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## Position held

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Jun 2018 — **Postdoctoral researcher**  
University of Edinburgh - Center for Language Evolution  
'Syntax shaped by cognition: transforming theories of syntactic systems through laboratory experiments' with Jennifer Culberston.

## Education

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Jun 2018 | **PhD in Cognitive Sciences - Linguistics**  
*École Normale Supérieure – ED3C*  
"Understanding semantic ambiguities "  
Advisors: Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla

Feb-May 2016 | **Visiting Graduate student**  
Linguistics Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2015 | **M.Sc. in Cognitive Sciences**  
Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics  
*EHESS – ENS – Université Paris Descartes*  
First Class Honours, Rank : 3/38  
"Understanding semantic ambiguities. A mouse tracking study."  
Advisors: Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla

2015 | **École Normale Supérieure Diploma**  
International Selection  
*École Normale Supérieure, ENS*

2012 | **B.A. in Linguistics**  
Linguistics and Psycholinguistics  
*University of Buenos Aires, UBA*  
First Class Honours, GPA : 4.0

## Publications

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### Journal articles

**Maldonado, Mora**, Ewan Dunbar and Emmanuel Chemla . (accepted for publication in *Behavioural Research Methods*) "Mouse Tracking as a window into decision making". [[pdf](#)]

**Maldonado, Mora**, Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla . (2019) "Revealing abstract semantic mechanisms through priming: the distributive/collective contrast". *Cognition*. 182, 171-176, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2018.09.009>.

**Maldonado, Mora**, Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla . (2017) “Priming methods in semantics and pragmatics - Commentary on Branigan and Pickering.”. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40. doi:10.1017/S0140525X17000516

**Maldonado, Mora**, Emmanuel Chemla and Benjamin Spector. (2017) “Priming plural ambiguities”. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 95: 89 - 101.

Sevilla, Yamila, **Mora Maldonado** and Diego Shalom. (2014) “Pupillary dynamics reveal computational cost in sentence planning”. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology* doi: 10.1080/17470218.2014.911925.

**Maldonado, Mora**, Yamila Sevilla and Diego E. Shalom. (2013) “La incrementalidad jerárquica en la codificación gramatical. Un estudio de movimientos oculares”. In García, A., Orellano de Marra, V., Jaichenco, V. y Wainseboim, A. (Eds.). *Lenguaje, cognición y cerebro*. Argentinian Society of Linguistics.

## Manuscripts

Anvari, Amir, **Mora Maldonado** and Andrés Soria Ruiz. “Reflexive belief, anti-factivity and neg-raising in Spanish” (in preparation).

**Maldonado, Mora**. (in revision) “Plurality and d-linking in Spanish interrogatives”. [pdf]

Feiman, Roman, **Mora Maldonado** and Jesse Snedeker. (in revision) “Priming quantifier scope: Reexamining the evidence against scope inversion”.

Kriz, Manuel and **Maldonado, Mora**. (Manuscript) “An experimental note on distributivity and scope”. [pdf]

## Invited talks

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Nov 2018 | “An experimental approach to plurality” in the Linguistic Research Seminar in Ulster University.

## Conferences

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- 23rd Sinn und Bedeutung, Barcelona University. 2018. Reflexive belief, (anti-)factivity and neg-raising in Spanish. Presentation. A. Anvari, M. Maldonado, A. Soria Ruiz.
- Szklarska Poreba Workshop 2018. Priming semantic representations: An experimental approach to plurality. Presentation. M. Maldonado.
- Szklarska Poreba Workshop 2018. Reflexive belief in Spanish. Poster. A. Anvari, M. Maldonado, A. Soria Ruiz.
- Linguistic evidence 2018, Tubiengen University. Priming as a window to the collective/distributive ambiguity. Poster. M. Maldonado, E. Chemla and B. Spector.
- Linguistic evidence 2018, Tubiengen University. An experimental note on distributivity and scope. Poster. M. Kriz and M. Maldonado.
- XI PALLMYR. University College of London. 2017. Priming as a window to the distributive/collective ambiguity. Presentation. M. Maldonado, E. Chemla and B. Spector.
- 22nd Sinn und Bedeutung, Potsdam University. 2017. Strong plurals in Spanish interrogatives. Poster. M. Maldonado.
- 25th CONSOLE, Leipzig University. 2017. Plurality and D-linking in Spanish interrogatives. Presentation. M. Maldonado.
- 45th NELS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). 2014. Priming evidence for a covert distributivity operator. Poster. M. Maldonado, E. Chemla, and B. Spector.

- VI Workshop In Generative Grammar, Comahue University, Argentina. 2013. El costo de procesamiento en la planificación de estructuras de orden no canónico M. Maldonado, D. E. Shalom, and Y. Sevilla.
- 11th International Symposium of Psycholinguistics, Cognitive Neuroscience and Psycholinguistics Lab at the University of La Laguna, Tenerife, España. 2013. Poster. "Measuring processing cost in Spanish sentence planning". Y. Sevilla, M. Maldonado and D. E. Shalom.
- Language and Neuroscience Conference, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil. 2012. Looking for computational cost in sentence planning: An eye movements study. Y. Sevilla, M. Maldonado and D. E. Shalom.
- Xth Argentine Conference of Neuropsychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina. 2012. Poster. Understanding clitics in a case of agrammatic aphasia. V. Jaichenco, Y. Sevilla, M.E. Sanchez, M. Maldonado and Y. Grodzinsky.
- Vth International Workshop on Language Production. New York, United States. 2012. Eye Movements and grammatical sentence production planning in Spanish. Y. Sevilla, D. E. Shalom and M. Maldonado.
- XIII Conference of the Linguistic Society of Argentina. San Luis, Argentina. 2012. "La incrementalidad jerárquica en la codificación gramatical. Un estudio de movimientos oculares". M. Maldonado, Y. Sevilla and D. E. Shalom.

## Teaching Experience

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Sep 2017	Teaching assistant (TA)
Feb 2018	<i>Introduction à la linguistique</i> Master in Cognitive Sciences (Cogmaster, ENS-EHESS-Paris V) Course in charge of Salvador Mascharenas
Sep 2016	Teaching assistant (TA)
Feb 2017	<i>Introduction à la linguistique</i> Master in Cognitive Sciences (Cogmaster, ENS-EHESS-Paris V) Course in charge of Benjamin Spector and Salvador Mascharenas
Mar 2012	High School Teacher at Colegio de la Ciudad (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Sep 2013	<i>Spanish Language and Literature</i> 25h/week   Contact: NESTOR@colegiodelaciudad.org Introduction to Spanish grammar and Hispano-american literature in four high school courses (corresponding to: <i>quatrième</i> and <i>troisième</i> in french collège).
Jul 2011	Teaching assistant (TA)
Dec 2012	<i>Neurolinguistics</i> (Undergraduate) University of Buenos Aires (Argentina) Course in charge of Virginia Jaichenco and Yamila Sevilla
Mar 2010	Spanish for foreigners at Skills Institute (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Dec 2011	Free lance

## Research Experience

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- Sep 2014–Jul 2015 | **Master’s Internship** at LSCP and Institut Jean Nicod (ENS)  
“A psycholinguistic approach to semantic ambiguities”  
Advisors: E. Chemla and B. Spector.
- Dec 2013– Jul 2014 | **Master’s Internship** at LSCP and Institute Jean Nicod (ENS)  
“Semantic priming of plural ambiguities”  
Advisors: E. Chemla and B. Spector.
- Dec 2012- Jul 2013 | **Research internship** at Integrative Neuroscience Lab (UBA)  
“Eye movements and pupillometry in language production”  
Advisors: Yamila Sevilla and Diego Shalom.
- Jul 2010 – Dec 2012 | **Research internship** at Linguistics Institute (UBA)  
“Units of syntactic planning in language production”  
Advisor: Yamila Sevilla

## Scholarships

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- 2015–2018** Ph.D. Fellowship awarded by the École Normale Supérieure (Paris, France)
- 2013–2015** Master’s scholarship awarded by École Normale Supérieure (Paris, France)
- 2011–2013** Scholarship for student research awarded by University of Buenos Aires (Argentina)

## Courses and Summer schools

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- 2017 29th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI)  
July 17-28, Toulouse, France.
- 2015 27th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI)  
August 2-14, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2014 Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) - GSSI Spring School of Linguistics  
April 7 - 11, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2012 EVELIN - Summer School in Formal Linguistics  
Institute of Language Studies, University of Campinas/ Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## Technical Skills

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- Basic** Photoshop, matlab, EyeLink, Adobe Illustrator, Git
- Advanced** python,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R, ibex, html, Gimp, JavaScript

## Linguistic Skills

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- Spanish Native    French Intermediate (B2)
- English Advanced (TOEFL: 105/120)                  Italian Basic

## Services

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- Conferences: ESSLLI 2017 Student Session co-chair
- Reviewing: Go Romance 2018; Journal of Memory and Language (2018)
- Lab-related responsibilities: organization of the monthly LSCP plenary meetings (2015- 2017), LSCP weekly events communication (2015- 2017), Coffee chair (2015-2018)