# 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

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| • 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

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| **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

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| **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].