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**EDUCATION**

***University of Southern California,* Los Angeles**  **GPA:** 3.88

**Dual Degree Program:** BS Computational Linguistics, BA International Relations ***Graduating:*** Spring 2023

**EXPERIENCE**

***Language Processing Lab, USC -*** Research Assistant **January 2021 – Present**

* Spring 2021 the lab was concerned with the perception of emoji ambiguities in social media, Covid-19 messaging responses, eye tracking studies, and implicit biases in social media. In Fall 2021, built a Twitter Scraper in Python that uses Twint and Regex for corpus studies.
* Spring 2022, worked on three abstracts that would go on to be presented at international conferences that studied the s eminence verbs, and semantic consequences of using last name only references.
* Fall 2022, continuing work on last name only references through looking for biases within semantic properties of names and exploring corpus studies of RateMyProfessors.com by writing Python scraping program to analyze real-world last name references.

***Guaraní Preservation and Research, USC -*** Researcher **May 2022 – Present**

* Working as website developer using HTML and CSS programming to create a website for Guaraní speakers and linguists to preserve the Guaraní language through linguistic analysis. Provided phonetic transcriptions of Guaraní stories and conducted research on Guaraní morphemes.

***USC International Academy –*** Student Worker **May 2021 – October 2021**

* Led graduate level international students in improving their English through immersive conversation groups and self-made learning activities.

***Los Angeles City College* –** Office of Special Services Tutor **October 2020 – April 2021**

* Helped college students attain ability to read, speak, and write effective essays in English despite difficulties with online learning through Zoom and working with students’ abilities such as blindness and learning disorders. Used Spanish grammar and speaking skills to help students learning.

***University of Southern California* -**Book Editor and Research Assistant **October 2020 – February 2021**

* Provided edits, commentary, and research for Fulbright-LASPAU Fellow Doctor Nicholás Albertoni’s PhD dissertation: The Murky Risk of Trade Protectionism in an Interconnected and Uncertain Global Economy.

***Voice of Specially Abled People* –** Research Intern **June 2020 - August 2020**

* Conducted a group research project focusing on subpopulations left out of MMR Vaccination campaigns due to Covid-19. Contributed programming skills in R Studio to analyze information to create graphics and conduct original research. Posted to VOSAP website.

**LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT**

***American Sign Language Machine Translation, USC* -** Researcher **December 2020 – July 2021**

* Contributed research on lexical patterns in ASL to assist in machine learning techniques such as creating neural networks for hand recognition.

***Joint Education Program, USC –*** Teacher Assistant **January 2020 – May 2020**

* Worked with kindergarteners and first graders at John W Mack Bilingual Elementary School with their Spanish speaking and literacy skills.

***Catholic Charities of Los Angeles –*** Volunteer Citizenship Practice Coach **May 2020 – August 2020**

* Helped prepare bilingual students for the USCIS Citizenship Interview through interview prep and civics lessons.

**ACADEMIC PROJECTS, RESEARCH, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

***What’s in a name? An experimental investigation of last names and gender* Summer 2022**

* Received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship to study bias found in last name references. Conducted four experiments and completed a corpus study of Ratemyprofessors using Python and Rstudio to analyze not only how gender bias appears experimentally, but also in the real world.

***(Un)certainty in language and cognition: Eyewitness reports vs. statistical probability* Spring 2022**

* Co-authored paper submitted to the AMLaP Psycholinguistics conference with a project on the Wells Effect impacting evidentiality in English.

***How we talk about people: Gender bias found from eminence verbs*** **Spring 2022**

* Co-authored paper submitted to AMLap Psycholinguistics conference. Established last name bias in sentence completion tasks through eminence verbs. Modulated findings with introduction to female scientists’ stories to elucidate if the bias could be shifted.

***Endangered Language Preservation Group***  **Summer 2021**

* Received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship to create a website using HTML and CSS programming for language research.
* Wrote and animated a storybook to provide translated stories for young learners of endangered languages.

***Mapudungun Language Fellowship at University of Texas at Austin***  **Summer 2021**

* As part of the Indigenous Languages Initiative (ILI) at UT Austin received a fellowship to study Mapudungun, an endangered language of Chile. The course was taught in Spanish by language activist and Mapudungun native speaker Maestra Clara Antinao.

***What’s in a Reaction? Emoji Response Ambiguities in Texts and Social Media***  **Spring 2021**

* USC Research SCymposium presented project on people’s interpretations on ambiguous emojis and their impact on social media.

**SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

* **Languages:** Fluent English, Advanced Spanish, Beginner Mapudungun
* **Technical:** Programming languages: C++, Python, R-Studio, HTML, CSS, MATLAB. Lab experience working in Microsoft, Praat, Figma, Pandas, and Qualtrics. Familiar with Tensorflow, NLP, Neural Networks, and Machine Learning for Speech Recognition and linguistics.