

LAURA ACION RESUME

I am a tenured Associate Researcher at Argentina's National Research Council (CONICET) working at the Calculus Institute, University of Buenos Aires (UBA). I lead a health data science research group in formation. One of the main goals of the group is to transition from pay-wall to open science.

Another of my main career goals is to improve data analysis teaching and practice. One of the roles I enjoy most is mentoring and teaching others. I am active in international collaborative teaching and programming communities with high diversity standards. These communities help me give back to open source, particularly in Latin America.

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SELECTED EDUCATION

- 2011
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2002 **PhD Biostatistics**
University of Iowa 📍 Iowa, USA
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1995 **Licentiate Molecular Biology**
University of Buenos Aires (UBA) 📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Currently
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Nov, 2018 **Tenured Associate Researcher**
Calculus Institute, UBA-CONICET 📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Currently
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2011 **Associate Research Scientist**
University of Iowa 📍 Iowa, USA
 - Biostatistical consultant for various research groups working in psychiatry research. Remote work

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Currently
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2018 **Instructor and Trainer**
Data Carpentry & The Carpentries 📍 Around the world
- 2018 **Instructor for DataCamp**
www.datacamp.com 📍 Online
 - Left the course "Longitudinal Analysis in R" halfway into its development due to concerns about the company's ethics
- 2018
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2016 **Various instructor positions**
UBA, Italian Hospital University Institute 📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Lead instructor of introductory data analysis courses for undergraduate and graduate health and biological sciences students

SKILLS

Statistical Programming:

R
SAS
SPSS

Other Tools:

Shell scripting
Git, Github
Visual Basic

Languages

Spanish: Native language
English: Fully fluent (TOEFL)
French: Fully fluent (DALF)



SELECTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

Currently
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2017

Founder and organizer of R-Ladies Buenos Aires and R en Buenos Aires, the two R user groups in Buenos Aires

📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

- Event organization, funding administration, community development, content development, Slack management

Currently
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2019

R-Ladies Leadership Team

📍 Online

- Onboarding of new chapters, non-profit administration, liaison to external events featuring R-Ladies activities

Currently
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2018

Translations of R-related materials to Spanish

📍 Online

- Translation of the R Consortium and Rstudio surveys for the use of R, community translations of the book R for Data Science and of The Carpentries lessons



SELECTED EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Currently
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2017

Founding Associate Editor

Methods in Addiction Research Section, The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

- Development of a brand new section for a well-established journal. Rapidly went from one paper per issue to two papers per issue

Currently
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2017

Editorial Board Member

Revista Liberabit

Currently
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2004

Reviewer for several academic journals

Verified records can be found clicking in: [my Publons profile](#)



SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Currently
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2017

Project evaluator

US Dept of Veteran Affairs, National Institutes of Mental Health

📍 Washington DC, USA

- Grant proposal evaluation (VA)
- Member of Data Safety Monitoring Board (NIMH)

2019

useR 2020 organization committee member

📍 St Louis, USA

- 2019
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2017
- **Founding Chair**
LatinR <- Latin American Conference about the Use of R for
Research + Development
- 📍 Rotating Latin American Cities

SELECTED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2020
- **Using open science to advance addiction research**
Research Society on Alcoholism (submitted) 📍 New Orleans, USA
 - Symposium chair and organizer. Authors: A Heath, J Salvatore, G Chan, S Kuo, D Falk, K Witkiewitz, L Acion
- 2019
- **Analytical alphabetization for research in times of big data**
Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires 📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2019
- **Insights from the recent R community development and growth in Latin America**
useR 2019 📍 Toulouse, France
- 2019
- **Healthy communities of practice for an inclusive AI in LatAm**
Royal Holloway 📍 London, United Kingdom

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019
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2000
- All peer-reviewed publications can be found clicking in: [my ORCID profile](#)

SELECTED AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019
- **useR 2019 Diversity Scholarship**
📍 Toulouse, France
- 2018
- **rOpenSci Unconf Travel Award**
📍 Seattle, USA

OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 2015
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2012
- **Fundacion Si community manager**
📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Facebook and Twitter content publication and customer interaction
 - Google Ads and Google Charities setup and administration
- 2012
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2010
- **Red Solidaria help line operator**
📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Helped connecting people in need with people and institutions who could help them
 - Maintained the knowledge data base

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