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EDUCATION:

presently enrolled: EdD, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (expected 2020)

2011: MA, Applied Linguistics, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, PA

2004: MA, Italian Language and Literature, Dept. of French and Italian, University of
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

2001: BA, Italian and Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, PA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2006-present: Italian Language Coordinator, Dept. of French and Italian, University of
Pittsburgh

- Preparation of language curriculum, including syllabi, exams and other means of assessment for elementary and intermediate courses
- Creation of new online textbooks and hybrid course materials
- Teaching two to three elementary, intermediate, and/or advanced level courses per semester, including all lesson plans, student assessment, etc.
- Mentoring and instructing new teaching assistants in teaching approaches
- Observation and assessment of teaching assistants and part-time instructors
- Co-creation and presentation of TA Orientation week
- Participation in the assessment of the language program and the GER for Italian 0002
- Faculty member or Faculty Director of the Pitt in Italy six-week summer program 2007-2013, 2016

2004-2006: Instructor, Dept. of French and Italian, University of Pittsburgh

- Preparation and teaching of three 5-credit courses per semester, Elementary and Intermediate Italian.
- Responsible for grading and assessment, lesson planning, holding office hours.
- Assisted in training incoming Ta's and other part-time instructors, writing/revising exams and syllabi.

Summer 2005: Language Curriculum Coordinator and Instructor, Abbey Road
Overseas Programs

- Supervised the writing of syllabi for three elementary and intermediate Italian courses and supervised the entire curriculum of all Italian programs for an American study abroad company based in Florence, Italy.
- Taught an intermediate course in Bologna, Italy in July 2005. Responsible for all grading and evaluations, lesson planning, and materials used in classroom. Lived with students and assisted in daily tasks and weekly excursions.

2002-2004: Teaching Assistant, Dept. of French and Italian, University of Pittsburgh

- Preparation and teaching of one 5-credit courses per semester, elementary Italian.
- Responsible for grading and evaluations, writing exams, lesson planning, holding office hours.

2002-2006: Private Italian Language Tutor, Pittsburgh, PA

- Tutoring and instructing private lessons to a wide variety of non-traditional students.

COURSES TAUGHT & DEVELOPED (Courses marked with an asterisk are ones that I have developed and have had approved by the Dietrich School and/or the Department for French and Italian):

- Elementary Italian I (ITAL 0001)
- Elementary Italian II (ITAL 0002)
- Elementary Italian I: Here and Now (ITAL 0101)*
- Elementary Italian II: There and Then (ITAL 0102)*
- Intermediate Italian I: What If (ITAL 0103)
- Intermediate Italian II (ITAL 0004)
- Modern and Contemporary Italy (ITAL 0113)*
- Elementary Italian I for Pitt in Italy (ITAL 0011)*
- Elementary Italian II for Pitt in Italy (ITAL 0012)*
- Italian for the Professions I (ITAL 0100)*
- Italian for the Professions II (ITAL 0200)*
- Italian Conversation: *Un'ora in più* (ITAL 0050)*
- Italian Conversation (ITAL 0055)
- Introduction to Literary Italian I (ITAL 0060) (Pitt in Italy course)
- Introduction to Literary Italian II (ITAL 0061) (“W” course)
- Food for Thought: Italian Food Culture (ITAL 0087)*
- Introduction to Italian Linguistics (ITAL 1032)* (“W” course)

CONFERENCES:

- June 2018: Attendee, Pedagogy and Theory of the Oppressed Conference, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- April 2018: Organizer and Chair of the session Academic Content in the Elementary and Intermediate L2 Classroom, Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Pittsburgh, 4/14/18
- April 2017: "Intercultural Competence and Multiculturalism in the Non-Traditional Language Curriculum", American Association for Italian Studies, U. of Ohio, 4/21/2017
- March 2017: "Beyond *campanilismo*: The Italian Food Industry and Teaching Multiculturalism", Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Baltimore, MD, 3/24/2017
- Feb. 2016: "Integrating Intercultural Competence in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum", (co-presented with Brett Wells, Ana Paula Carvahlo, & Dolores Lima), Northeast Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL), New York, NY, 2/13/2016
- May 2015: "'*Ero strasicuro di essere sprofondato...*': Helping Students Achieve in their Transition to the Advanced Level", Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Toronto, 5/2/2015
- March 2015: "Using Prezi as a Graphic Organizer in the Italian L2 Classroom", American Association for Italian Studies, University of Colorado, 3/27/2015
- March 2014: "Using Content-Based Approaches to Teach Linguistics in L2 Romance Languages", (co-presented with Brett Wells & Nausica Marcos), Second Language Acquisition & Teaching (SLAT) Roundtable, University of Arizona, 3/1/2014
- April 2013: "Content-Based Instruction at the Intermediate Level: Integrating Language, Grammar, and Culture", American Association for Italian Studies, University of Oregon, 4/11/2013
- April 2012: "Creative Writing Tasks in a Content Based Instruction Approach", Language Symposium 2012, University of Illinois at Chicago, 4/14/2012
- March 2012: "Content Based Instruction and Creative Communicative Activities", Northeast Modern Languages Association (NeMLA), Rochester, NY, 3/17/2012

April 2011: “Examining the Effectiveness of Method of Instruction and Teacher- and Learner-Led Discourse in Morphosyntactic Development”, American Association of Italian Studies, Pittsburgh, PA, 4/9/2011

AWARDS:

Summer 2018: UCIS New Course Development Grant to create a 1-credit language trailer for ITAL 0087 (Food for Thought)

Spring 2016: Tina & David Bellet Teaching Excellence Award

May 2011: EUCE New Course Development Grant for the redesign of Intermediate Italian II as a Content-Based Instruction course

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Summer 2018: Intensive course on content-based instruction at the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition at the University of Minnesota

May 2018: Provost’s Diversity Institute for Faculty Development, University of Pittsburgh

April 21, 2018: Theater of the Oppressed for Educators Workshop, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh

May-June 2017: Provost’s Diversity Institute for Faculty Development, University of Pittsburgh

Fall 2016: Extended Diversity Experience participant (Provost’s Diversity Institute for Faculty Development, University of Pittsburgh)

May-June 2016: Provost’s Diversity Institute for Faculty Development, University of Pittsburgh

January 2016: Co-presenter in the Language Program Coordinator workshop series led by Prof. Rick Donato (talk given on current use of technology in the classroom)

Fall 2015-present: Participation in Language Program Coordinator workshop series led by Prof. Rick Donato

Spring 2014: Speaking in the Disciplines Faculty Seminar, University of Pittsburgh

Spring 2011: Writing in the Disciplines Faculty Seminar, University of Pittsburgh

Nov. 2010: OPI Rater Certification Training Workshop, ACTFL, Boston, MA

SERVICE:

Fall 2018-present: Member of the Faculty Senate, Humanities Division

Spring 2018-present: Member on the Dietrich School Diversity Committee

Fall 2017-present: Secretary of the Faculty Affairs committee, University Senate

Fall 2017-present: Member of the Bellet Teaching Award Selection Committee

Fall 2017-present: Member, Heinz History Center Italian American Collection
Advisory Council

Fall 2017-present: Alternate Member, Academic Integrity Review Board, Dietrich
School of Arts and Sciences

Summer 2017-present: Chairperson, Italian Nationality Room, Nationality Rooms
Programs, University of Pittsburgh

Spring 2017-present: Faculty Advisor for the student organization GlamourGals, Pitt
Chapter

Fall 2016-present: Co-chair on the ad hoc Diversity Committee, Department of French
and Italian

Fall 2016-present: Member on the ad hoc Social Media and Website Committee,
Department of French and Italian

Fall 2014-present: Faculty Advisor for the student organization Italian Club

Fall 2012-present: Member of the Pittsburgh Committee of the Italian Film Festival
USA (co-organizer 2015, 2016), a 7-night film festival hosted
on campus that attracts 80-200 viewers per screening

- Fall 2015-2016: Elected member of the Planning and Budget Committee,
Department of French & Italian
- Fall 2015-Spring 2017: Member of the Faculty Senate ad hoc Committee on NTS
Faculty Issues
- Fall 2011, 2012: Faculty Mentor for 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholarship Applicants
(Italy)
- Spring 2011: Faculty Mentor, University Honors College Undergraduate
Teaching Assistantship
- Spring 2010-present: Participation in and development of Dietrich School-wide
assessment of 0002-level General Education Requirement
language courses with Prof. Rick Donato and Language
Program Coordinators in French, Spanish, Portuguese, German,
Slavic, Arabic, ASL, and Hebrew

REFERENCES: Available upon request.