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Employment History

- 2021 – ... 📌 **Assistant Professor of English and Spanish Linguistics (Fixed-Term).** English/World Languages and Cultures/Computer Information Science, Minnesota State University
- 2020 – 2021 📌 **Assistant Professor of Spanish Linguistics.** Hispanic Studies, College of Charleston

Education

- 2014 – 2019 📌 **Ph.D., Hispanic Linguistics, University of Florida, USA**
Thesis: *Bilingual rhotics in two island communities at the Archipelago of San Andres, Colombia.*
- 2019 – 2021 📌 **M.A. Computational Linguistics, Indiana University, USA**
- 2012 – 2014 📌 **M.A. Linguistics and TESL, West Virginia University, USA**
- 2004 – 2009 📌 **B.A. Translation English-French-Spanish, University of Antioquia, Colombia**







Software Development and Corpus Creation

- SEÑAL** 📌 *Software de procesamiento de Ensayos en español y Análisis Lingüístico (Patent Pending).* A computational program for the linguistic analysis and assessment of Spanish L2 compositions. The program is composed of 5 NLP modules:
1. A Lexical Analyzer (SEÑAL-LEX)
 2. A Syntactical Analyzer (SEÑAL-SYNT)
 3. A Grammar Assistant (SEÑAL-GRAMMAR)
 4. A Machine Learning Classifier of Language Proficiency (SEÑAL-MLL2)
 5. A Machine Translation Identification System (CAPTURA).
- Available at** <https://senal.app>
- WCCC** 📌 *Western Caribbean Creole Corpus.* A free-access, annotated corpus archived at AILLA, the Archive of Indigenous Languages of Latin America. The corpus currently has data on Islander Creole (Archipelago of San Andres, Colombia). <https://ailla.utexas.org/islandora/object/ailla%3A277993>
- DL Models** 📌 *South American Voseo Classifier – CAT_SCORE 0.84 - AUC ROC 0.88:* Deep Learning model trained on a dataset of almost 20000 tweets. Model can classify Voseo utterances from Colombia and Argentina. Dataset and model are publicly available for deployment at: <https://huggingface.co/FalconRR>

Entrepreneurship



- Polyglot Global Solutions** 📌 *Co-Founder and Practice Director.* Polyglot Global Solutions is a translation and interpretation company that offers Spanish and Portuguese language services to academic institutions and businesses in the United States and LATAM. 📧 <https://www.pgssolutions.org/> ✉ falconrestrepo@pgssolutions.org 🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/polyglot-global-solutions/>

Publications


- 2023  - Denbaum-Restrepo, N. & **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** (To appear). A sociolinguistic examination of the dual usted in Medellín, Colombia: Evidence from semi-spontaneous speech and implicit language attitudes. *Hispania*, 107(1).
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** (Accepted). Tap/Trill Variation and Change across Generations of Spanish-Creole Bilinguals. *Linguistic Variation*.
- 2022  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** & Denbaum-Restrepo, N. The syntactic and discursive properties of second person singular forms of address in Paisa Spanish. *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics* (15)2. <https://doi.org/10.1515/shll-2022-2067>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Contrastive language policies: A comparison of two multilingual linguistic landscapes where Spanish coexists with regional minority languages. *International Journal of Multilingualism* (19)3. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14790718.2022.2098300>
- Denbaum-Restrepo, N. & **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Formas de tratamiento de segunda persona singular en el español de Medellín, Colombia: producción y actitudes lingüísticas. *Pragmática Sociocultural* (10)1. <https://www.asice.se/index.php/soprag/article/view/387>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Neutralization of the tap/trill contrast in the bilingual Spanish-Creole community of the Archipelago of San Andres, Colombia. *Ikala: Revista de Lenguaje y Cultura*, 27(1). <https://doi.org/10.17533/udea.ikala.v27n1a07>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Converging paths of variation: Bilingual rhotics and linguistic change in the Archipelago of San Andres, Colombia. *Isogloss: Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* (8)1. <https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.115>
- 2021  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Writing to increase complexity: Spanish L2 learners' complexity gains in a college composition class. *Hispania: Special Edition on Digital Humanities*, 104(4). <https://doi.org/10.1353/hpn.2021.0120>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Non-vibrant bilingual rhotics in a Creole-Spanish Contact Scenario. *IULC Working Papers*, 21(1). <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/iulcwp/article/view/31623>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** A changing landscape of Voseo in Medellín? The momentum of Voseo in the public signage of the Valle de Aburra, Colombia. In Gubitosi, P., Ramos-Pellicia, M. (Eds), *Issues in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*, 35. John Benjamin Publishings. <https://doi.org/10.1075/ihll.35.02res>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** If signs could talk: The linguistic landscape of the archipelago of San Andres, Colombia. In Leung G., Loschky M., & Leusman H. (Eds.), *When Creole and Spanish collide: Language and cultural contact in the Caribbean*. Brill's Caribbean Series. <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004460157>
- 2020  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Public signage in a multilingual Caribbean enclave: The linguistic landscape of Old Providence and Santa Catalina, Colombia. In Pascual y Cabo D., Elola I. (Eds.), *Issues in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*, 27, pp. 273–294. John Benjamin Publishings. <https://doi.org/10.1075/ihll.27.13res>
- 2019  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** A sociophonetic analysis of Islander Creole rhotics. *Proceedings of the Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting*, 6(1), pp. 76-90. <https://journals.flvc.org/floridalinguisticspapers/article/view/116773>
- 2015  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Incidental vocabulary learning in second language acquisition: A literature review. *PROFILE Issues in Teachers' Professional Development*, 17(1), 157-166. <http://dx.doi.org/10.15446/profile.v17n1.43957>

Publications (continued)

Other Contributions



- 2019  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Confidences from the GTA Life: The Path to Professional Development. [Online] A blog contribution for Successful Teaching. Available on: <https://successfulteaching.wordpress.com/>
- **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** El español en Estados Unidos: Un recorrido breve por su origen y expansión. CuéntELE: Recorridos e Itinerarios. 5ta Ed., Primavera 2019, Idiomas EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia. https://issuu.com/cuentele/docs/revista_5_publicar
- 2018  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** Gabmap - A web application for mapping dialectal diversity: Bringing insights from research to the dialectology classroom. AAALGrads Newsletter, Fall 2018 Edition. <https://www.aaal-gsc.org/newsletter>

Articles under Review/in Preparation

- 2023  - **Restrepo-Ramos, F.** (Under review) Deep Learning Based Classification of South American Voseo in Twitter Posts.
- *Second author - In preparation.* Automated Detection of Machine Translation Use in L2 Spanish Writing.
- *Third author - In preparation.* Abusive Language Detection over Time.

Grants and Awards



Awards

- 2019  - **Calvin A. VanderWerf For Excellence in Teaching Award.** University of Florida.
- **Outstanding Graduate Student Award – Hispanic Linguistics Track.** Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Florida.
- **Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Award.** The Graduate School at the University of Florida.
- **CLAS Dissertation Fellowship,** funded by the Charles Vincent and Heidi Cole McLaughlin Endowment, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida.
- 2015  - **Upper Division Teaching Award.** Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Florida.

Grants






- 2023  - **Faculty Research Grant,** Minnesota State University. (\$5000)
- 2021  - **Faculty Research and Development Grant,** College of Charleston. (\$5000)
- **Tinker Research Grant,** Center for Latin American Studies, Indiana University. (\$1000)
- 2020  - **College of Arts and Humanities Institute Award,** College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University. (\$1500)
- 2019  - **CES Course Development Grant,** Center for European Studies at the University of Florida. (\$8000)
- **Sigma Delta Pi Graduate Research Grant,** The National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society Award for the Project “Un vos chileno no es lo mismo que un vos colombiano”. (\$2000)
- **CES Research Travel Grant,** Center for European Studies award at the University of Florida. (\$1000)
- 2018  - **Foreign Language Across the Curriculum (FLAC) Competition),** Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Florida. (\$1000)
- 2017  - **SPS Fieldwork Research Grant,** Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Florida. (\$5000)
- **Tinker Research Grant,** Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. (\$2000)
- **Foreign Language Across the Curriculum (FLAC) Competition,** Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Florida. (\$1000)

Grants and Awards (continued)





- 2015-2019  - **Conference Travel Grant**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida. (\$1800)
- **Conference Travel Grant**, The Office of Research at the University of Florida. (\$670)
- **Conference Travel Grant**, Graduate Student Council, University of Florida. (\$350)
- 2014  - **Colfuturo**: Colombian Non-Profit Organization for the Financing of Postgraduate Education Abroad. Bogota, Colombia. (\$50,000)

Presentations



Refereed Conference Presentations *Presented with Colleague

- 2023  - *Second-Person Singular Forms of Address in the Linguistic Landscape of Latin American Diasporas* **LL 14**, Online, Sept 6-8, 2023.
- **SEÑAL, Software de procesamiento de Ensayos en español y Análisis Lingüístico* **CALICO**, Online, June 6-8, 2023.
- **Spanish-English/Creole contact in San Andrés and Providence through Linguistic Landscapes* **Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages**, Online January 12-13, 2023.
- 2022  - **The L2 Acquisition of Second Person Singular Forms of Address in Medellín, Colombia* **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2022**, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, November 3-5, 2022. - **The L2 Acquisition of Second Person Singular Forms of Address in Medellín, Colombia: The effects of Social Interaction (and Language Attitudes)*. **New Ways of Analyzing Variation 50**, Stanford University, San Jose, California, October 14-16, 2022.
- *Text classification for Colombian Voseo in Twitter posts*. **Sociolinguistics Symposium 24**, Ghent, Belgium, July 13-16, 2022.
- *A changing landscape of voseo in Medellín? The momentum and perception of voseo in the public signage of the Valle de Aburrá, Colombia*. **10th Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics**, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, April 7-9, 2022.
- **The L2 Acquisition of Second Person Singular Forms of Address in the Study Abroad Context: The Case of Medellín, Colombia* **10th Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics**, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, April 7-9, 2022.
- 2021  - **A sociolinguistic examination of the dual usted in Medellín, Colombia: Evidence from semi-spontaneous speech and implicit language attitudes*. **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium**, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, October 7-9, 2021.
- **The Syntactic and Discourse Properties of Second Person Singular Forms of Address in Paisa Spanish*. **INARo6 International Network of Address Research**, Bergamo, Italy. 23-25 June, 2021.
- *Introducing SEÑAL, a computational tool for the linguistic analysis of Spanish L2 compositions*. **CofC-UNLaM-USACH Conference 2021**, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC. April 8th, 2021.
- **Text Classification for L2 Spanish compositions*. **Diálogos at Indiana University Department of Spanish and Portuguese**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN., February, 26-27, 2021.
- 2020  - *Informal acceptance and formal rejection: A sociolinguistic analysis of voseo in Chile*. **2020 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference**, The University of Kentucky at Lexington, KY. (Virtual Presentation)
- *Writing to Increase Complexity: Spanish L2 Learners' Complexity Gains in a L2 Composition Class*. **The 17th Annual Graduate Student Conference of the Indiana University Department of Spanish and Portuguese**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN., February 28-29, 2020.
- 2019  - *Variable neutralization of the tap/trill contrast in a bilingual Spanish-Creole community* **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium**, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, October 24-26, 2019.
- **Tan paisa como vos: competing forms of address in Medellín, Colombia*. **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium**, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, October 24-26, 2019.
- *Language contact and divergent paths of variation: Bilingual rhotics in two island communities*. **49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages**, The University of Georgia, GA, May 1-4, 2019.
- *A Sociophonetic Analysis of Islander Creole Rhotics*. **5th Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting (FLYM) 2019**. University of Florida, Gainesville, April 5-6, 2019.




Presentations (continued)

- 2018  - *The Spanish of the Archipelago of San Andres, Colombia: A comparative variationist study on bilingual rhotics*. **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium**, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, October 25-27, 2018.
- *If signs could talk: tales from two minority landscapes in contact with Spanish*. **9th International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics**, CUNY, NY, April 4-7, 2018.
- *The linguistic landscape of Old Providence, Colombia: Introducing a methodological approach to language contact scenarios*. **12th Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Spanish Literature, Linguistics, and Culture at the University of Florida**. January 27, 2018.
- 2017  - *Spanish in Contact with Islander Creole*. **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, October 26-28, 2017.
- *Subject pronoun expression in second language learners: the case of first-person subject pronoun*. **ISB 11, International Symposium on Bilingualism**, University of Limerick, Ireland. June 11-15, 2017.
- 2016  - *Subject pronoun expression in second language learners: Differentiating paths of acquisition*. **Hispanic Linguistics Symposium**, Georgetown, Washington D.C. October 7-9, 2016.
- *Subject pronoun expression in second language learners: a corpus study*. **8th International Workshop on Spanish Sociolinguistics**, San Juan, Puerto Rico April 13-16, 2016.
- *Variation in the use of estar + gerund in the past tense*. **10th Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Spanish Literature, Linguistics, and Culture at the University of Florida**. February 20, 2016.
- 2014  - *Mobile-Assisted Language Learning (MALL) for ESL Instruction and Curriculum*. **2014 WVTESOL 17th Annual Professional Development Conference, Reaching New Heights: ESL for the Future**. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, April 5, 2014.

Invited Talks




- 2022  - *Spring 2022 UF CES Educators-in-Residence*, (Invited Speaker) **Center for European Studies, University of Florida**.
- 2019  - *Fall 2019 TA Orientation*, (Panel Speaker) **the Graduate School at the University of Florida**.

Poster Presentations and Participation in Conferences


- 2018  - *The linguistic landscape of Old Providence and Santa Catalina, Colombia* (Poster) **Latin American Studies Fieldwork Festival 2018 at the University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL, February 9, 2018.
- 2015  - *The effect of the Spanish diminutive in gender processing of opaque nouns* (Poster). **Florida Psycholinguistic Meeting**, Tallahassee, FL, October 24, 2015.
- 2013  - *WVFLTA 2013, West Virginia Foreign Language Teaching Association: Communication in Context* (Attendee). **Fairmont State University**, Fairmont, WV, October 19, 2013.


Teaching

Undergraduate Courses


- MNSU  *Minnesota State University*: ENG 101-Foundations of Writing and Rhetoric, SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I, CIS 121-Introduction to Programming, SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish (Online), SPAN 301 - NLP for the Spanish Professions, ENG 381-Introduction to English Linguistics, ENG 385-Culture and Language for TESL (Online).
- CofC  *College of Charleston*: SPAN 445-Spanish Phonetics and Phonology, SPAN 381-Introduction to Spanish Linguistics, SPAN 313-Writing Skills through Culture, SPAN 202-Intermediate Spanish, SPAN 190-Elementary Spanish I
- IU  *Indiana University*: HISP 150- Accelerated Spanish (Online), HISP 105-Spanish I


Teaching (continued)


UF  *University of Florida*: SPN\EUS 4930-Language Policies in Europe (Course Developer and Instructor), SPN 4830-Introduction to Spanish and Spanish American Dialectology, SPN 3700-Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics, SPN 3300 Spanish Grammar and Composition (Honors Section), SPN 3324-The Spanish Language Detective (Course Developer and Instructor), SPN 3324-Livin' La Vida Caribeña/Conversaciones Caribeñas (Course Developer and Instructor), SPN 2240-Intensive Communication Skills, SPN 2200-Intermediate Spanish I (Honors Section), UF in Barcelona - Accelerated Spanish I & II (Program Director), UFO 1130-Beginning Spanish I (Online), SPN 1131-Beginning Spanish II

WVU  *West Virginia University*: SPAN 201-Intermediate Spanish, SPAN 102-Elementary Spanish

Graduate Courses


MNSU  *Minnesota State University*: ENG 689 - Socioling and Pragmatics, SPAN 642 - Pragmática del español, SPAN 4/501-Natural Language Processing for Spanish (Online)

UF  *University of Florida*: Summer 2021-Natural Language Processing for Spanish (Online)


UniAtlántico  *Universidad del Atlántico, Barranquilla, Colombia*: Masters Seminar on Comparative Morphosyntax (Online)

Certification and Skills

Certificates


2023  MN Court Translator (*Certification in Progress*). Court translator and interpreter for the Court System of the State of Minnesota.

2021  NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute Certificate: Building Conversational AI Applications

 NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute Certificate: Building Transformer-Based Natural Language Processing Applications

 NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute Certificate: Fundamental of Deep Learning


2018  Data Carpentry Training Certificate: Data Carpentry Organization


2016  Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Certificate, University of Florida

Skills

Programming  Python, R, Linux Command Terminal, Praat, and SPSS.

Analysis  Multivariate statistical analysis, data visualization, NLP.


Languages  Spanish (first language, English (Advanced Fluency), Portuguese (Intermediate Fluency), French(fair), German (Beginning Knowledge)

Translation  Digital Collections Services Translation Specialist for Archivo Mesoamericano project, IU

Service and Affiliations


Intramural


2022-2023  - MNSU Global Education Office - Program Recruiter for the Americas
- MNSU PanLingua - Co-organizer of undergraduate language research conference




2020-2021  - CofC Search Committee Member for Literature Tenure Line
- CofC Sigma Delta Pi, Chapter Nu Zeta Advisor
- CofC Linguistics program steering committee member and advisor
- CofC Spanish minor advisor
- CofC Affiliated faculty to Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Service and Affiliations (continued)


To the Profession

- 2023-...  - External Reviewer, Revista de Filología y Lingüística de la Universidad de Costa Rica

- 2022-...  - External Reviewer, Journal of Psycholinguistic Research

- 2021-...  - External Reviewer, Landscape Research Journal
- External Reviewer, Languages Journal
- External Reviewer, Semas: Revista de Lingüística Teórica y Aplicada
- 2020-2021  - External Reviewer, Hispanic Studies Review
- 2018-...  - External Reviewer, JoLLE - Journal of Language and Literacy Education

Professional Affiliations

- 2016-...  - Member, The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)
- Member, Florida Education Association (FEA)
- Member, Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Beta Rho Chapter