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EDUCATION

2026 Ph.D. in Italian Studies, Rutgers University.
Defense Scheduled December 14th
Dissertation: "Resistant Landscapes: Partisan Memory and No-TAV across the Franco-Italian Alps"
Committee: Paola Gambarota, Andrea Baldi, Elena Past, Alessando Vettori

2023 M.A. in Italian Studies, Rutgers University.
- Rutgers in Rome, Rutgers University – Rome, Italy, 2022.

2020 B.A. in Italian and French, Marist University.
- Babilonia Center for Italian Language and Culture, Taormina, Italy, 2019.
- Université Grenoble Alpes – Grenoble, France, 2018.
- Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici – Florence, Italy, 2016-2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025-2027 University of Notre Dame - Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor
Intermediate Italian I, Let's Talk Italian I & II, Beginning Italian I & II, Beginning Intensive Italian.

2025 Marist University - Adjunct Professor
Elementary Italian I
200-level: Civilizations of Italy: *La sindrome Machiavelli*
300-level: Italian Cinema (Italian and English Sections)

2020-2025 Rutgers University - Instructor of Record
Content courses:
Italian for Reading Knowledge (Graduate)
200-level: The City of Rome
Language courses:
Elementary Italian I, II (face to face and online)
200-level: Composition and Stylistics (online)
Italian for Travel (face to face and online)
Italian Review (online)
Grader: Mafia Movies (Prof. Rosario Scalia)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025-26 **AP College Board, Cleveland, Ohio** (June)
Grader ('25), Table Leader ('26) for the *Italian Language and Culture Exam*

2025, '23, '22 **Rutgers University, RU in Rome**
Summer study abroad program in Rome, Italy
Interim Assistant Director; Instructor of Advanced Italian ('25).
Instructor of Italian, R.A., and Research Assistant for Dr. Vetri Nathan ('23); Language Tutor ('22)

2024 **New Jersey Italian Heritage Commission, New Brunswick, NJ**
Program Outreach

2024 **Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ**
Credit-granting summer language immersion program for H.S students in Montclair, NJ
Program Coordinator and Academic Leader – Summer Italian Intensive Program

2020 **John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, New York, NY**
Library and Archives Intern

2017-20 **Weiss Language Center, Marist University, Poughkeepsie, NY**
French & Italian Language Coach; Research Assistant.

2017-20 **Marist University, Poughkeepsie, NY**
Teaching Assistant of Italian (*Italian in a Digital Age*, *Italian Literature: The Voice of Women During the Shoah, and Elementary Italian I*).

2019 **Biblioteca Comunale di Taormina, Taormina, Italy**
Translation Specialist and Editor

2017-19 **Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens**
Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
Site Monitor, Teacher at Brooklyn College

2018 **Magazzino Italian Art, Cold Spring, NY**
Visitor Services Intern

2006-13 **Metropolitan Opera, The Children's Chorus, New York, NY**
Chorister in Carmen, La Bohème, Der Rosenkavalier, Turandot, Tosca, and Hansel and Gretel.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Reviews

2025 "Resistant Ecologies: *Transalpin* (Clara Nicholas and Lèo Gatinot, 2023)," vol. 31 (2023-2024), *La Fusta*.

2021 "Degrees of Separation: Jhumpa Lahiri's Translation of Domenico Starnone's *Trust*," *Reading in Translation*.

Conference Proceedings

2020 Belilovets, P., Gaugler, K., **Jacobs, S.**, & Matheus, C. "Conversational User Interfaces and Second Language Skills." *INTED2020 Proceedings: 14th International Technology, Education and Development Conference*. IATED, 2020, 1092–100. DOI: 10.21125/ inted.2020.0391.

Articles in Preparation

2026 "A Tale of Two Valleys: Resistance Memory and Environmental Mobilization along the Lyon–Turin Railway" (Submission planned for November, 2026)

2026 Jacobs, S., and A. Ak. "Vesuvian Cinema: Death by Archive in Gianfranco Rosi's *Below the Clouds* (2025)." (Submitted)

DIGITAL PROJECTS

Forthcoming	*Mountain Rebels: Oral Histories of the Susa Valley* - Oral history archive examining Resistance memory, environmental history, and contemporary No-TAV activism in the Susa and Maurienne Valleys.
2023 - 2025	Video Production Karima 2G Interview — Rutgers Italian Department • Supervisor: Dr. Vetri Nathan
2023	*Barriers to Integration: Voices of Latin-Americans in Italy* @italytoday.org, Co-founder: Ariana Guzman; Faculty Advisor: Carmela Scala
2017-present	Language and Culture Content Creator on Youtube • Movie Subtitling and Translation, Video Interviews on Italian Language and Culture, "Language Lens" (Honors Thesis Project: 2017-2019). https://www.youtube.com/@stevenalanjacobs
2019	Translator for "Amici del mare" by Tara Guaimano

INVITED GUEST TALKS

2024	"Road to Italian Studies Webinar," ITA, AATI.
2024	"Songs of Resistance" – Guitarist & Vocalist – Rutgers University.
2024	"Learn Italian through Music" – Guitarist & Vocalist – Montclair State University.
2023	"*Storia della Resistenza italiana*" – Rutgers University (Dr. Paola Gambarota).
2021	"Reconfiguring the Maternal in Ada Gobetti's *Diario partigiano*," Marist University.
2019	"Italian and French in Opera: Enhancing Vocal Expression Through Language," Metropolitan Opera Children's Chorus (Maestro: Anthony Piccolo).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

2026	"Le cantique déraciné : langue migrante et fraternité du vivant dans *Chant des créatures* de Nadine Ltaif." In preparation for *La langue migrante dans la poésie francophone*, Institut Catholique de Toulouse — online (November).
2026	"White Peaches, Racialized Geologies: Labor and Belonging in Espérance Hakuzwimana's *In One Piece,"* panelist, *Ecologies of Tomorrow*, Creativitas: Critical Explorations in Literary Studies – online (October). Article in preparation at request of organizing committee for special volume in the Creativitas Journal.

2026 "Queering Resistance and Ecological Belonging in Italian Protest Songbooks," Panelist, AATI – Rome (July).

2026 "Singing in a Toxic Atmosphere: Breath, Air, and Resistance in the No-Tav Movement," Panelist, NeMLA – Pittsburgh (March).

2025 "Workshop: Dissertations in Progress," Panelist, AATI – Princeton (April).

2025 "Revolutionary Strides: Ada Gobetti's Flâneuserie in *Diario partigiano*," Panelist, AAIS – Philadelphia.

2025 "Thinking Like a Mountain," Panelist, NeMLA – Philadelphia.

2025 "Traveling Slow in the Anthropocene," Roundtable, NeMLA – Philadelphia.

2024 "Mountain Rebels: Environmental Discourses from the *Resistenza* and No-Tav Movement," Panelist, *FIGGS 2024 Conference*, University of Pennsylvania.

2024 "*Lassù in montagna*: Modalities of Environmentalism" Panelist, NeMLA – Boston.

2024 "Testimonies of *resistenza* in the Valsusa," Food for Thought – Rutgers University.

2023 "Barriers to Integration in Modern Italy: A Digital Humanities Project," Food for Thought, Rutgers University.

2020 "*Lo sfacelo dei contenitori in 'Lacci' di Domenico Starnone*" Panelist, AATI & AAIS Joint Conference (canceled due to COVID-19)

2020 "Conversational User Interfaces and Second Language Skills" Panelist, International Technology, Education and Development Conference (INTED), Valencia, Spain.

2019 **"**Language Lens: Language Learning in the 21st Century," Honors Thesis Exhibit, Marist University.

PANELS ORGANIZED

2025 "Roundtable on Italian Feminisms," Organizer, Italian Graduate Society (IGS), Rutgers University (April).
Speakers: Jacqueline Reich, Clarissa Clò, Laura Di Bianco, Joseph Perna, Eugenia Paulicelli, Sara Colantuono.

2025 "Undergraduate Research in Italian Studies," Organizer and Session Chair, AATI – Princeton (April).

2025 "*Porpora*: Screening, Q&A, and *AntoloGaia* Book Presentation," Organizer, IGS, Rutgers University.
Speakers: Porpora Marasciano, Vittorio Martone, Sandra Waters, Francesco Pascuzzi.

2024 "Undergraduate Research in Italian Studies," Organizer and Session Chair, AATI – Perugia.

2024 "On Roberto Ferro," Organizer, IGS, Rutgers University
Speaker: Ryan Calabretta-Sajder

2023 "Masks: An Interdisciplinary Conference" Organizer, Italian Graduate Society (IGS), Eagleton Institute, Rutgers University.

2022 "Signs: An Interdisciplinary Conference" Session Chair, Italian Graduate Society (IGS), Eagleton Institute, Rutgers University

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026 Vito de Simone Summer Fellowship
2025 Joseph E. & Marie E. Baggiani Memorial Endowed Graduate Scholarship
2024 Award for Academic Service, Rutgers University.
2024 Travel Grant, AATI.
2024 William E. Roney Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Rutgers University.
2021 Summer Research Fellowship, Rutgers University.
2020 Dr. Raymond R. Weiss Memorial Scholarship, Marist University.
2018 Tina & Alphonse Gioielli Scholarship, Marist University.

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

2025-2027 Co-Curricular Event Organizer: Italian Trivia, Caccia al tesoro, Multi-Language Reading, Café français, University of Notre Dame.

2023 – 2025 Interpreter (Simultaneous from Italian to English) at live events, Rutgers University, Italian Department.

Antonio Dikele Di Stefano, Eraldo Affinati, Paolo Nori, Ginevra Lamberti, Giulia Caminito, Marco Savatteri, Porpora Marasciano.

2022 – 2025 Treasurer ('22-'23), Vice-President ('23-'24), President ('24-'25) – Italian Graduate Society – Rutgers University.

2024 Founder and Group Leader – "*Due chiacchiere*" Summer Italian Conversation Club - Rutgers University, Italian Department.

2023 Graduate Mentor – Ferrante Book Club – Rutgers University, Italian Department.

2023 Digital Library Manager – Rutgers University, Italian Department.

2022-2023 Graduate Advisory Committee Member – Rutgers University, Italian Department.

2022-2023 Graduate Student Liaison – Rutgers University, Italian Department.

2022 Website Committee - Rutgers University, Italian Department.

2022 Tour Guide – Rutgers in Rome, Italian Department.

LANGUAGES

English, native
Italian, near-native proficiency
French, superior proficiency
German, intermediate proficiency
Spanish, intermediate proficiency

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2019 "Learning a Language in the Library." *The Marist Circle*, October 22.

"How a Student's Study Abroad Experience Benefits Their Home Institution." *Babilonia Center for Italian Language and Culture*, November 1.

"Prince Street Pizza, Where the Sfincione Becomes the Classic 'Sicilian Slice.'" *La Voce di New York*, August 7.

"Despite the Schmaltzy Book Covers, the Neapolitan Novels Are Not 'Chick Lit.'" *La Voce di New York*, August 2. Also published in Italian as "*Nonostante le copertine sdolcinate, i romanzi napoletani non sono 'chick lit.'*"

"Evolving Perspectives on America and the World During Study Abroad." *La Voce di New York*, June 11.

"The Host Family Experience." *Babilonia*, April 17.

"How to Become a Local" *Babilonia*, April 3.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2026- **Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne — South Bend**
Volunteer ESL Tutor

2025- **St. Joe County Public Library, South Bend, Indiana**
French Conversation Group Leader

2018 **Collège Jules Flandrin, Corenc, France**
Volunteer English Teacher

2017 **Associazione Progetto Arcobaleno, Florence, Italy**
Volunteer Assistant Italian Teacher

REFERENCES

- Dr. **Paola Gambarota**, Rutgers University, Department of Italian Studies, Graduate Director: paola.gambarota@rutgers.edu
- Dr. **Marina Melita**, Marist University, Department of World Languages, Chair, Italian Program Coordinator, AATI President: maureen.melita@marist.edu
- Dr. **Carmela Scala**, Rutgers University, Department of Italian Studies, Language Program Coordinator, carmela.scala@rutgers.edu.
- Dr. **Tessa Gurney**, University of Notre Dame, Department of Romance Languages and Literature, Coordinator, tgurney@nd.edu
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