

# Iñigo Parra

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## Research Areas

Computational linguistics, low-resource and endangered languages, natural language processing, semantics, AI bias

## Education

- exp. 2024 **M.A. Romance Languages: Spanish Linguistics**, The University of Alabama
- 4.0 GPA
  - Coursework: Spanish linguistics, phonetics and phonology, methods in bilingualism, computational research methods
- 2016–2022 **B.A. in Modern Languages, Specialty in English Studies**, Universidad de Deusto
- Thesis title: Language and Opinion Online: Beliefs on COVID-19 and Socio-political Implications
- NON-DEGREE STUDIES
- 2023 **Seminar On Introduction To Language Technology Applications**, IXA Group Universidad del País Vasco - Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

## Grants & Funding

- 2023 DHADT Conference Funding. Vanderbilt University
- 2023 International Conference Funding. The University of Alabama Graduate School
- 2023 Robert and Ruby Allbritton and María Mantiñán Endowed Scholarship. National Alumni Association of The University of Alabama

## Publications

### PROCEEDINGS

- accepted **Parra, Iñigo** (2023). Do You Speak Basquenglish? Assessing Low-resource Multilingual Proficiency of Pretrained Language Models. *EMNLP, Proceedings of the The Seventh Widening NLP Workshop (WiNLP)*, December 6th, Singapore.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

under rev.	<b>Parra, Iñigo</b> (2023). The Turing Test Meets Dungeons & Dragons: A Comparative Study of Role-Playing and Standard Prompts in Language Models.
submitted	<b>Parra, Iñigo</b> (2023). UnMASKed: Quantifying Gender Biases in Masked Language Models through Linguistically Informed Job Market Prompts.
in prep.	<b>Parra, Iñigo</b> (2023). Exposing the Vulnerabilities of Large Language Models with Low-Resource Languages.
in prep.	Koronkiewicz, Bryan; Lamadrid, Kate; VanMeter, R.; <b>Parra, Iñigo</b> (2023). Asymmetrical p-stranding: Acceptability Data from Spanish-English Code-switching.
manuscript	<b>Parra, Iñigo</b> (2022). Eu2Vec: Improving Basque Sentiment Analysis through Data Augmentation.
manuscript	<b>Parra, Iñigo</b> (2022). Monitoring Second Language Learning with PageRank-Based Student Performance Analysis.

## Presentations

### CONFERENCE TALKS

2023	<b>Iñigo Parra</b> . Do You Speak Basquenglish? Assessing Low-resource Multilingual Proficiency of Pretrained Language Models. EMNLP, The Seventh Widening NLP Workshop (WiNLP), November 24th. Singapore.
2023	<b>Iñigo Parra</b> . The Dark Side of AI: Identifying Extremism and Battling Political Polarization. Digital Humanities Against Dark Times, April 13th. Nashville, Tennessee.
2022	<b>Iñigo Parra</b> . Computational Linguistics and AI: Do Machines Follow Grammar Rules? University of Alabama Language Conference, February 14th. Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

### INVITED

2023	<b>Iñigo Parra</b> . Challenges and Opportunities for Low & Mid Resource Languages. Cohere for AI, December 15th.
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## Projects and Lab Work

2022-present	Dr. Erin O'Rourke, Dr. Bryan Koronkiewicz, Dr. Laura Rubio, Dr. Alicia Cipria, Iñigo Parra (Member) LingUA Lab
2022-present	<b>Iñigo Parra (PI)</b> , Jamike Okoroji (RA). The Visibility Project
2023-present	Dr. Sara Hooker (PI), <b>Iñigo Parra (Basque Language Ambassador and Top Contributor)</b> . AYA Cohere for AI. Toronto, Canada.

## Teaching

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2022	Spanish 102, The University of Alabama
Spring 2023	Spanish 101, The University of Alabama

## INSTRUCTOR

Fall 2023 Spanish 101, The University of Alabama  
Spring 2024 Spanish 201, The University of Alabama

## OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-2023 Department of Spanish Undergraduate Mentor, The University of Alabama

## WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

**Íñigo Parra.** R for Data Analysis. LingUA Lab, September 19th, Tuscaloosa, AL.  
**Íñigo Parra.** Introduction to Basque. SP 502, October 23rd, Tuscaloosa, AL.

## Professional and Academic Service

2023 Graduate Student Association (GSA) Delegate, The University of Alabama  
2023 Graduate Student Association (GSA) Academic Program Member, The University of Alabama  
2023 Graduate Student Representative at the Modern Languages and Classics (MLC) Faculty, The University of Alabama  
2023 Mentor, LSA Linguistics Mentoring Alliance

## REVIEWER

2023 *EMNLP WiNLP, Singapore*  
2024 *The 11th Inter-Varietal Applied Corpus Studies (IVACS)*, University of Cambridge, UK

## Skills

### LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)  
Basque (native)  
English (advanced)  
German (elementary)  
French (reading)  
Latin (reading)

### COMPUTING

Python (Pandas, NumPy, Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn, Pytorch, NLTK, Transformers)  
R (ggplot2, tidyR)  
LaTeX  
HTML & CSS

## Memberships

Linguistic Society of America