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## EDUCATION

**M.A.** Italian Literature, **University of Virginia**, December 1993

**B.A. University of Zagreb**, Filozofski Fakultet

Coursework in Italian and Russian Language, Literature and Linguistics  
Zagreb, Croatia (1985-1991)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-present	Teaching Professor of Italian, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures Washington University in St. Louis
2012- 2020	Senior Lecturer in Italian, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures Washington University in St. Louis
2003-2012	Lecturer in Italian, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures Washington University in St. Louis
2006-present	Director of Italian Summer Language Institute
1997-2003	Lecturer, University of Michigan, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
2002	Director, Summer Language Institute, University of Michigan
2001	Instructor, elementary and intermediate Italian, summer term in Sesto fiorentino, Florence Program, Italy
1996-1999	Instructor, elementary and advanced Italian, Oakland Community College
1992-1993	Graduate Instructor, University of Virginia
1992-1993	Director, University of Virginia Summer Foreign Language Institute in Italian. Charlottesville, Virginia
1989-1991	Teacher and Translator, Linguest School of Language. Directed conversation and grammar courses in Italian, Russian and Croatian, Milan, Italy

## ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2008- 2017	Juror, Zerilli-Marimò-City of Rome Prize for Italian Narrative, Department of Italian Studies, New York University and Casa Italiana. Reading and ranking several contemporary narrative texts
2008- 2015	Reviewer, <i>Allegro</i> and <i>Percorsi</i> , textbooks for instruction of elementary Italian
1991-1993	Interpreter, University of Virginia Medical School, Gamma Knife Surgery Program

1985-1991 Translator and Interpreter for Italian, Croatia and Russian. Zagreb, Rovigo, Brescia, Milan

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Elementary language (101, 102, 106, 1015, 107 and 201)

Online language (UCollege 111)

Conversation classes (215, 301, and 2991)

Advanced grammar and composition classes (307, 308)

## **SERVICE**

### **At Washington University**

2019-present Fulbright Committee member  
2019-2020 Board member of Association of Teaching, Research and Practice Faculty  
2018-present Four Year Advisor  
2018-present Progress Counselor  
2014-present Certified Mental Health First Aid USA Responder, Washington University  
2014 Reader, Honors Thesis: Sophia Lauriello  
2012 Advisor for Minors in Italian  
2010-present Discussion Leader, Freshman Reading Program  
2010-present Faculty Associate for Elliot I  
2009-present Coordinator for Placement Exam in Italian  
2008 Presenter, Italian Film Festival USA  
2007-present Coordinator for First Year Italian  
2007 Organizer and participant, Relay for Life. Team leader for Italian Student club *Italo*  
2007 Organizer, QUIA textbook workshop: organized with the help of McGraw-Hill representative workshop for Italian instructors  
2006-2017 Organizer, *La Tavola Italiana*  
2005-2012 Liaison, *Italo* student club

### **Outside Washington University**

2020 Board member of Foreign Languages Association of Missouri (FLAM)  
2020 Deputy Conference Chair (FLAM)  
2019-present Mentor in Italian (American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages)  
2012- 2017 Liaison to Clayton High school Italian Club. Teaching the fundamentals of Italian language and culture. Organizing activities in community with the purpose of promoting Italian  
1999-2002 Adviser, CIAO (Cultural Italian American Organization) Club

## **WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

2020 Participant, FLAM Virtual Conference  
2020 Participant, The Educator Exchange Programs (Course Hero)  
2020 Participant, the Future Trends (in Education) Forums  
2020 Discussant, Virtual Symposium on AP World Languages (College Board)

- 2020 Organizer and presenter, The Language Teaching Fair, workshop for language teaching faculty, Washington University
- 2019 Participant in ACTFL 4-day workshop for OPI certification
- 2019 Participant, Now and Next in Learning and The Moth Storytelling, Scottsdale, AR
- 2019 Organizer and presenter, The Language Teaching Fair, workshop for language teaching faculty, Washington University
- 2016 Participant, Foreign Language Association of Missouri (FLAM), Kansas City
- 2014 Participant, Mental Health First Aid 2-day workshop, Washington University
- 2014 Participant, Italian Film Symposium at Indiana University in Bloomington
- 2013 Participant, Annual Carolina Conference on Romance Literatures, Chapel Hill
- 2010-2014 Participant, International Workshop for Instructors of Italian in Castelraimondo
- 2009 Participant, ACTFL conference in Orlando, Florida.
- 2008-2012 Participant, Teaching with Writing workshops, Teaching Center.
- 2007 Presenter, use of Telesis, university-based network, in classroom for teaching, grading and posting of important information.
- 2004-2017 Participant, Teaching and Technology Workshop, Teaching Center at Washington University
- 2001 Participant, Teaching Workshop for Instructors of Italian in Rome, Italy
- 1998-1999 Organizer, Italian cultural exhibitions, University of Michigan Museum of Art (Italian Women through the Centuries, Italian Cities, Rome)
- 1998-2000 Presenter, Use of video in foreign language instruction, Conference for the Teachers of Italian, Warren, MI
- 1998-2002 Presenter, teaching “Shock” Language Mini course at the Workshop for New Instructors, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
- 1996-2003 Participant, Conference for the Teachers of Italian, Warren, MI
- 1996-2002 Participant, Teaching Workshop week at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)  
 Foreign Language Association of Missouri (FLAM)  
 American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS)  
 College Board

### **HONORS**

- 2019 Teaching Fund Grant, Romance Languages Department
- 2010 Recognized for excellence and eminence in teaching, Women's Panhellenic Association
- 2001 Awarded scholarship for two-week course for *Aggiornameto* for the teachers of Italian sponsored by Dante Alighieri Society, Rome, Italy
- 1992-1993 Awarded Teaching Assistant and Annual Stipend, University of Virginia
- 1989 Won scholarship for 3 months study in Kiev, Ukraine
- 1988 Awarded scholarship for a semester of study at Università degli studi di Siena, Italy.