

Rockefeller Incentive Fund Award Report

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Natural Language Processing and Harvesting of Public Pension Data (Preliminary Study)

This was a pilot study, working with a faculty member in informatics and a post-doctoral scholar from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Through the project we learned that Natural Language Processing was not likely to be a useful method for studying public pensions. Working with Dr. Gang Chen we were able to re-purpose the project. To date we have made two conference papers on the results, have a paper in draft, and are taking with Dr. Donald Boyd at the Rockefeller Institute of Government about a joint project.