diab, Mahmoud Ghoneim, Abdelati Hawwari, Fahad AlGhamdi, Julia Hirschberg, Alison Chang, and Pascale Fung. Overview for the first shared task on language identification in code-switched data. In *Proceedings of the First Workshop on Computational Approaches to Code Switching*, pages 62–72, Doha, Qatar, October 2014. Association for Computational Linguistics. [PDF].
- [C31] Upendra Sapkota^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes, Steven Bethard, and Paolo Rosso. Cross-topic authorship attribution: Will out-of-topic data help? In *Proceedings of COLING 2014, the 25th International Conference on Computational Linguistics: Technical Papers*, pages 1228–1237, Dublin, Ireland, August 2014. Dublin City University and Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C32] **Thamar Solorio**, Ragib Hasan, and Mainul Mizan^s. Sockpuppet detection in wikipedia: A corpus of real-world deceptive writing for linking identities. In *The 9th edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC 2014)*, pages 26–31, Reykjavik, Iceland, May 2014. European Language Resources Association (ELRA).
- [C33] Gabriela Ramírez de-la Rosa^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, Yang Liu, Aquiles Iglesias, Lisa Bedore, and Elizabeth Peña. Exploring word class n-grams to measure language development in children. In *Proceedings of the 2013 Workshop on Biomedical Natural Language Processing*, pages 89–97, Sofia, Bulgaria, August 2013. ACL. [PDF].
- [C34] Khairun nisa Hassanali, Yang Liu, and **Thamar Solorio**. Using latent dirichlet allocation for child narrative analysis. In *Proceedings of the 2013 Workshop on Biomedical Natural Language Processing*, pages 111–115, Sofia, Bulgaria, August 2013. ACL. [PDF].
- [C35] **Thamar Solorio**, Ragib Hasan, and Mainul Mizan^s. A case study of sockpuppet detection in wikipedia. In *Workshop on Language Analysis in Social Media (LASM) at NAACL-HLT 2013*, pages 59–68, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2013. ACL. [PDF].
- [C36] Upendra Sapkota^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, and Paolo Rosso. The use of orthogonal similarity relations in the prediction of authorship. In *Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Intelligent Text Processing and Computational Linguistics, CICLing-2013*, pages 463–475, Samos, Greece, March 2013.
- [C37] Khairun nisa Hassanali, Yang Liu, and **Thamar Solorio**. Coherence in child language narratives: A case study of annotation and automatic prediction of coherence. In *Proceedings of 3rd Workshop on Child, Computer and Interaction (WOCCI 2012)*, 2012. [PDF].
- [C38] Khairun nisa Hassanali, Yang Liu, and **Thamar Solorio**. Evaluating NLP features for automatic prediction of language impairment using child speech transcripts. In *Proceedings of INTERSPEECH 2012*, 2012.
- [C39] Daria Bogdanova, Paolo Rosso, and **Thamar Solorio**. On the impact of sentiment and emotion based features in detecting online sexual predators. In *Proceedings of the ACL 2012 3rd Workshop on Computational Approaches to Subjectivity and Sentiment Analysis (WASSA)*, pages 110–118, Jeju, Republic of Korea, July 2012. ACL. [PDF].

- [C40] Binod Gyawali^s, **Thamar Solorio**, and Yassine Benajiba. Grading the quality of medical evidence. In *2012 Workshop on Biomedical Natural Language Processing (BIONLP 2012)*, pages 176–184, Montral, Canada, June 2012. ACL. [PDF].
- [C41] Daria Bogdanova, Paolo Rosso, and **Thamar Solorio**. Modelling fixated discourse in chats with cyberpedophiles. In *EACL 2012 Workshop on Computational Approaches to Deception Detection*, pages 86–90, Avignon, France, April 2012. ACL. [PDF].
- [C42] Gabriela Ramírez de-la Rosa^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, Yang Liu, Lisa Bedore, Elizabeth Peña, and Aquiles Iglesias. Language dominance prediction in Spanish-English bilingual children using syntactic information: a first approximation. In *ICL Workshop on Iberian Cross-Language NLP tasks*, Huelva, Spain, September 2011.
- [C43] Hugo Jair Escalante, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, and **Thamar Solorio**. Weighted profile intersection measure for profile-based authorship attribution. In *10th Mexican International Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, pages 232–243, Puebla, Mexico, November 2011.
- [C44] Debangana Dey^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, and Hugo Escalante. Instance selection based on the silhouette coefficient measure for text classification. In *10th Mexican International Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, pages 357–369, Puebla, Mexico, November 2011.
- [C45] Binod Gyawali^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, Brad Wardman, and Gary Warner. Evaluating a semisupervised approach to phishing url identification in a realistic scenario. In *8th Annual Collaboration, Electronic Messaging, Anti-Abuse and Spam Conference (CEAS 2011)*, pages 176–183, Perth, Australia, 2011. ACM.
- [C46] **Thamar Solorio**, Sangita Pillay^s, Sindhu Raghavan, and Manuel Montes-y-Gómez. Modality specific metafeatures for authorship attribution on web forum posts. In *5th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing, IJCNLP 2011*, pages 156–164, Chiang Mai, Thailand, November 2011. AFNLP.
- [C47] H. Jair Escalante, **Thamar Solorio**, and Manuel Montes-y-Gómez. Local histograms of character n-grams for authorship attribution. In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting for the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies*, pages 288–298, Portland, Oregon, June 19–24 2011. ACL.
- [C48] Aaron Blum^s, Brad Wardman, **Thamar Solorio**, and Gary Warner. Lexical feature based phishing url detection using online learning. In *Proceedings of the 3rd ACM workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Security, AISec '10*, pages 54–60, Chicago, Illinois, 2010. ACM.
- [C49] Sangita Pillay^s and **Thamar Solorio**. Authorship attribution on web forum posts. In *eCrime Researchers Summit*, Dallas, TX, October 2010. APWG. [PDF].
- [C50] Gabriela Ramírez de-la Rosa^s, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, Luis Villaseñor-Pineda, David Pinto-Avenidaño, and **Thamar Solorio**. Using information from the target language to improve crosslingual text classification. In *Proceedings of IceTAL 2010*, pages 305–313, Reykjavik, Iceland, August 2010.
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Shared Task Papers

- [T1] Gustavo Aguilar^s, Suraj Maharjan^s, A. Pastor López Monroy, and **Thamar Solorio**. A multi-task approach for named entity recognition on social media data. Proceedings of 3rd Workshop on Noisy User-generated Text, WNUT 2017, 2017. Ranked 1st place in the two evaluation metrics.
- [T2] Sudipta Kar^s, Suraj Maharjan^s, and **Thamar Solorio**. RiTUAL-UH at SemEval-2017 task 5: Sentiment analysis on financial data using neural networks. Proceedings of the 11th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2017), 2017. Ranked 2nd for Subtask 2. With alternate scoring, ranked 1st in both subtask.
- [T3] Marc Franco-Salvador, Sudipta Kar^s, **Thamar Solorio**, and Paolo Rosso. UH-PRHLT at SemEval-2016 task 3: Combining lexical and semantic-based features for community question answering. In *International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2016) at NAACL-HLT 2016*, 2016.
- [T4] Nicolas Rey-Villamizar^s, Prasha Shrestha^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Farig Sadeque, Steven Bethard, and Ted Pedersen. A semi-supervised approach for the clpsych 2016 shared task. In *Computational Linguistics and Clinical Psychology Workshop at NAACL-HLT 2016*, 2016.
- [T5] Suraj Maharjan^s and **Thamar Solorio**. Using a wide range of fetures for author profiling. In *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2015 Evaluation Labs and Workshop*, Toulouse, France, September 2015. [PDF].
- [T6] Suraj Maharjan^s, Prasha Shrestha^s, and **Thamar Solorio**. A simple approach to author profiling in mapreduce. In *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2014*, Sheffield, UK, 2014.
- [T7] Prasha Shrestha^s, Suraj Maharjan^s, and **Thamar Solorio**. Machine translation evaluation metric for text alignment. In *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2014*, Sheffield, UK, 2014.
- [T8] John David Osborne^s, Binod Gyawali^s, and **Thamar Solorio**. Evaluation of freely available open source software for clinical concept recognition. In *Notebook for ShARE/CLEF eHealth Evaluation Lab at CLEF 2013*, 2013.
- [T9] Binod Gyawali^s, Gabriela Ramirez de-la Rosa^s, and **Thamar Solorio**. Native language identification: a simple n-gram based approach. In *Proceedings of the Eighth Workshop on Innovative Use of NLP for Building Educational Applications*, pages 224–231, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2013. ACL.
- [T10] Prasha Shrestha^s and **Thamar Solorio**. Using a variety of n-grams for the detection of different kinds of plagiarism. In *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2013*, 2013.
- [T11] Upendra Sapkota^s, **Thamar Solorio**, Manuel Montes-y-Gómez, and Gabriela Ramírez de-la Rosa^s. Automatic author profiling for English and Spanish text. In *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2013*, 2013.
- [T12] Binod Gyawali^s and **Thamar Solorio**. UABCORAL: A preliminary study for resolving the scope of negation. In **SEM: 1st Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics*, pages 275–281, Montral, Canada, June 2012. ACL.
- [T13] Upendra Sapkota^s and **Thamar Solorio**. Sub-profiling by linguistic dimensions to solve the authorship attribution task. In *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2012*, Rome, Italy, September 2012.

[T14] **Thamar Solorio**, Sangita Pillay^s, and Manuel Montes-y-Gómez. Authorship identification with modality specific meta features. In *Uncovering Plagiarism, Authorship, and Social Software Misuse (PAN 2011) held in conjunction with the CLEF 2011 Conference on Multilingual and Multimodal Information Access Evaluation*, Amsterdam, September 2011.

Invited Talks and Tutorials

Named Entity Recognition in Challenging Contexts, Keynote Speaker at the 16th Mexican Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, October 2017.

Mixed-language data in social media, Keynote speaker at the Social NLP workshop, Held in conjunction with EMNLP 2017, Valencia, Spain.

Summer School on Natural Language Processing and Text Mining, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, June 2016.

Code-Switched data: A special type of multilingual data and the challenges for NLP. Tutorial at the First Fall School in Natural Language Processing, Puebla, Mexico, November 2015.

No cambies de Tema, de todas formas podemos identificarte (*Don't change the subject, we can still identify you*), Key note speaker at WOPATEC 2014, Workshop de Procesamiento Automatizado de Textos y Corpus, Viña del Mar, Chile, November 2014.

Exploiting similarities in writing styles to predict authorship, Computer Science Colloquium, The University of Texas at Dallas, March 2013.

Authorship Analysis: Exploring Similarities Across Different Linguistic Dimensions, The Theodore Haddin Arts and Sciences Forum, UAB. January 2013.

Natural Language Processing for Computer Forensics. Invited talk at the 8th Workshop on Human Language Technologies, held in conjunction with MICA 2011, Puebla, Mexico. November 2011.

Analysis of Language Samples for Assessing Language Status in Monolingual and Bilingual Children, University of Alicante, Alicante, Spain. September 2011.

Generating Informative Features for Authorship Identification on Social Media, Polytechnic University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain. September 2011.

Exploring New Frontiers in Natural Language Processing (NLP): Applications of NLP to Communication Disorders and Bilingual Discourse. Research Group in Computational Linguistics, University of Wolverhampton. May 2009.

Exploring corpus-based approaches for distinguishing children with and without language impairment. Callier Center, The University of Texas at Dallas. November 2008.

The Automated Processing of Bilingual Discourse. Language and Information Technologies, University of North Texas. July 2008.

Processing Code-Switched Text. Department of Computer Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin. May 2008.

Processing Code-Switched Text. Department of of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Delaware. February 2008.

Teaching Experience

Advanced NLP: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding, UH Fall 2017
Computer Science and Programming. UH Spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Computational Thinking. UAB Spring 2014

Intro to Object Oriented Programming in Java. UAB Spring 2013, 2014, Fall 2013
 Natural Language Processing. UAB Spring 2010, 2011, UH Fall 2015, Spring 2018
 Artificial Intelligence. UAB Fall 2009, 2010, Spring 2012, 2013
 Fluency in Information Technology. UAB Fall 2010, 2011, Spring 2012
 Elementary Data Structures and Algorithms. UTEP Fall 2005, 2006, Spring 2006, 2007
 Computer Programming for Science & Engineering. UTEP Fall 2006, Spring 2007
 Artificial Intelligence. UTEP Fall 2006
 Software Engineering I. UTEP Fall 2005, Spring 2006
 Computer Architecture I. UTEP Fall 2005
 Selected Topics in Artificial Intelligence. Instituto Tecnológico de Apizaco, graduate level, 2003
 Natural Language Processing. Instituto Tecnológico de Apizaco, graduate level, 2003
 Object Oriented Programming in Java. Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla 2002
 Teaching Assistant, Automata Theory and Formal Languages. Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, graduate level, assistant for professor Aurelio López, 2004
 Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning. Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, graduate level, assistant for professor Olac Fuentes, 2004
 Teaching Assistant, Research Seminar II. Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, graduate level, assistant for professor Olac Fuentes, 2003
 Teaching Assistant, Automata Theory and Formal Languages. Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, graduate level, assistant for professor Ariel Carrasco, 2001

Professional Affiliations

- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)

Postdoctoral Mentoring

Pastor López-Monroy (2017-2018)
 Thoudam Doren Singh (2015-2016)

Student Advising and Mentoring

Current Ph.D. Students

Gustavo Aguilar Alas (2018 UHCS Best Junior PhD Award)
 Mahsa Shafaei
 Amirreza Shirani
 Deepthi Mave
 Sudipta Kar
 Niloofar Safi Samghabadi

Current MS Students

Maksim Egorov

Advised PhD Graduates

John Arevalo, UNAL
 Upendra Sapkota (Apple)
 Suraj Maharjan (Principal ML-NLP Scientist CapitalOne)
 Prasha Shrestha (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory)

Advised MS Graduates

Akshay Kulkarni, UH 2017-2018

Debangana Dey, M.S., UAB 2012 (2011 ACM-W travel scholarship recipient)

Binod Gyawali, M.S. UAB 2013, now Research Engineer at ETS

María Petra Paredes, Sumarización Automática de Documentos, M.S in Computer Science, Instituto Tecnológico de Apizaco, 2004.

Sangita Pillay, M.S., UAB 2011 (2010 ACM-W travel scholarship recipient)

Gabriela Ramirez de la Rosa, M.S. UAB 2013, 2013 CRA-W travel award recipient, now Faculty at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Cuajimalpa, Mexico

Melissa Sherman, M.S., UTD 2009

Advised BS Graduates

Kenny G. Blackmon, undergrad, UAB 2011

Elizabeth Blair, undergrad, UAB 2013-2014

Anthony Bowman, undergrad, UAB 2010

Salim El Awad, undergrad, UH 2015

Keith Erdbruegger, undergrad, UH 2016-2017

Juan Carlos Franco, undergrad, UTEP

Wesley Johnson, undergrad, UAB 2010

Brenda Medina, undergrad, UTEP, (CRA-W DMP Student Awardee 2008)

David Mireles, undergrad, UTEP, (Microsoft Scholar, Google Scholar, DSSI-2007 Fellow)

Kevin Portillo, undergrad, UH 2016

Raymund Riegl, UH 2015-2016

Aidaly Santamaria (2015)

Cameron Stanley, UAB 2011

Simon Tice, undergrad, UH 206

David Vera, undergrad, UTEP

Brian Whitley, undergrad, UAB 2012

Nicolle Whitman, undergrad, UTEP, (LSMAP Scholar), now at Microsoft

PhD Thesis Committee Member

1. Fabian Ng (Physics), UH.
2. Fatih Akdag, UH.
3. Zekai Demirezen, UAB 2012.
4. Myriam Hernandez, Universidad de Alicante, Spain, 2015
5. Khairun-nisa Hassanali, UTD 2013.
6. David O'Gwynn, UAB 2011.
7. John Osborne, UAB.
8. Carlos Romero, UH (Spanish Linguistics), 2016

Synergistic Activities

- Selection Committee member for the ABIE Denice Denton Emerging Leaders Award, 2017, 2018
- At UH: helped organize UH participation at the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference, 2015, 2016
- Related to broadening the participation of underrepresented groups in computing: support and encourage the organizing of events for women of CIS at UAB.
- Participated on the CRA Career-mentoring workshop on June 2007, supported by a travel grant from NSF.
- Member of Latinas in computing.

- Outreach efforts: director of the UAB 2010, 2011, and 2012 Digital Film Festival and coordinator for the NACLO UAB site 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.
- Co-director of the student summer camps for inner city 4th and 5th grade students within NSF-funded project ICAC.
- Coordinator of the UAB CIS 2011 and 2012 summer camps.
- Supervisor of science fair project for high school student Judi Hakim.
- Mentor of the UAB Manos Juntas program and member of the steering committee from 2010-2012.
- Served as Student Faculty Advisor for ACL 2011.

News and Media Coverage

KHOU

December 2018

UH student develops website to simplify picking a movie

URL: <https://www.khou.com/article/news/uh-student-develops-website-to-simplify-picking-a-movie/285-624911544>

New Scientist

November 2013

Unmask Wikipedia sock puppets by the way they write

URL: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22029434.500-unmask-wikipedia-sock-puppets-by-the-way-they-write/>

The Signpost, Wikipedia Newspaper

June 2013

Sockpuppet evidence from automated writing style analysis

URL: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia-Signpost/2013-06-26/Recent-research>