

CURRICULUM VITAE ABREVIADO (CVA)

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Part A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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(*) Mandatory

A.1. Current position

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|-------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Position | Professor of English Linguistics | | |
| Initial date | 14/12/2007 | | |
| Institution | Universidad de Santiago de Compostela | | |
| Department/Center | Depto. de Filología Inglesa y Alemana | | |
| Country | SPAIN | Teleph. number | |
| Key words | morphosyntax, theoretical linguistics, syntax, psycholinguistics | | |

A.2. Previous positions (research activity interruptions, indicate total months)

| Period | Position/Institution/Country/Interruption cause |
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| 20/11/1996 | Associate Professor. USC |
| 04/02/1991 | Teaching assistant/Associate Lecturer. USC |

A.3. Education

| PhD, Licensed, Graduate | University/Country | Year |
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| English Philology. Graduate | USC | 1988 |
| English Philology. Doctor | USC | 1993 |

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Part B. CV SUMMARY (max. 5000 characters, including spaces)

I work as a Full Professor of English Language and Linguistics at the University of Santiago de Compostela. I studied English Philology in Santiago (1988-1993) and specialized in English Linguistics at the same university on a grant by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science (called *FPI* at the time). In 1993 I completed my doctorate. The title of my thesis was 'On so-called appositive structures in English'. In 1996 I was appointed Associate Professor of English in Santiago de Compostela and since December 2007 I hold the chair in English Language and Linguistics at the same university. I am also the Chair of the Interuniversity *Master in Advanced English Studies and its Applications* taught at the three universities of Galicia (http://www.imaes.eu/?page_id=37).

My published work started with follow-ups to my thesis (so it involved work on the notion of apposition, a syntactic relation) but soon morphed into psycholinguistic issues, such as the processing of empty infinitival subjects, relative clauses and agreement. Right now, both the grammar and the processing of agreement occupy most of my time, although I am also very



interested in the relationship between grammar and processing *per se*, as this relationship best defines my most pressing curiosity: the very nature of language. In essence, my research focus relates to how we can model the faculty of language, and this knowledge affects both theoretical tenets and practical applications, such as second language learning and the use of language in artificial intelligence.

A few highlights of my publishing career include the paper 'On Apposition', in *English Language and Linguistics*, 1999, as this is one of the only two references on the topic cited in the most prestigious grammar of English in the world (Huddleston & Pullum 2003); a paper in *Cognition* 2006, in collaboration with Manuel Carreiras and Moisés Betancort; another in *Cognitive Linguistics* in the same year (back to apposition), another in *Lingua* 2014, with Carreiras and Meseguer, one in *Journal of Linguistics* (the journal of the British Linguistics Association, one of the oldest and most firmly-established linguistics journals in the world; this paper stayed long as one of the 'most quoted' papers published in the journal) in 2012, and two recent books: *Syntactic Processing. An overview* (Routledge 2024) and *Homo Loquens. Cómo habita el lenguaje en la mente* (Comares, in press). I have been the Principal Investigator in all the national research projects my team has applied for (and obtained) since 2003 in an uninterrupted way (some of them with Isabel Fraga as co-IP). I have also taken part in Consolider and Consolider Ingenio projects headed by M. Carreiras. In 2011, I was one of the teachers in the LOT Summer School (Leuven, Belgium June 13-24) where I gave a course entitled 'Psycholinguistics' (other teachers in the course: Martin Haspelmath, Liliane Haegeman, Nigel Fabb, or Paul Kiparsky). In 2012 I was a plenary speaker at the '45th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea', held in Stockholm. The SLE is the European Association of Linguists. I have supervised seven Ph. D. theses. I do a lot of work as an evaluator of university degrees, research projects and research activity for both state agencies like *Aneca* and the *Agencia Nacional de Investigación* and similar regional agencies in Spain.

Part C. RELEVANT MERITS (sorted by typology)

C.1. Publications (see instructions)

(Note: except the first two, the remaining eight contributions are papers in academic journals)

1. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2024. *Syntactic processing: an overview*. Routledge: Oxon/New York. (SPI international: 2). BOOK.
2. Fraga, I., Padrón, I. & **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2023. The effects of emotionality on syntactic processing: Neural and behavioural evidence. En A. Blanco Canales & S. Martín Leralta (Eds.), *Emotion and identity in second language learning* (pp. 14-48). Oxford: Peter Lang. (SPI international: 7). BOOK CHAPTER.
3. Lago, S.; **Acuña-Fariña**, C.; Meseguer, E. 2021. The reading signatures of agreement attraction. *Open Mind*, 1-22. https://doi.org/10.1162/opmi_a_00047. (SJR: Q1).
4. Padrón, I., Fraga, I. & **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2020. Processing gender agreement errors in pleasant and unpleasant words: an ERP study at the sentence level. *Neuroscience Letters*. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03043940/714/supp/C>. (SJR: Q2).
5. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2018. Aspects of a psychologically informed theory of agreement. *Folia Linguistica* 52/2, 449-482. (SJR: Q1)
6. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2018. The role of morphology in setting production biases in agreement: a cross-linguistic completion study. *Language Sciences* 66, 28-41. (SJR: Q1)
7. Fraga, I., Padrón, I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C. & Díaz-Lago, M. 2017. Processing gender agreement and word emotionality: New electrophysiological and behavioural evidence. *Journal of Neurolinguistics*, 44, 203-222. (JCR: Q1; SJR: Q1)
8. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2016. Opportunistic processing of language. *Language Sciences* 57, 34-48. (JCR: Q2; SJR: Q1)
9. Díaz, M., Fraga, I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C. 2015. Time course of gender agreement violations containing emotional words. *Journal of Neurolinguistics*, 36, 79-93. (JCR: Q1; SJR: Q1)



10. **Acuña-Fariña**, Carlos, Meseguer, Enrique & Carreiras, Manuel. 2014. Gender and Number Agreement in Comprehension in Spanish. *Lingua* 143: 108-128. (JCR: Q2; SJR: Q1).

C.2. Congress, indicating the modality of their participation (invited conference, oral presentation, poster)

1. May 2023. Vieitez, L., Padrón, I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C. y Fraga, I. "When unpleasantness meets feminines: a behavioral study on gender agreement and emotionality". Poster presented at the 'XVI International Symposium of Psycholinguistics'. Vitoria.
2. August-September 2021. de Dios-Flores I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C. "Lexical control in Spanish obligatory complement control constructions: examining the contrast between subject and object control verbs". Oral presentation at the '54th Annual Meeting de la Societas Linguistica Europaea'. Athens, Greece.
3. March 2021. de Dios-Flores, I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C., Mancini, S., Carreiras, M. "Interference in the processing of complement control: an eye-tracking study on lexically determined long-distance dependencies". Oral presentation at the '34th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing'. University of Pennsylvania, USA.
4. December 2020. Vieitez, L., Padrón, I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C., y Fraga, I. "Emotionality: meddling in the debate on the encapsulation vs interactivity of grammatical processing". Oral presentation at the 'International Online Conference of Psycholinguistic and Neurolinguistic Research: Methods, Materials, and Approaches (PSYNEUROLING)'.
5. October 2019. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. "On constraints, architectural opportunism and directionality: a psycholinguistic narrative". Plenart talk at the 'Workshop on Language and the Brain (WoLB)', Vigo.
6. Julio 2017. de Dios-Flores, I., **Acuña-Fariña**, C. & Carreiras, M. "Processing long distance dependencies: exploring null subject-antecedent relations". Oral presentation at the 'Workshop on Syntax Processing' (University of Trento - Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science). Trento, Italy.
7. September 2016. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. "A cross-linguistic completion study of the role of morphology in setting agreement biases in production. Oral presentation at the 'SLE 2016 – 49th Annual Meeting University of Naples Federico II'. Naples, Italy.
8. July 2015. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. "The Agreement Construction". Oral presentation at the '13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference'. Newcastle, Reino Unido.
9. April 2015. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. "Agreement from the psycholinguistic perspective". Invited talk at *Programa de Pós-graduação em Linguística. Laboratório de Linguística Cognitiva de la Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*. Brasil.
10. December 2014. **Acuña-Fariña**, C. "So exactly how different are English and Spanish in the mind?" Plenary talk at the '37th AEDEAN Conference' (Asociación Española de Estudios Anglo-Norteamericanos). Alcalá de Henares, Madrid.

C.3. Research projects, indicating your personal contribution. In the case of young researchers, indicate lines of research for which they have been responsible.

Reference: PID2019-110583GB-I00

Title: **Representation and processing of grammatical gender: phonological and lexico-semantic effects on gender agreement.**

Funding body: Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

Principal Investigators: J. Carlos **Acuña-Fariña** and Isabel Fraga

Entity: Universidad de Santiago de Compostela

Start date: 01/06/2020 End date: 29/02/2024

Amount of funding: 60.500; Type of participation: principal researcher

Reference: PSI2015-65116-P



Title: **Agreement, attraction and other grammatical illusions: lexical effects in syntactic processing from an inter-linguistic viewpoint.**

Funding body: Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain

Principal Investigators: J. Carlos **Acuña-Fariña** and Isabel Fraga

Entity: University of Santiago de Compostela

Start date: 01/01/2016; End date: 31/12/2018

Amount of funding: 46.222€; Type of participation: principal researcher

Reference: PSI2012-32834

Title: **Syntactic processing from a semantic interference standpoint.**

Funding body: Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain

Principal Investigator: Juan Carlos Acuña-Fariña

Entity: University of Santiago de Compostela

Start date: 01/02/2012; End date: 31/10/2015

Amount of funding: 58.500€; Type of participation: Principal Investigator

Reference: PSI2009-11748/PSIC

Title: **Semantic interference on syntactic processing.**

Funding body: Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain.

Principal Investigator: Juan Carlos Acuña Fariña;

Entity: University of Santiago de Compostela

Start date: 01/01/2009; End date: 01/12/2012

Amount of funding: 42.108€; Type of participation: Principal Investigator

Reference: 09PXIB204014PR

Title: **Informational encapsulation and interference in basic syntactic construction processes.**

Funding body: General Secretariat for Research and Development, Regional Government of Galicia.

Principal Investigator: Juan Carlos Acuña-Fariña;

Entity: University of Santiago de Compostela

Start date: 02/12/2009; End date: 01/12/2012

Amount of funding: 51.984€; Type of participation: Principal Investigator

Reference: SEJ2006-09238/PSIC

Title: **Neuronal and behavioural correlates of reading: lexical access and morphosyntax.**

Funding body: Ministry of Science and Technology, Spain

Principal Investigator: Manuel Carreiras Valiña

Entity: ULL

Start date: 2006; End date: 2008

Amount of funding: 266.000€; Type of participation: researcher

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Reference: CSD2008-00048

Title: **Cognition and Education.**

Funding body: Ministry of Science and Technology, Spain

Principal Investigator: Manuel Carreiras Valiña

Entity: ULL, BCBL

Start date: 2008; End date: 2013

Amount of funding: 4 million €; Type of participation: researcher

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