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SENIOR LECTURER IN ITALIAN STUDIES**

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EDUCATION

PhD, Italian Studies, May 2004

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Dissertation title: *Il mito di Albione nell'Italia dei Lumi. Immagini dell'Inghilterra e sottotesti inglesi nella letteratura italiana (1700-1789).*

MA, Italian Studies, May 1999

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Laurea *Summa Cum Laude*, Italian Literature, November 1996

Università degli Studi di Torino, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Torino, Italia.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Senior Lecturer

Italian Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2012-Present

Director of Language Studies

Italian Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2006-Present

- Responsible for all aspects of the Italian Language Program including the development of guidelines and policies; curriculum development; enhancing teaching with technology; reviewing, selecting, creating and updating course materials and testings; meeting with textbook representatives, and placing book orders; administering language placement tests.
- Responsible for assigning, training, supervising, observing and evaluating all departmental instructors of Italian; mentoring language teachers in teaching orientation and weekly meeting during the semester; mentoring of graduate students on the job market including the development of on-line portfolios; evaluating their cv, job letters, and other materials for submission; holding mock interviews with job candidates.

Faculty Director, Brown-in-Bologna Study Abroad Program

Italian Studies, Brown University, Bologna, Italy, Spring 2013

Director of the Italian Language Program and Undergraduate Chair

Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2005-2006

Lecturer and Course Coordinator

Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2004-2006

TEACHING AT BROWN

ELEMENTARY ITALIAN (ITAL0100 AND 0200)

INTENSIVE ELEMENTARY ITALIAN (ITAL0110)

INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN (ITAL0300 AND 0400)

ADVANCED ITALIAN (ITAL0500 AND 0600)

TEXTBOOK AUTHORED

Abbona-Sneider C., Borra A., Pausini C., *Trame. A Contemporary Italian Reader* (2010), Yale University Press.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

John Rowe Workman Award for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities
Brown University
Awarded May 2011

Teaching with Technology Award
Brown University
Awarded May 2009

Instructional Technology Group Summer Grant
Brown University
Awarded May 2008 and May 2007

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO THE DEPARTMENT

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Italian Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-present
Responsible for advising concentrators and other perspective students; coordinating and mentoring capstone presentations; promoting Italian Studies on campus during fairs and events. Serving as a faculty mentor to the Department Undergraduate Group (DUG) and the Italian Club.

On Campus Advisor for Brown-in-Bologna

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-present
Responsible for the promotion of the Brown-in-Bologna program on campus; reviewing and ranking of non-Brown candidates; evaluating courses taken abroad and giving credits to students.

Brown Fulbright Committee

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2010-2012; 2014-2016; 2017-present

Brown Admissions Committee

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2021-present

Brown SPRINT UTRA Committee

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2023

Italian Studies Task force on Diversity and Inclusion

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2016-2018

Center for Language Studies Committees

Brown University, Providence, RI

Steering Committee, 2018-2022

Technology Committee, 2016-2020

LRC Director Search Committee, Spring 2016

Teacher Training Committee, 2008-2010; 2015-2016

Programs and Events Committee, 2010-2011

Brown University, Providence, RI

Sheridan Center Faculty Liaison

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-2020

SITE Program Coordinator

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-2020

Responsible for selecting candidates for the Study Intercultural Training Exchange Program and for mentoring them throughout the internship application.

Sophomore Advisor

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2009-2012

First Year-Advisor

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2008-2009

Brown Academic Technology Steering Committee

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2009-2010

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

External reviewer for promotion to Senior Lecturer

- Case Western Reserve University, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, 2015
- Brown University, French Studies Department, 2014

•Brown University, Hispanic Studies Department, 2011

Professional Development Workshop for Teachers of Italian

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2014

Responsible for organizing and running a full-day workshop for Rhode Island high school teachers of Italian.

US Student National Fulbright Screening Committee

New York, Institute of International Education, 2009-2011

Responsible each year for reading, commenting, and ranking all national applications for English Teaching Assistantships in Italy.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

"Innovation and Increasing Enrollment in Italian Language Programs"

Roundtable (invited speaker)

Italian Language and Culture Conference: Innovation in Italian Programs and Pedagogy

Georgetown University, Washington DC, 2017

Subsequently published in "Innovation in Italian Programs and Pedagogy, Special Issue of TILCA, Fall 2018, ISSN 2372-8086, pp. 32-35.

"Speak up (and Listen!). Podcasting in Advanced Italian Courses"

American Association of Teachers of Italian, Palermo, Italy, 2017

"Imparare ed insegnare la comunicazione interculturale" Professional Development Workshop for Teachers of Italian Brown University, Providence, RI, 2014

"Digital portfolios and other E-tools for alternative assessment in the Italian language curriculum"
NEMLA Convention, Rochester, NY, 2012

"Booting the 'Boot': Teaching Contemporary Italy with Technology"

Panel organizer and chair

NEMLA Convention, New Brunswick, NJ, 2011

"Bridging the Gap Between Language and Content in the Foreign Language Class"

Roundtable organizer

NEMLA Convention, Montreal, Canada, 2010

"Whose Story Is It, anyway? Peer-Editing and Collaborative Storytelling"

American Association of Italian Studies, New York, NY, 2009

"The Class as Writer and Reader. Collaborative Writing in the Third Year Curriculum"

Sheridan Center, Brown University, 2009

"Teaching Contemporary Italy: Trame – A new Reader for Bridge-Level Courses"
NEMLA 40th Anniversary Convention, Boston, MA, 2009

"Wiki as a Tool for Collaborative Storytelling"
American Association of Teachers of Italian, Washington DC, 2007

"From Pen to Mouse: Teaching and Learning Italian with Technology"
Roundtable organizer and chair
American Association of Italian Studies, Colorado Springs, CO, 2007

"Lo studio dell'italiano in America oggi"
Roundtable (invited speaker)
American Association of Italian Studies, Genova, Italy, 2006

"Anglomania e nazionalismo nell'Italia del Settecento"
American Association of Italian Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, 2005

"Pietro Verri educatore: i Ricordi a mia figlia Teresa e la discussione sulla donna nel Caffè"
American Association of Italian Studies, Philadelphia, PA, 2001

"Il ritmo del sacrificio nei drammi politici di Ugo Betti"
American Association of Italian Studies, Eugene, OR, 1999

"Commediografi, letterati e miserabili istrioni. Il teatro toscano del primo Settecento e la lezione dell'Arte"
American Association of Italian Studies, Chicago, IL, 1998

EDITORIAL AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

- Editorial review for Italian as a Foreign Language: Teaching and Acquisition in Higher Education on behalf of Vernon Press (2022)
- Editorial review for The Art of Teaching Italian on behalf of Georgetown University Press (2022)
- Editorial review of the fifth edition of Parliamo Italiano on behalf of Wiley & sons (2015)
- Editorial review of New Reference Grammar of Modern Italian on behalf of Routledge Publishers (2013)
- Blurb for Moda, Stile, Simboli on behalf of Edizioni Farinelli (2012)
- Editorial review of Caleidoscopio on behalf of Prentice Hall (2012)
- Editorial review of the third edition of Crescendo on behalf of Wiley & sons (2011)
- Editorial review of the fourth edition of Parliamo Italiano, on behalf of Wiley & Sons (2010)