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EDUCATION

MS Computational Linguistics, Brandeis University

Graduation expected: May 2020

Relevant courses: Fundamentals of Computational Linguistics; NLP Annotation for Machine Learning; NLP in Python; Programming in Java; Data Structures & Algorithms; Mathematical Methods in Linguistics. Course projects on: Sentiment analysis; Corpus linguistics; Metaphor and non-literal language classification.

BA Linguistics, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

2008-2010

Visiting student at Université Paris-Diderot Paris 7 (France) in 2009.

Relevant courses: Morphology; Syntax; Semantics; Pragmatics; Sociolinguistics; Intro to NLP in Prolog. Final project: AZRAEL. A rule-based automatic language detector in Prolog.

Medical School, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

2005-2008

Three entire years completed. No degree awarded.

Relevant courses: Anatomy; Physiology; Histology; Biochemistry; Pathology; Genetics; Organography; Biostatistics; Medical Physics; Immunology; Microbiology; Pharmacology; Radiology; Epidemiology.

SKILLS

Programming skills: Java, Python (NLTK, spaCy, sklearn, numpy, pandas), Prolog, regex, MySQL. Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent; TOEFL: 112; CPE: A), French (basic).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant at UNED School of Computer Science (Madrid, Spain)

2017-2018

Research Assistant at the Digital Humanities Lab at UNED University.

- Developed and evaluated annotation guidelines for NER on Spanish medieval documents.

Corpus Linguistics Project Lead at Fundéu BBVA (Madrid, Spain)

2014 - 2015

Lead a corpus linguistics R&D project on the evolution of the Spanish language on the media during the 20th century. Project report, visualization and conclusions at: http://fundeu.es/aracne/

- Compiled corpus, programming, data analysis, directed staff, wrote peer-reviewed publication.

Analytical Linguist at Molino de Ideas (Madrid, Spain)

2010-2016

- Developed linguistic rules for NLP resources in Spanish (lemmatisation, POS-tagging).
- Designed and implemented in Prolog a set of rule-based morphological analyzers for Latin language (declensor, syllabifier, time-machine simulator). http://molinarium.com/
- Annotated and evaluated results of NLP resources.
- Wrote technical documentation and provided user support of NLP API platform.
- Participated in conferences and events on Linguistics and language technology dissemination.

Internship Student at Lingway-Eptica (Paris, France)

2010

- Annotated keywords for automatic CV matching.

¶ PUBLICATIONS

- Álvarez Mellado, E.; Martin-Fuertes, L. (2018). Aracne: estudio de la variación lingüística en la prensa española entre 1914-2014 in Artnodes 22. http://doi.org/10.7238/a.v0i22.3209 [Peer-reviewed article]

- Álvarez Mellado, E. (2016). Anatomía de la lengua. Larousse. [Book]

♥ OUTREACH & DISSEMINATION

- Editorial board member and columnist at popular Linguistics magazine Architectus (2018-).
- Language columnist for Spanish national newspaper eldiario.es (2017-) http://goo.gl/6M7hbT
- Radio contributor at Spanish National Radio on weekly section about linguistics (2012-2015).

☆ HONORS & AWARDS

- LaCaixa Fellowship for graduate studies in the US. 40 Spanish students selected yearly (2018).
- National Journalism Award 'Miguel Delibes'. Awarded to one person per year (2017).
- First award at the Arquímedes National Contest for Young Researchers. Awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education (2009).