

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2023** **University of Texas at Austin**
Ph.D. in Italian Studies, December 2023
Dissertation: “Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Illustrated Fiction in Italy: Southernness and the Aesthetic of the Picturesque”
Dissertation committee: Dr. Daniela Bini (supervisor), Dr. Mirka Benes, Dr. Paola Bonifazio, Dr. Sabrina Ferri, Dr. Alexandra Wettlaufer
- 2023** **University of Texas at Austin**
M.A. in Italian Studies, May 2023
- 2017** **Università degli studi di Milano & Università degli studi di Genova**
M.A. cum laude in Geography, April 2017
Thesis: “Enti parco e rapporti comunicativi e normativi con il contesto socio-economico. Il caso del Parco Fluviale del Trebbia”
Supervisors: Dr. Alessandro Segale (supervisor), Dr. Alice Giulia Dal Borgo
- 2013** **Università degli studi di Milano**
B.A. cum laude in History, December 2013
Thesis: “La diplomazia seicentesca da Gasparo Bragaccia a François de Callières”
Supervisor: Dr. Silvia Pizzetti

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Winter 2026** Lecturer I – ITL 415 – “Rome: The Eternal City and Urban Imaginaries”
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Winter 2026** Lecturer I – ITL 231 – second-year Italian
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Fall 2025** Lecturer I – ITL 325 – “Journey to Italy”
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Fall 2025** Lecturer I – ITL 231 – second-year Italian
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

- Spring 2025** Lecturer I – ITL 231 – second-year Italian (online)
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Winter 2025** Lecturer I – ITL 232 – second-year Italian
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Fall 2024** Lecturer I - ITL 231 – second-year Italian
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Winter 2024** Lecturer I – ITL 232 – second-year Italian
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Fall 2023** Lecturer I - ITL 231 – second-year Italian
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Spring 2023** Assistant Instructor ITL 611 – Intermediate Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Summer 2022** Assistant Instructor ITL320 – Advanced Italian
University of Texas at Austin (Rome – Study Abroad Program)
- Spring 2022** Assistant Instructor ITL 611 – Intermediate Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2021** Assistant Instructor ITL 611 – Intermediate Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Summer 2021** Assistant Instructor ITL 320 – Advanced Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2021** Assistant Instructor ITL 601 – Beginning Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2020** Assistant Instructor ITL 611 – Intermediate Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2020** Assistant Instructor ITL 601 – Beginning Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2019** Assistant Instructor ITL 601 – Beginning Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2019** Teaching Assistant UGS303 – Dante’s Hell and its afterlife
Supervised by Dr. Guy Raffa
University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant ITL601-611 – Beginning/Intermediate Italian
Supervised by Dr. Antonella Del Fattore Olson
University of Texas at Austin

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Apr 2026** AI in Language Instruction: Faculty Experiences, Ideas, and Reflections
University of Michigan Library
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, US
Presentation Title: “Reimagining Class Prep with AI. Optimizing Instructional Workflows through the Brisk Chrome Extension”
- Feb 2026** Share Fair Conference
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, US
Presentation Title: “AI in language instruction. Case study: Brisk”
- Oct 2024** Share Fair Conference
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, US
Presentation Title: “Generative AI for class preparation: DIFFIT”
- Jan 2023** Modern Language Association
Annual Conference, San Francisco, US
Presentation Title: “Visualizing Labor: Sicilian Workers between Verismo and Picturesque in Illustrated Fiction”
- May 2022** American Association for Italian Studies
Annual Conference, Bologna, Italy
Presented paper: “Word and Image in Giovanni Verga’s ‘Vita dei Campi’: Illustrated Fiction and the Picturesque Aesthetic”
- June 2021** Council for European Studies Conference
Annual conference, online
Presented paper: “Picturesque realism: Visconti’s ‘La Terra Trema’ between myth and reality”
- March 2021** South Central Renaissance Conference
Annual conference, online
Presented paper: “Places as signifiers: the spatial organization of Ludovico Ariosto’s Orlando Furioso”
- September 2019** Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference

Annual conference, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
Presented paper: “Agoraphobia of the anti-hero: landscape and nature in Pirandello’s and Svevo’s novels”

May 2019 International Dante Conference
Annual conference, Università degli Studi di Bologna, Ravenna
Presented paper: “Norman Bel Geddes and the project for a theatrical representation of the Divine Comedy”

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2023 Dissertation Writing Fellowship
Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2023 Convention Travel Grant (January 2023, San Francisco)
Modern Language Association

Fall 2022 Professional Development Award
Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2022 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship
Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Summer 2022 Bini Excellence Award in Italian Studies
Department of French and Italian, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2022 Doctoral Student Travel Award
American Association for Italian Studies

Spring 2022 Professional Development Award
Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2021 Professional Development Award
Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Summer 2020 Italian Studies Summer Research Award
Department of French and Italian, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2020 Texas Foreign Language Teaching Excellence Award
Texas Language Center, University of Texas at Austin.

Fall 2019 Professional Development Award
Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2019 Dina Sherzer Excellence Scholarship in Italian

Department of French and Italian, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2018 Recruitment fellowship
Department of French and Italian, University of Texas at Austin

LANGUAGES

Italian: Native Speaker

English: Fluent, Native equivalence

French: Intermediate

Spanish: Basic Listening; Intermediate Reading

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2024-2026 Italian Conversation Hour “Chiacchiere e caffè” Coordinator
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2024-2026 Cineforum “Italian Classics on Campus” Co-Coordinator
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2025/2026 ShareFair committee member
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Winter 2024 Italian Mission & Vision Committee Member
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2022/2023 Film Series Coordinator
French and Italian Graduate Students Organization
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

Summer 2022 Rome Study Program – Study Abroad Assistant
June 1 – July 6, 2022
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

2021/2022 Speaker Series Coordinator (Italian studies)

French and Italian Graduate Students Organization
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

2020/2021 President
French and Italian Graduate Students Organization
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

2019/2020 Recruitment and Hospitality Coordinator
French and Italian Graduate Students Organization
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

2018/2019 Cineforum Assistant Coordinator
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2023 Presenter at Dr. Daniela Bini's retirement ceremony "On Writing and Filming Sicily. A conversation on Daniela Bini's Research and Teaching at UT"
Presentation Title: "Orientalization of Sicily: The Representation of Otherness"
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin
May 1st

2022 Assistant Editor
GSI – Gender/Sexuality/Italy Journal
Department of French and Italian
Dickinson College – Carlisle, PA

2021 Book Presentation Series Moderator
Dr. Daniela Bini's "Portrait of the Artist and His Mother in Twentieth Century Italian Culture"
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin
April 21st

2021 Open Educational Resources Project for Italian Contributor
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Modern Language Association

American Association for Italian Studies

Council for European Studies

South Central Renaissance Conference

Istituto di Storia contemporanea di Piacenza - Istituto Nazionale Ferruccio Parri.
Rete degli Istituti per la storia della Resistenza e dell'età contemporanea

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

19th and early 20th century Italian and European Literature, Second Language Acquisition, Comparative literature, Visual culture, Aesthetics, Picturesque, Travel Literature, Orientalism, Space and Landscape, the 'Southern question', Sicilian literature, Postcolonial studies, Mediterranean studies, Human geography, European and Italian Modern History.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Summer 23/24** Italian Instructor
America-Italy Society of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA
- 2015-2018** Executive Assistant
Presidential Office
Emilia-Romagna Region - Legislative Assembly
Bologna - Italy
- 2014-2015** Legal Assistant
Avv. Alippio Elisabetta
Cassano Magnago (VA) - Italy
- 2010-2014** Administrative Assistant
Ricileco srl – Environmental Management
Cassano Magnago (VA) – Italy
- 2009-2010** Insurance Assistant
Pluriservices sas – Insurance Management
Cassano Magnago (VA) – Italy

- 2010-2012** Volunteer Italian Teacher
Assoc. Vol. Porta Sul Mondo
Piacenza - Italy
- 2008-2009** Theater Assistant Director
“La Memoria della Shoah”
Directed by Matteo Corradini
Piacenza - Italy
- 2006-2007** Resident Assistant
Cassimoreno Summer Camp
Ferriere (PC) - Italy

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2022** Online Learning Design for Educators Specialization, Macquarie University, 2022
- Fall 2022** Develop Your Course Design and Instructional Skills, Learning Path, LinkedIn Learning
- Fall 2022** Become an Instructional Designer, Learning Path, LinkedIn Learning
- Spring 2022** Maps and Geospatial Revolution – PennState University
- Spring 2022** Urbanization and Health – Promoting Sustainable Solutions – University of Copenhagen, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, University of Coimbra, EIT Health
- Fall 2021** CILS Examiner Certification (Italian Language Certification Examiner) - Università per Stranieri di Siena
- Spring 2021** Inclusive Pedagogy Certification
Department of French and Italian
University of Texas at Austin
- Summer 2015** Euro-project Management Certification
Venice International University
- 2005-2007** Cultural Mediator Certification
Liceo Giulia Molino Colombini
Piacenza - Italy