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# EDUCATION

Yale Graduate School, 1981-1987

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Institut d'Études Françaises d'Avignon, France

Bryn Mawr College, summer l982

Douglass College (Rutgers University), 1977-1981

B.A. 1981. Magna cum laude. Honors in Italian.

Triple major: Italian, Spanish, and French

Universidad de Valencia, Spain

Clarion State College, summer 1980

Università di Firenze, Università di Perugia, Italy

Rutgers Junior Year Abroad, academic year 1979-80.

# ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University, Department of Italian

Full Professor of Italian (2013-)

Director, Summer Program in Scandiano, Italy (1995-2001)

Associate Professor of Italian (1993-2013)

Assistant Professor of Italian (1988-1993)

University of Washington (Seattle), Dept. of Romance Languages & Literature;

Assistant Professor of Italian (1987-1988)

Southern Connecticut State University, Dept. of Foreign Languages

Instructor (1987)

Yale University School of Music; Lecturer (1986-1987)

Yale University Dept. of Spanish & Portuguese; Instructor (1986-1987)

Yale University Dept. of Italian Language & Literature; Instructor (1983-1986)

Yale University Summer Language Institute; Instructor (1986 and 1987)

# SCHOLARSHIP

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“*Il corredo*: Loss and Continuity in an Italian American Family.” *Embroidered Stories: Interpreting Women’s Domestic Needlework from the Italian Diaspora*. Eds. Edvige Giunta and Joseph Sciorra. Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, 2014. 313-25.

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Stephen Kolsky. *The Ghost of Boccaccio: Writings on Famous Women in Renaissance Italy*. Late Medieval and Early Modern Studies. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2005. *Renaissance Quarterly* 59.4 (Winter 2006): 1173-5.

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2016 “Teaching Ariosto through Folk Performance: Sicilian Puppet Theater and the Tuscan-Emilian Epic Maggio.” Ariosto conference sponsored by Johns Hopkins, Loyola, and Towson University.

“The Imaginative Space of the *Furioso* in Sicilian Puppet Theater.” *Ariosto after 500 Years*, conference sponsored by New York University, Hunter College, and Columbia University.

2015 “Italian Heritage Embroidery." Ocean County Library, Toms River, NJ.

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2001 Book presentation. "*Orlando Innamorato* per Ragazzi." Comune di Scandiano.

1999 "Joking Matters: Politics and Dissimulation in Castiglione’s *Book of the Courtier*.” Columbia College Dean's Day.

1998 "The Unraveling of the Civic Fabric: Ariosto’s Rewriting of Boiardo’s Justice Trilogy." Renaissance Society of America, College Park, Maryland.

1997 "History and Epic in the *Orlando Innamorato*." American Association of Italian Studies, Wake Forest.

Panel speaker on the Italian Renaissance for the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference entitled "Interaction of the Religious and the Secular: Conflicts, Conflations, and Accomodations," Columbia University.

1995 "Da Didone ad Armida: la funzione della donna-maga nella epica tassesca." International conference "Torquato Tasso e la cultura estense." Istituto di Studi Rinascimentali, Ferrara, Italy.

1994 "Orlando in Love." Columbia Literary Society.

"I cantieri boiardeschi del futuro." Round Table discussion, Italian Boiardo Quincentennial Conference, Italy.

"The Carolingian Conclusion to Orlando's Arthurian Adventures." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.

"Imitation in the *Orlando Furioso*." Philology and Criticism: a Research Seminar. Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, Columbia Univ.

1993 "The *Innamorato*'s Fonte del Riso Episode." The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America at Columbia Univ.

1992 "The Ending of the *Orlando Innamorato*." The Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies, Chicago.

1991 "Lust and Wrath at the Rocca Crudele (Boiardo's *Orlando Innamorato*)."

Northeast Modern Language Association. Hartford, CT

1989 "Didactic Allegory in the *Orlando Innamorato*." American Association of Teachers of Italian, Boston.

"The *Decameron* as Intertext in the *Orlando Innamorato*" and "The Genealogy of Angelica in the *Orlando Innamorato*." American Association of Italian Studies. Lowell, MA.

1988 "Elsa Morante and *Le straordinarie avventure di Caterina*." American Association of Italian Studies. Provo, UT.

"Narcissus and the Genesis of Love in Boiardo's *Orlando Innamorato*." Pacific Northwest Renaissance Conference. Eugene, OR.

"The Sacred and the Profane in Boiardo's *Orlando Innamorato*." Citadel Conference on Literature: The Poetry, Drama, and Prose of the Renaissance and Middle Ages. Charleston, SC.

1. "Bruno's *Candelaio*: A Hermetic Puzzle." Conference on the Renaissance at the Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies. Binghamton, NY.

**CONFERENCE / FESTIVAL ORGANIZER**

*La Pasqua Rosada:* 15th edition of annual festival of medieval and Renaissance chivalric events, Milan, May 27-30, 2004, dedicated to Boiardo following the discovery and identification of his mortal remains. Organized a symposium on the poet’s life and works with invited speakers from American and European universities, the Division of Scientific Investigation of Parma, and Italian radio and television (RAI). Arranged for theatrical performances based on the *Orlando Innamorato*, including staged dramatizations (L’Oranona of Certaldo, Compagnia Teatro Nuovo of Scandiano), puppet theater (Teatro Drammatico dei Pupi di Onofrio Sanicola), and an epic *Maggio* (Compagnia Maggistica Monte Cusna di Asta). Hosted by the Teatro Drammatico dei Pupi di Onofrio Sanicola. Sponsored by the City of Scandiano.

"Spallanzani's Biological Contributions 200 Years After His Death." Columbia University, October 29, 1999. Co-organizer. Sponsored by the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and by the Departments of Biological Sciences, Genetics & Development, and Italian.

"Boiardo 1994 in America." The American Boiardo Quincentennial Conference, Columbia University, October 7-9, 1994. Co-organizer. Sponsored by the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America at Columbia University, with the collaboration of the Department of Italian, Columbia University, the Istituto di Studi Rinascimentali, Ferrara, Italy, and the School of Liberal Arts, Purdue University.

### GUEST FACULTY LECTURER

Sicily: Crossroads of Mediterranean Civilizations. Columbia Alumni Travel/Study Program. April 21-May 1, 2006.

Fiuggi: Villa Life in the Italian Countryside. Columbia Alumni Travel/Study Program. Alumni Federation of Columbia University. October 11-19, 2000.

# GUEST CURATOR

"Boiardo and His World." Exhibit of Italian manuscripts and early editions from the Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library, October 1994.

# HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies, Modern Language Association of America, 2011.

Honored by the Compagnia Maggistica “Monte Cusna” di Asta and the Commune of Villa Minozzo for contribution to the Maggio tradition, XXXth Rassegna Nazionale del Maggio, Villa Minozzo (RE), August 2008.

Gift to the Columbia College Senior Fund made in my honor by former Literature Humanities student, Class of 2008.

Honored by the Commune of Villa Minozzo for contribution to the Maggio tradition, XXVIIIth Rassegna Nazionale del Maggio, Villa Minozzo (RE), August 2006.

Honored by the Region of Sicily as an Ambassador of Culture, COES. New York, 2005.

Honored by the Compagnia Maggistica “Monte Cusna” di Asta for contribution to the Maggio tradition, XXVth Rassegna Nazionale del Maggio, Asta (RE), August 2003.

Honored by the Provincia Regionale di Palermo and the Commune di Marineo for contribution to the study of Sicilian culture, 2002.

Honored along with nine other Italian-American women at the "Festa della Donna," Kutztown, Pennsylvania, 1995.

Summer research fellowship, CU Council for Research in the Humanities, 1989 & 1990.

Yale University Prize Teaching Fellowship Nominations, 1985, 1986. (In 1986 the alternate for the prize.)

Distinction, comprehensive exam, Yale University Italian Dept., 1985

National Italian American Foundation Academic Scholarship, 1986-1987.

Douglass Alumni Association, Margaret Denton Wagner Fellowship, 1986.

Scholarship, Institut d'Etudes Françaises d'Avignon, 1982

Yale University Fellowship, 1981-1985.

High Honors, Douglass College Romance Languages, 1981.

High Distinction in Italian, 1981

Dante Prize in Foreign Languages, 1981.

The Marguerite Lentz Richards Prize in French, 1981.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1981.

The National Foreign Language Honor Society, 1981.

The National French Honor Society, 1981.

The National Spanish Honor Society, 1981.

National Merit Scholarship Program finalist, 1977.

# Listed In

Who's Who in America; Who's Who in the East;

Who's Who Among Italian Americans; Directory of American Scholars;

Who's Who in the 21st Century; Who’s Who of American Women

Empire Who’s Who Among Executive and Professional Women Educators

Who’s Who in American Education;

The Global Directory of Who’s Who

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING (Columbia)**

*Graduate courses*:

Italian Quattrocento Civic Humanism; The Italian Renaissance Romance Epic I & II;

The Politics of Italian Renaissance Literature; Allegorical Literature of the Renaissance;

Forgotten Bestsellers of Sixteenth Century Italian Literature; Machiavelli;

Castiglione and Italian Court Culture; Tasso;

Renaissance Perspectives: Boiardo and Ariosto; History of the Italian Language;

Problematics of Desire in Medieval and Renaissance Literature

*Undergraduate courses*:

Chivalric Narratives in Italian Oral Tradition; Introduction to Italian Literature;

Petrarch and Boccaccio; Italian Renaissance Literature and Culture;

Florentine Writers from Dante to Michelangelo;

The Italian Renaissance Epic and its Classical Heritage;

Introduction to Italian Film; Italian Neorealist Cinema;

Fellini, Antonioni, Bertolucci (*also* Fellini); Literature Humanities I & II;

Nobility and Civility: East and West I & II (team-taught interdepartmental seminar)

**FACULTY SEMINARS/COLLOQUIA/WORKSHOPS**

University Seminar on Global and Interdisciplinary & Global Core Curricula, 2011-2015.

“Human Nature and the Natural World I.” Faculty Workshop on Transcultural Themes in Core Curriculum Development. Heyman Center in the Humanities. May-June 2006.

“New Trends in the Anthropology of Southern Europe.” The First International Summer School in Anthropology, University of Lecce, Italy, July 2005.

“Human Nature and the Natural World II.” Faculty Workshop on Transcultural Themes in Core Curriculum Development. Heyman Center in the Humanities. May-June 2005.

“The Material of Culture in Early Modern Europe.” Institute for Research on Women and Gender and Women’s Studies Program. February-March 1994.

**ASSOCIATIONS:**

Associated Scholar, Ludwig von Mises Institute, 2012-

Centro Studi Boiardo, Scandiano, Italy. 2003-

**MEMBERSHIPS**:

American Association for Italian Studies

American Association of Teachers of Italian

Ludwig von Mises Institute

Modern Language Association

Renaissance Society of America