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## GONTZAL ALDAI Brief Curriculum Vitae

Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies  
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### Personal data

- Place of birth: Bilbao, Biscay, Basque Country, Spain.
- Languages: Spanish (mother tongue), Basque (second mother tongue)  
English, French (reading skills), Italian (reading skills)

### Degrees earned

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Linguistics.
  - Degree obtained in: 2002
  - School: University of Southern California (USC)
  - Dissertation: *The grammaticalization of present and past in Basque*
  - Advisors: Bernard Comrie & John A. Hawkins
- Master of Arts, Linguistics.
  - Degree obtained in: 1997
  - School: University of Southern California (USC)
- *Licenciado* (Graduate) in Letters; Major: Basque Linguistics and Literature.
  - Degree obtained in: 1995
  - School: University of Deusto-Bilbao (the first three years were completed at the Univ. of the Basque Country; the final two at the Univ. of Deusto)
- *Licenciado* (Graduate) in Sciences, Major: Chemistry.
  - Degree obtained in: 1985
  - School: University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU).

### Teaching experience

- Associate Professor. University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU), Dept. of Linguistics and Basque Studies.
  - Dates: from March 2011 until the present time.
  - Undergraduate courses taught: "Basque Morphology", "Basque Morphology and Phonology: Grammaticalization", "Basque Grammar I", "Old Basque Texts I", and "Issues in Basque Diachrony".

- Graduate courses taught: "Seminar in Basque Diachrony", "The Basque language from a typological perspective" and "Normalization and standardization of the Basque language".
- Interim Assistant Professor. UPV-EHU, Dept. of Ling. & Basque Studies.
  - Academic years: 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10.
  - Courses taught: "Historical Grammar of Basque", "Old Basque Texts I", and "Basque for Technical Purposes".
- Interim Professor (part-time). UPV-EHU, Dept. of Ling. & Basque Studies.
  - Academic years: 2005-06 and 2006-07.
  - Courses taught: "Introduction to the Basque Language", "Old Basque Texts II", and "Issues in Basque Diachrony".
- Visiting Lecturer. Univ. of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Dept of Linguistics.
  - Academic year: 2001-02.
  - Courses taught: "Introduction to Historical Linguistics".
- Assistant Lecturer. USC, Department of Spanish.
  - Academic years: 1995-96 and 2000-01.
  - Courses taught: "Spanish I" (1995-96) and "Spanish III" (2000-01).

### **Administrative experience**

- Program Coordinator. UPV-EHU, Grade in Basque Studies.
  - Dates: from January 2011 until July 2020.
- Chair of Department. UPV-EHU, Dept. of Linguistics and Basque Studies.
  - Dates: from June 2013 until October 2013.
- Dept. Academic Secretary. UPV-EHU, Dept. of Linguistics and Basque Studies.
  - Dates: from January 2011 until June 2013.

### **Grants, honors, etc.**

- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, granted by the Basque Government & UPV.
  - Academic years: 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
  - Research Project: "Is Basque ergative?"
  - Center of application: UPV-EHU, Dept. of Basque Philology.
- Postdoctoral Abroad Fellowship, granted by the Basque Government.
  - Academic years: 2002-03 y 2003-04.
  - Research Project: "Typology of relative clauses".
  - Center of application: UCLA, Dept. of Linguistics.
  - Director: Dr. Edward Keenan.
- Del Amo Dissertation Research Grant (USC).
  - Academic year: 1999-2000.
  - Research Project: "Tense-Aspect-Mood in Basque".
  - Center of application: USC, Dept. of Linguistics.
  - Director: Dr. John A. Hawkins.

- Pre-doctoral Fellowship, granted by the Basque Government.
  - Academic years: 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99.
  - Research Project: "Tense-Aspect-Mood".
  - Center of application: USC, Dept. of Linguistics.
  - Director: Dr. Bernard Comrie.
- Del Amo Graduate Teaching Fellowship (USC)
  - Academic year: 1995-96.
- Honor prize as the final grade for the *Licenciatura* in Linguistics & Literature
  - Date: 1995.

## Visiting Scholar

- Guest Lecturer.
  - Funding: Barandiaran Chair of Basque Studies (UCSB)
  - Dates: February 8 through March 8, 2017
  - Course taught: "Research Seminar in Spanish Linguistics" (SPAN 296)
  - Topic: "An Introduction to Linguistic Typology"
  - Institution: University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Dpt. Spanish
  - Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Viola Miglio
- Visiting Scholar for research abroad.
  - Funding: Basque Government, Dpt. of Education
  - Dates: March 16 through May 16, 2016
  - Project: "Complex predicates and Uninflecting Verbs"
  - Institution: University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Dpt. Linguistics
  - Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Bernard Comrie
- Visiting Scholar for research abroad.
  - Funding: University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)
  - Dates: March 13 through April 17, 2015
  - Project: "Affectedness and Differential Object Marking: A typological study"
  - Institution: University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Dpt. Linguistics
  - Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Marianne Mithun

## Publications

- 30- Aldai, G. 2020. Complex predicates, simple inflecting verbs, and uninflecting 'verbs' in Pre-Basque. *Linguistics* 58(6). 1125-1155. (ISSN: 0024-3949). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/ling-2020-0230>
- 29- Aldai, G. & S. Wichmann. 2018. Statistical observations on hierarchies of transitivity. *Folia Linguistica* 52(2). 249-281. (ISSN: 0165-4004). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2018-0006>

- 28- Aldai, G. 2015. Subordinadas completivas del verbo *gertatu* 'ocurrir' en Haraneder: ¿Subjuntivo extendido o conservación del Aoristo Perifrástico?. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 47(120). 327-344. (ISSN: 0046-435X).
- 27- Aldai, G. 2014. Hacia una periodización de la fragmentación del euskera occidental. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 46(118). 221-245. (ISSN: 0046-435X).
- 26- Aldai, G. 2013. Sasiola vs. Lazarraga: Acerca del euskera del texto de Estibaliz Sasiola. *Lapurdum* 17. 7-29. (ISSN: 1273-3830). DOI: [lapurdum.2400](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10992-013-9240-9)
- 25- Aldai, G. 2012. Sobre el origen de Martín Portal, autor de la poesía premiada en Pamplona en 1610. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 44(114). 93-117. (ISSN: 0046-435X).
- 24- Aldai, G. 2012. Sobre el morfema verbal *-ra-* del vascuence: Lexicalización y reanálisis de causativos morfológicos. *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies* 89(2). 105-124. (ISSN: 1475-3839). DOI: [10.3828/bhs.2012.9](https://doi.org/10.3828/bhs.2012.9)**
- 23- Aldai, G. 2011. *Wh*-questions and SOV languages in Hawkins' theory: Evidence from Basque. *Linguistics* 49(5). 1079-1135. (ISSN: 0024-3949). DOI: [10.1515/LING.2011.030](https://doi.org/10.1515/LING.2011.030)**
- 22- Aldai, G. 2011. Euskara morfologikoki ergatiboa al da? Ekialdeko euskalkiak vs. Mendebaldeko euskalkiak. In J.A. Lakarra & J. Gorrochategui & B. Urgell (eds.), *Koldo Mitxelena Katedraren II. Biltzarra*, 337-351. Vitoria-Gasteiz: Univ. del País Vasco. (ISBN: 978-84-9860-601-0).
- 21- Aldai, G. 2010. Euskararen kasu-markaketaren aldakortasun dialektala. In Beatriz Fernandez, Pablo Albizu & Ricardo Etxepare (eds.), *Euskara eta euskarak: Aldakortasun sintaktikoa aztergai*, (Anejos de ASJU 52), 5-19. Bilbao: Universidad del País Vasco. (ISBN: 978-84-9860-397-2).
- 20- Aldai, G. 2010. Adizki jokatuak. In Pello Salaburu & Patxi Goenaga (ed.), *Sareko Euskal Gramatika* (SEG). Online address: [www.ehu.es/seg](http://www.ehu.es/seg) (ISBN: 978-84-693-9891-3).
- 19- Aldai, G. 2009. Aoristo Perifrástico, perfectivo y pluscuamperfecto: Leizarraga vs. Lazarraga. *Anuario del Seminario Julio de Urquijo* (ASJU) 43. 19-36. (ISSN: 0582-6152). (Special issue: R. Etxepare, R. Gómez & J.A. Lakarra eds., *Beñat Oihartzabali gorazarre. Festschrift for Bernard Oyharçabal*).

- 18- Aldai, G. 2009. Is Basque morphologically ergative?: Western Basque vs. Eastern Basque. *Studies in Language* 33(4). 783-831. (ISSN: 0378-4177). DOI: [10.1075/sl.33.4.01ald](https://doi.org/10.1075/sl.33.4.01ald)
- 17- Aldai, G. 2008. Últimos restos del Aoristo Perifrástico en el euskera de Bilbao. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 40 (109). 405-417. (ISSN: 0046-435X).
- 16- Aldai, G. 2008. Sobre el significado arcaico de las formas con prefijo *l-*: su uso en Lazarraga. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 40 (108). 301-327. (ISSN: 0046-435X).
- 15- Aldai, G. 2008. Patxi Goenagari 30 mila esker. In Xabier Artiagoitia & Joseba A. Lakarra (eds.), *Gramatika jaïetan Patxi Goenagaren omenez*, (Anejos de ASJU 51), 13-28. Bilbao: Universidad del País Vasco. (ISBN: 978-84-9860-085-8).
- 14- Aldai, G. 2008. From ergative case-marking to semantic case-marking: the case of historical Basque. In Mark Donohue & Søren Wichmann (eds.), *The typology of semantic alignment*, 197-218. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (ISBN: 978-0-19-923838-5).
- 13- Aldai, G. 2007. Discreteness and non-discreteness in the design of tense-aspect-mood. In Matti Miestamo & Bernhard Wälchli (eds.), *New challenges in typology: Broadening the horizons and redefining the foundations*, 271-291. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. (ISBN: 978-3-11-019592-7). DOI: [9783110198904.5.271](https://doi.org/9783110198904.5.271)
- 10- Aldai, G. 2007. *The grammaticalization of present and past in Basque*. (Doctoral Dissertations Series). Bilbao: Univ. del País Vasco. (ISBN: 978-84-8373-977-8).
- 12- Aldai, G. 2006. Lehenaldi perfektiboko formak XVI mendeko euskaran. *Anuario del Seminario Julio de Urquijo (ASJU)* 40, 23-34. (ISSN: 0582-6152). (Special issue: J.A. Lakarra & J.I. Hualde eds., *Studies in Basque and historical linguistics in memory of R.L. Trask*).
- 11- Aldai, G. 2006. The semantic (i.e. split-intransitive) case-marking system of Western Basque. In Beatriz Fernandez & Itziar Laka (eds.), *Andolin gogoan: Essays in honour of Professor Eguzkitza*, 117-138. Bilbao: Universidad del País Vasco. (ISBN: 84-8373-890-2).
- 10- Aldai, G. 2002. *The grammaticalization of present and past in Basque*. Doctoral dissertation. University of Southern California (USC). <http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/cdm/ref/collection/p15799coll16/id/243143>

9- Comrie, B. & G. Aldai. 2002. Suppletion in the Old Basque verb 'to give': A typological perspective. In Xabier Artiagoitia, Patxi Goenaga & Joseba A. Lakarra (eds.), *Erramu boneta: Festschrift for Rudolf P.G. de Rijk*, 145-151. Bilbao: Universidad del País Vasco. (ISBN: 84-8373-406-0).

8- Aldai, G. 2000. Split ergativity in Basque: the pre-Basque antipassive-imperfective hypothesis. *Folia Linguistica Historica* 21. 31-97. (ISSN: 0168-647X). DOI: [10.1515/flih.2000.21.1-2.31](https://doi.org/10.1515/flih.2000.21.1-2.31).

7- Aldai, G. 1999. Notas sobre la última edición de los *Refranes y Sentencias* de 1596. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 31 (82). 383-392. (ISSN: 0046-435X).

6- Aldai, G. 1999. Hegoaldeko Goinafarrera Zaharra: aditz laguntzaileekiko ezaugarri zenbait. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 31 (81). 263-274. (ISSN: 0046-435X).

5- Aldai, G. 1998. Un nuevo rasgo de la lengua de los *Refranes y Sentencias* de 1596. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 30 (79). 387-395. (ISSN: 0046-435X).

4- Aldai, G. 1998. A propósito del Aoristo vasco. *Fontes Linguae Vasconum* 30 (79). 377-386. (ISSN: 0046-435X).

3- Aldai, G. 1996. *Refranes y Sentencias* de 1596: aditz sistemaren inbentarioa. *Enseiukarreen* 12. 69-89. (ISSN: 1130-8192).

2- Aldai, G. 1995. *Becussu* adizkia Barrutiaren *Acto para la Nochebuena* obran. *Enseiukarreen* 11. 117-122. (ISSN: 1130-8192).

1- Aldai, G. 1994. Euskal aditz sistema zaharraz: aspektu oposaketatik modu oposaketara. *Enseiukarreen* 10. 67-82. (ISSN: 1130-8192).

### Talks at Conferences

- "Morphology: innate or historical product?. Basque Ergative Displacement revisited." Talk delivered at the 1999 Summer Institute of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Workshop on Basque Linguistics. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. July 17-18, 1999.

- "Layering, lexical-semantics and frequency: a diachronic account of the constructions of present tense in Basque." Talk delivered at the XIV International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL). University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. August 9-13, 1999.

- "Gap relative clauses in Basque." Talk delivered at the III Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT). University of Amsterdam, Holland. August 26-29, 1999.

- "Is Basque ergative?" Talk delivered in collaboration with Jon Aske at the III Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT). University of Amsterdam, Holland. August 26-29, 1999.

- "A classification of two-place predicates in Old Basque and its relation with cognition; (plus a speculative note on a Basque-Spanish correspondence in the 10<sup>th</sup> century *Glosas Emilianenses*)." Talk accepted at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC), held at the University of La Rioja, Spain, in July 2003.

- "The evolution of the Basque Perfect (in comparison with its neighboring languages)." Talk accepted at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL), held at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, in August 2003.

- **"From more ergative case-marking to more active case-marking: The case of historical Basque".** Talk delivered at the **Conference on the Typology of Stative-Active Languages.** Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany. May 20-22, 2005.

- "Towards a reconstruction of the Pre-Basque verb complex and the Pre-Basque type". Panel presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Morphology Meeting. University of Vienna, Austria. February 3-6, 2008.

- "On the position of the inflected verb in historical Basque: Verb-final motivations vs. verb-fronting motivations". Talk delivered at the 'Syntax of the World's Languages' III Conference. Free University of Berlin, Germany. September 25-28, 2008.

### **Membership to Linguistic Societies**

- Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT).
- Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE).
- Linguistic Society of America (LSA).