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## Education

Oct 2007

### PhD in Statistical Machine Translation

ILPS, University Of Amsterdam

PhD, supervised by Dr Christof Monz, with a focus on improving language models in the SMT environment through the incorporation of linguistic features. Programmed with colleagues a phrase-based SMT system. Main technologies used are C++ and Perl scripting on a linux platform. Teaching activities include being an assistant on two programming modules. This PhD commenced at Queen Mary, University of London, and transferred to the UvA in Feb 2009.

2006–2007

### MSc Distinction in Computing and Information Systems

QM College, University of London

Subjects included: Java Programming, Software Engineering, Database Design, Network Programming (Java, Servlets, JSP), Systems Analysis, Entrepreneurship in IT. ITRS Software Engineering Award for best performing student. Dissertation, supervised by Dr Graham White, was a statistical analysis of deception in computer mediated communication. Server-client framework used for networking aspects of project employing the XMPP protocol, and Swing used for game play construction.

2002–2005

### BA (2.1) in International Relations and Security Studies

University of Bradford

Subjects included: Sociology, Conflict Resolution, International Institutions, Cold War, Arab-Israeli Conflicts Post and Pre WW2, Intra and Inter Religious relations in Europe, Security Studies and Terrorism. Student representative to the Department and School.

## Employment

2006 – 2008

### Lewisham Liberal Democrats

London Borough of Lewisham Council

*Councillor*. This position is an elected position for the Downham ward, in the London Borough of Lewisham.

Making and presenting local party policy within the portfolio of Community Safety Spokesperson.

Representing constituents, resolving problems and dealing with casework.

Board Member on Phoenix Community Housing association. Involved with employing staff, setting policy, taking evidence from officers and setting strategy.

Feb-Apr 2005

### Liberal Democrats HQ

Westminster, London

*Policy Intern*.

Writing briefs on policy areas.

Drafting policy papers.

Responding to public enquires.

Sum. 2004

### Adecco St Hilaire Branch,

St Hilaire De Riez, France

*Market Researcher*.

Interviewed and conducted focus groups

Undertook promotion analysis

## Publications

Simon Carter, Christof Monz, Sirvan Yahyaei. **The QMUL System Description for IWSLT 2008**. *International Workshop on Spoken Language Translation*, pp. 104-107, 2008

## Grants

2007–2010

### PhD Scholarship, EPSRC

Three year PhD research scholarship from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, to cover tuition fees and living expenses.

## Teaching Experience

2007–2008

Teaching Assistant on *Information Technology Programming course* (Java), QMUL

Teaching Assistant on *Essential Object Orientated Programming* (Java), QMUL

2002

English Teacher in the Puerta Abierta language school in Quito, Ecuador.

## Hobbies, Interests and Other Skills

Literature. Sports: parachuting, paragliding, running. Traveling and languages: lived in South America for a total of nine months, learning Spanish and working as an English Teacher. Languages: French (French Mother) and Spanish. Computer languages: C++, Java, Perl, PHP (in order of fluency).