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Education and Training

- 1999 J.D. (*Dottoressa in Giurisprudenza*)
School of Law, University of Turin, Italy
Major in International Law with a thesis on the European Social Charter of the Council of Europe.
Advisor: Prof. Andrea Comba
- 1992 Classical Studies High School Diploma (with a focus on Ancient Greek and Latin)
Liceo Classico Vincenzo Gioberti, Turin, Italy

Professional Experience

- 2013 - present Adjunct II Instructor of Italian, Towson University, Baltimore Maryland
- 2012 - 2019 Instructor of Italian and Coordinator of the Italian Program, Goucher College, Baltimore Maryland
In charge, besides teaching the 100-level classes, of re-writing the language assessment test and counselling students on their course choice before their study abroad semester in Italy (in collaboration with Goucher's Office of International Studies). During the 2016-2017 redesigning of the Goucher Commons Curriculum, I contributed towards redefining and reworking the Foreign Language and Culture Requirement for all the languages. As far as Italian was concerned, I proposed two new 2-credit special topic courses ("Italian Food and Culture" and "Italian through the Advertising World") that were eventually offered in the Fall of 2018 and Fall 2019 and had some of the highest student evaluations.
- 2012 Affiliate Instructor of Italian, Loyola University of Maryland, Baltimore Maryland
- 2009 - 2019 Freelance Translator, Legal translations from English into Italian
- 2006 - 2007 Office executive, Italian Consulate of Baltimore
- 2009 - 2019 General Secretary, Italian Cultural Center of Maryland, Inc.
- 2006 - 2007 Instructor of Italian, Rev. Oreste Pandola Adult Learning Center, St. Leo's School, Baltimore
- 2001 - 2005 Information and Communication Strategies Specialist, Europe Direct (European Commission Official Relay), Trieste, Italy
Specialist on EU policies and documents (legislation, publications, press releases). Project manager for EU campaigns for public awareness, such as the introduction of the Euro in 2002 or the 2004 EU Enlargement. Co-coordinator of the 2002 Annual General Meeting of the European network of Information Relays in Trieste, with more than 200 participants (representatives from every body of the E.U. Commission, Representations of the E.U. Commission of every country). Lecturing courses on EU history, institutions, policies and funds and organizing the sub-relays' activities and training in the region. Chief editor of the Europe Direct Newsletter.

- 2003 – 2005 Project Manager, International Institute for Human Rights Studies, Trieste, Italy
Principal coordinator of the first edition of the “Summer School on Human Rights: Democratization Process and citizenship in central-east Europe. The International Protection of human rights and minorities” funded by the Council of Europe and CEI-Central European Initiative and addressed to 35 participants from central-east Europe especially skilled in the field of human rights and minorities protection.
- 2001 -2003 Director’s Assistant, Genetics Department, Burlo Garafolo Hospital - University of Trieste, Italy
In charge of managing the department’s external relations in the framework of many joint research projects and national and international programs. Coordinator of medical meetings and conferences.
- 1998 - 2001 Interuniversity Relations Office deputy-coordinator, SAA - School of Business Administration, University of Turin, Italy
Co-coordinating the International students exchange program and faculty mobility with Schools of Business worldwide - in Europe, India, China, United States and Canada, at both Undergraduate and Graduate Levels. Negotiating, drawing up and monitoring international agreements/Erasmus and managing the Study Abroad Program. Assisting for the School’s international relations and the reception of foreign delegations.
- 1998 - 2001 General Secretary, IPSET (International Pole for the Support of Education and Training), Turin, Italy
Responsible for the institute’s external relations and the organization of events and conferences.
- 1998 - 2001 Producer and Stringer, H24 - Independent Television Agency, Turin, Italy
Supporting foreign tv correspondents and journalists during the broadcasting coverage of the 1997 World Ski Championship in Sestriere, Italy.

Conferences and talks

- February 2019 Lecture on “From an austere industrial city to the Thriving Cultural Capital of World-Class Museums and the Slow Food movement: the touristic rebirth of Turin” during Loyola University of Maryland’s Italian week in Baltimore.
- April 2017 Presentation on “Teaching Italian through the Advertising World in a course across the curriculum” at NEMLA (Northeast Modern Language Association)’s Annual Conference in Baltimore.

Volunteering and courses

During the period 2007-2012 I was not allowed to work due to my H-4 dependent-type visa status. Nevertheless, I carried out numerous personal projects and activities, such as writing a blog, attending courses at Johns Hopkins Odyssey Program, Coursera, and volunteering for our local public schools, teaching Italian language, art, culture and cooking classes.

Foreign Languages

Italian (native speaker)
English (Fluent)
French (Advanced)
Spanish (Conversational)
Latin and Ancient Greek (5 years in high school)

Citizenship and Immigration Status

Dual Citizenship (Italian and American).

Personal interests

I sang Soprano in the Johns Hopkins Choral Society for four years. I played in a small theatre company in Italy during university. I enjoy studying Linguistics and Geography, writing, photography, cooking and traveling.