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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Neurolinguistics: Oscillatory approaches to syntax in processing and production
- Computational Linguistics: Parsing, Mathematical Linguistics, Distributional Semantics
- Theoretical Syntax: Minimalist syntax, Formal approaches to code-switching

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

2018–2022 (expected)

- B.A. in Linguistics, with departmental honors
- Thesis: Clitic Production in Spanish-Portuguese Bilinguals
 - o Advisors: Dr. John Beavers and Dr. Almeida Jacqueline Toribio
- B.A. in Iberian and Latin American Languages and Cultures (Spanish and Portuguese)

European Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information

2021

RELEVANT COURSE-WORK • Formal/Theoretical

Syntax, Semantics, Phonology

Computational

Computational Semantics, Language and Computation

• Experimental

Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics

Honors and Fellowships

• Kemp-Forman Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship

2021

- Awarded to select undergraduate students via nomination in their home department (Linguistics)
- Stacie Maureen Sowell Endowed Presidential Scholarship

2021

- Awarded to select undergraduate students by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow

2020

- Selective fellowship for underrepresented undergraduates in the humanities and social sciences
- Prepares fellows for graduate programs, as well as offering mentorship and research opportunities
- Dean's List, The University of Texas

2019-2021

• Dean's List, The University of Texas - San Antonio

2018-2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

• Neurolinguistics Laboratory Training

2021 - 2022

The University of Texas, Department of Linguistics

P.I.: Dr. Fernando Llanos Lucas

o EEG training for Neurolinguistics, mainly phonetic and phonological

\bullet Clitics and Restructuring Verbs in Spanish-Portuguese Bilinguals $\,$ 2021–2022 $\,$

The University of Texas, Department of Linguistics

Advisors: Dr. John Beavers and Dr. Almeida Jacqueline Toribio

o A formal analysis of clitic acquisition using elicited imitation data

• A Portrait of the Spanish of Ector County, Texas

2021 - 2022

The University of Texas, Department of Linguistics

Advisors: Dr. Sandro Sessarego and Dr. Almeida Jacqueline Toribio

• A holistic documentation and analysis of a regional Spanish variety via sociolinguistic interviews in a Labovian tradition

PUBLICATIONS

1. Mancha, Sebastián A.. "New Directions in Texan Spanish: From the Spanish in Texas to the Spanish of Texas". Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal, Under revision.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

• Software and Programming Languages:

Python (Natural Language Toolkit, Pandas, numpy, gensim), Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, Canvas

• Natural Languages:

• English (Native), Spanish (Heritage), Brazilian Portuguese (Advanced), Japanese (Intermediate)

References

Dr. Almeida Jacqueline Toribio

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