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Education

- **Ph.D. Linguistics** Tucson, AZ
University of Arizona Expected Graduation Fall 2024
 - Specialization: Celtic Languages & Syntactic Theory
 - Sub specialization: Computational Linguistics & Hispanic Languages
- **M.S Human Language Technologies** Tucson, AZ
University of Arizona 2019 - 2021
 - Specialization: Dependency Parsing
 - Graduated with a 4.00 GPA
- **B.A. Philosophy** Mayagüez, PR
Universidad de Puerto Rico, RUM 2014 - 2019
 - Undergraduate Thesis: Repensando a Pico della Mirandola a través de la Cábala
 - Magna Cum Laude; graduated with a 3.83 GPA

Research Interests

- Dependency Parsing on Goidelic languages, Manx Copular Constructions & Scottish Gaelic Syntax

Publications as Editor

- Nitschke, Remo, Jennifer Medina, Gabriela De la Cruz-Sánchez, John W.W. Powell, **Luis A. Irizarry-Figueroa**, George-Michael Pescaru, Florian Hafner (eds.), Coyote Papers 24: Proceedings of the Arizona Linguistics Circle 15
- Nitschke, Remo, Damian Y. Romero Diaz, Gabriela De La Cruz Sánchez, John W. W. Powell, Kristina Mihajlović, **Luis A. Irizarry-Figueroa**, George-Michael Pescaru, Florian Hafner (eds.), Coyote Papers 23: Proceedings of the Arizona Linguistics Circle 14

Conference Presentations

- “Predication and Clefts in Scottish Gaelic” Tucson, AZ
Luis A. Irizarry-Figueroa October 16, 2021
 - Arizona Linguistics Circle 15

Poster Presentations

- **“A Syntactically Analyzed Corpus of Uspanteko”** San Cristobal, Chiapas MX
Robert Henderson, Luis A. Irizarry-Figueroa, Francis Tyers November 12, 2021
– Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics VI

Research Experience

- **Celtic Languages Lab.** University of Arizona
Graduate Research Assistant Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2021
- **Iranian Linguistics Lab.** University of Arizona
Graduate Research Assistant Jan. 2021 - Dec. 2021
- **Latin American Spanish Social Media Glossary.** JTG, inc., Language Research Center
Language Researcher Jun. 2023 - Jul. 2023

Teaching Experience

- **LING123, Mathematical Approaches to Language** University of Arizona
Standalone Graduate Teaching Associate Jun. 2022 - Jul. 2022
- **LING300, Introduction to Syntax** University of Arizona
Graduate Teaching Associate Jan. 2022 - May. 2022
- **LING432, The Psychology of Language** University of Arizona
Standalone Graduate Teaching Assistant Jul. 2021 - Aug 2021 & Dec. 2021 - Jan. 2022
- **LING322, Structure and Meaning of Words** University of Arizona
Standalone Graduate Teaching Assistant Jul. 2020 - Aug 2020 & Dec. 2020 - Jan. 2021
- **LING150C1, Language in the Digital Age** University of Arizona
Grader Aug. 2021 - Dec. 2021
- **LING364, Introduction to Formal Semantics** University of Arizona
Graduate Teaching Assistant Jan. 2020 - May 2020
- **NSCS320, Issues & Themes in Cognitive Science** University of Arizona
Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug. 2019 - Dec. 2019
- **GER150B1, Becoming Transcultural: Maximizing Study Abroad** University of Arizona
Grader Aug. 2019 - Dec. 2019
- **GER150A1, Learning and Maintaining Two or More Languages** University of Arizona
Grader Jan. 2020 - Mar. 2020

Awards, Grants & Honours

University of Arizona Graduate Access Fellowship	2019
Department of Linguistics Travel Grant	2020
Critical Languages Program Roy A. Johnson Memorial Scholarship	2021
Department of Linguistics Travel Grant	2021
Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant	2021
Gerd Bonner Memorial Scholarship	2022
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Fellowship	2023

Professional Affiliations

- **University of Arizona** Tucson, AZ
Student Member of Linguistic Society of America 2019 - present

Student Affiliations

- **Universidad de Puerto Rico, RUM** Mayagüez, PR
Student Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society 2019 - present
- **Universidad de Puerto Rico, RUM** Mayagüez, PR
Student Member of Golden Key Honor Society 2016 - present
- **Universidad de Puerto Rico, RUM** Mayagüez, PR
Student Member of National Society of Leadership and Success 2016 - present
 - Served as IT Coordinator: 2016-2017
 - Served as Treasurer Coordinator: 2017-2018
 - Served as President: 2018-2019

Language Community Affiliations

- **An Comunn Gàidhealach Ameireaganach** Alexandria, VA
American Gaelic Society - Active Member 2021 - present
- **North American Manx Association** Chicago, IL
Active Member 2021 - present
- **Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh** St. Jude's, Isle of Man
The Manx Gaelic Society - Active Member 2021 - present

Leadership and Professional Service

- **Graduate and Professional Student Council** University of Arizona
President May 2022 - May 2023

- **Linguistic Society of America** Washington DC
Executive Board Member April. 2022 - Dec. 2022
- **National Association of Graduate and Professional Students** Washington DC
Communications Director April. 2022 - Dec. 2022
 - Responsible for all internal and external communications and social media outreach.
- **LingCircle** University of Arizona
President Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022
 - Responsible for representing the Graduate Student Association, preside in all Ling Circle meetings or and advocate for students at Faculty meetings.
- **Student Services Fee Advisory Board** University of Arizona
Graduate Student Rep. Aug. 2021 - May 2022
 - Responsible for representing the Graduate student community when making decisions about the Student Fee funds distributions.
- **Faculty Graduate Student Representative** University of Arizona
Student Rep. Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2020 & Jan. 2022 - Dec. 2022
 - Vote on non-faculty only propositions
 - Provide meeting minutes to the Graduate Students from the Linguistics Department.
- **Graduate and Professional Student Council** University of Arizona
Secretary Oct. 2021 - May 2022
 - Responsible of the book keeping of the council and general communications.
 - Chair of the Social & Marketing Committee.
- **Graduate and Professional Student Council** University of Arizona
At-large Representative Jul. 2021 - Oct. 2021
 - Responsible for bringing the concerns of Graduate Students to the Graduate and Professional Student Council.
- **LingCircle** University of Arizona
Vicepresident Jan. 2021 - Dec. 2021
 - Responsible for representing the president in all Ling Circle meetings or Faculty meetings.
- **Awards Committee Graduate Student Representative** University of Arizona
Student Rep. Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2022
 - Vote on proposed awards.
- **Outreach Committee Graduate Student Representative** University of Arizona
Student Rep. Aug. 2019 - May 2021
 - Establish Communication with near by Schools to provide presentations and resources from the Department of Linguistics.
- **LingCircle** University of Arizona
Cave Keeper Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2021
 - Responsible for maintaining and organizing the use of communal graduate student spaces in the Department of Linguistics
- **LingCircle** University of Arizona
HLT Liaison Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2021
 - Responsible for orienting HLT students and establishing communication on students questions and concerns.

Skills

- Languages
 - **Fluent:** Spanish, English
 - **Intermediate:** Scottish Gaelic
 - **Beginner:** Irish, Manx
- Programming and Markup Languages
 - **Expert:** \LaTeX
 - **Intermediate:** Python, HTML
- Software
 - **Expert:** MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint
 - **Intermediate:** Praat

References

- Available Upon Request