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## 🎓 EDUCATION

**MS Computational Linguistics, Brandeis University** (GPA: 3.92/4.00) Graduating May 2020  
Coursework: *Fundamentals of Computational Linguistics; Annotation for Machine Learning; NLP in Python; Statistical & Neural Approaches to NLP; Advanced Programming Techniques; Data Structures & Algorithms.*  
Projects on: Figurative language classification; Named Entity Recognition; Sentiment Analysis; Corpus Linguistics.

**BA Linguistics, Universidad Complutense de Madrid** 2008-2010  
Visiting student at Université Paris-Diderot Paris 7 (France) in 2009.  
Coursework: *Morphology; Syntax; Semantics; Pragmatics; Sociolinguistics; Psycholinguistics; Intro to NLP.*  
Final project: *AZRAEL. A rule-based automatic language detector in Prolog.* <http://tiny.cc/azrael>

**Medical School, Universidad Complutense de Madrid** 2005-2008  
Three entire years completed. No degree awarded.  
Coursework: *Anatomy; Physiology; Histology; Biochemistry; Pathology; Genetics; Pharmacology; Biostatistics.*

## 🔧 SKILLS

**Programming skills:** Python (NLTK, spaCy, scikit-learn, pandas), Java, Prolog, Haskell, regex, MySQL.  
**Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent; TOEFL: 112; CPE: A), French (basic).

## 💼 WORK EXPERIENCE

**Research Data Analyst at McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School (Massachusetts)** 2019-  
– Applying Machine Learning and NLP techniques to Electronic Health Records to predict readmission risk.

**Research Assistant at UNED School of Computer Science (Madrid, Spain)** 2017-2018  
– Developed and evaluated annotation guidelines for Named Entity Recognition on Spanish medieval documents.

**Linguistic Data Analyst at Fundéu BBVA (Madrid, Spain)** 2014-2015  
Conducted a corpus linguistics project on the evolution of the Spanish language on the 20th century media.  
– Compiled corpus, analyzed textual data, wrote documentation, directed staff. See: <http://fundeu.es/aracne/>

**Analytical Linguist at Molino de Ideas (Madrid, Spain)** 2010-2016  
– Developed linguistic rules for language resources in Spanish (lemmatisation, POS-tagging).  
– Designed and implemented in Prolog a set of rule-based morphological analyzers for Latin language.  
– Annotated, evaluated and documented linguistic resources (morphological analyzers, lexical databases, corpora).

**Internship Student at Lingway-Eptica (Paris, France)** 2010  
– Annotated keywords for automatic CV matching.

## 📖 PUBLICATIONS

- **Álvarez Mellado, E.**; Holderness, E.; Miller N.; Dhang F., Cawkwell, P.; Bolton, K.; Pustejovsky, J.; Hall, M. (2019). *Assessing the Efficacy of Clinical Sentiment Analysis and Topic Extraction in Psychiatric Readmission Risk Prediction* to be presented at LOUHI workshop at EMNLP 2019. [Conference paper]
- **Álvarez Mellado, E.**; Martín-Fuertes, L. (2018). *Aracne: estudio de la variación lingüística en la prensa española entre 1914-2014* in Artnodes 22. <http://tiny.cc/aracne> [Peer-reviewed article]
- **Álvarez Mellado, E.** (2016). *Anatomía de la lengua*. Larousse. [Book]

## 🗣️ OUTREACH & DISSEMINATION

- Editorial board member and columnist at popular Linguistics magazine *Archiletras* (2018-).
- Scientific committee member for *Maricorners* conference on LGBT language and communication (2018-).
- Language columnist for Spanish national newspaper *eldiario.es* (2017-) <http://tiny.cc/eldiario>
- Radio contributor at Spanish National Radio on weekly section about Linguistics (2012-2015).

## ☆ HONORS & AWARDS

- LaCaixa grant for graduate studies in the US. 40 Spanish students selected yearly (LaCaixa Foundation, 2018).
- National Journalism Award Miguel Delibes. Awarded to one person per year (Valladolid Press Association, 2017).
- First award at the Arquímedes National Contest for Young Researchers (Spanish Ministry of Science, 2009).