

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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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 e dignità di stampa, Italian Literature, November 1996.**

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

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## 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 approach to second language acquisition; selecting course materials, 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.

- Responsible as Italian Studies Concentration Advisor for advising concentrators and other perspective students on course offerings; serving as faculty mentor to the Department Undergraduate Group (DUG) and the Italian Club; evaluating courses taken abroad and giving credits to students; mentoring seniors preparing to complete CAPSTONE presentations.

- Responsible as campus coordinator of the Brown in Bologna Program for the promotion of the program on campus; the selection of student applicants; the interviews with non-Brown candidates; pre-departure orientation

### **Faculty Director of the Brown in Bologna Study Abroad Program**

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

**Director of the Italian Language Program**

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

**Undergraduate Chair**

Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 19104, 2005-2006

**Coordinator for Advanced Italian Courses**

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

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**BOOKS AUTHORED**

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

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**AWARDS and GRANTS**

•Brown University

John Rowe Workman Award for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities

Awarded May 2011

•Brown University

Teaching with Technology Award

Awarded May 2009, for Italian 600

Nominated May 2008, for Italian 300

•Brown Instructional Technology Group

Summer Grant

Awarded May 2008 and May 2007

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Senior Lecturer**

Brown University, 2013- present

Taught Elementary Italian, Intermediate Italian, and Advanced Italian.

Faculty Advisor for Global Independent Study Project: “Wine a Full Bodied Course”

**Lecturer**

Brown University, 2006-2012

Taught Elementary Italian, Intermediate Italian, and Advanced Italian.

Faculty Advisor for Global Independent Student Project: “The Roots of Italian Humor”

**Lecturer**

University of Pennsylvania, 2004-2006

Taught Advanced Italian; Contemporary Italy through Film; Introduction to Italian Literature; Ragazzi in Guerra. Infanzia e adolescenza nella letteratura e cinema del dopoguerra (Senior Seminar).

**Lecturer**

Brown In Bologna – Summer 2004  
Taught Intensive Elementary Italian

**Lecturer**

Brown University, 2003-2004  
Taught Elementary Italian, Intermediate Italian, and Advanced Italian.

**Teaching Assistant**

Brown University, 1998-2002  
Taught Elementary Italian and Intermediate Italian.

**Instructor of Italian**

Rhode Island School of Design, 2000, 2003  
Brown Learning Community 2000  
Taught Elementary and Intermediate Italian.

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**SERVICE TO BROWN UNIVERSITY**

**Italian Studies Concentration Advisor**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-present

**Italian Studies Task force on Diversity and Inclusion, Co-Chair**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2016-2018

**On Campus Advisor for Brown in Bologna**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-present

**Center For Language Studies Member**

**•Steering Committee**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2018-present

**•Technology Committee**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2016-present

**•LRC Director Search Committee**

Brown University, Providence, RI, Spring 2016

**•Teacher Training Committee**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2008-2010; 2015-2016

**•Programs and Events Committee**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2010-2011

**Sheridan Center Faculty Liaison**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-present

**SITE program coordinator**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2007-present

**Brown Fulbright Committee**

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

**Sophomore Advisor**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2009-2012

**Brown Academic Technology Steering Committee**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2009-2010

**First Year-Advisor**

Brown University, Providence, RI, 2008-2009

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**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

**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 between 88 and 110 applications for English Teaching Assistantships in Italy.

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**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

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**LANGUAGES**

Italian (native)

English (near native)

French (reading)

Spanish (reading)

Latin (reading)

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators

American Association Teachers of Italian

Northeast Modern Language Association