JOSEPH MARTÍNEZ

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SUMMARY

Research Assistant with **3 years of experience** in Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, and **Data Science**. Proficient in training **LLMs**, and Machine Learning algorithms. Strong communication skills through academic and professional engagements. Proven ability to analyze large-scale data and derive **valuable insights**. Collaborative team member with a track record of **successful collaboration** on international research projects.

SKILLS

- Git/GitHub
- **For Machine Learning:**
  - RFC, SVM, XGBoost models
  - Clustering, PCA
- Python and R
- **For Data Visualization:**
  - matplotlib, R/ggplot2
  - Tableau, Excel
- SQL, HTML
- Statistical Analysis
- **For NLP:** spaCy, sci-kit learn, LLMs, Transformers, Hugging Face,

WORK EXPERIENCE

Virginia Modeling, Analysis, & Simulation Center (VMASC)　　　　　　　　　　　Suffolk, VA
Graduate Research Assistant　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Sep 2022 – Present
- Created a **custom conversational LLM** (akin to ChatGPT) fine-tuning Llama2 with a dataset of 330 news.
- Trained Machine Learning models (KNN, RFC) and fine-tuned NLP model (BERT) to classify frustration types.
- Designed and maintained detailed documentation of models, algorithms, and reports on GitHub repositories.
- Presented poster at a research conference in Pittsburgh, and attended others in Arlington, VA, and Oxford, OH.

Old Dominion University　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Norfolk, VA (Remote)
Social Media Data Analyst (Consultant)　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Jul 2021 – Jan 2022
- Geolocated, filtered, and estimated the tone of **7.3 million Tweets** through fine-tuning fifteen NLP models (spaCy, BERT, RoBERTa) and Statistical Analysis. Models were highly reliable, with a mean accuracy of 72%.
- Extracted, cleaned, and pre-processed those 7.3 million Tweets with Twitter's API and Python.
- Created Data Visualization dashboards with Tableau and Google Data Studio to represent migration data.
- Collaborated with teams from Norway, Colombia, Greece, and the US on a $1.4M DoD research initiative.

Universidad del Norte　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Barranquilla, Colombia
Social Media Data Analyst (Research Assistant)　　　　　　　　　　　Nov 2020 – Jun 2021
- Trained a Natural Language Understanding **(NLU) model with IBM Watson** to semi-automate the identification of actors, factors, and relationships from news articles, achieving a final accuracy of 70%.
- Gathered, filtered, and cleaned geo-tagged 4,680 Tweets on migration using Twitter's API and Python.
- Conducted a lexicon-based Sentiment Analysis of Tweets to spot xenophobic trends.
- Social Network Analysis (SNA) of Tweets with Gephi.

EDUCATION

Old Dominion University　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Norfolk, VA
M.Sc. Modeling and Simulation Engineering　　　　　　　　　Aug 2022 – Dec 2024 (expected)

Correlation One　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　New York, NY (Remote)
Data Science for All (Bootcamp)　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Mar 2022 – Jul 2022

Universidad del Norte　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Barranquilla, Colombia
B.Sc. Industrial Engineering　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Jan 2017 – Mar 2022

PUBLICATIONS

- Erika Frydenlund, **Joseph Martínez**, Jose J. Padilla, Katherine Palacio, and David Shuttleworth. "Modeler in a Box: How Can Large Language Models Aid in the Simulation Modeling Process?" SIMULATION, (2023) [Under revision]

- **Joseph Martínez**, Melissa Miller-Felton, Jose J. Padilla, Erika Frydenlund, and Katherine Palacio. "Behind Derogatory Terming for Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia: Xenophobia and Sexism Identification with Twitter Data and NLP." SBP-BRiMS 2023, (2023) [Poster session].