

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

- 01/01/2013 – 04/04/2016 **PhD** in Philosophy. University of Parma, Italy
Thesis Supervisor: Stefano Caroti
(*awarded with distinction*)
- 01/10/2010 – 13/11/2012 **MA** in Philosophy. University of Florence, Italy
Thesis Supervisor: Vittoria Perrone Compagni
(*summa cum laude*)
- 01/10/2007 – 10/07/2010 **BA** in Philosophy. University of Florence, Italy
Thesis Supervisor: Vittoria Perrone Compagni
(*summa cum laude*)

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

- 01/09/2023 – 31/08/2026 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Global Fellow**
Università degli Studi di Macerata, University of Toronto

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- 28/08/2017 – 11/07/2023 **Benjamin Franklin Research Fellow**
Department of Italian Studies, University of Pennsylvania (USA)
- 28/08/2019 – 05/05/2020 **Adjunct Professor**
Department of Italian Studies, Arcadia University (USA)
- 01/09/2016 – 30/09/2016 **Research Fellow**
Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel (GERMANY)
- 20/09/2015 – 20/12/2015 **La Motta Chair Visiting Scholar**
Seton Hall University (USA)
- 15/09/2014 – 15/12/2014 **Visiting Scholar**
Department of Italian Studies, University of Warwick (UK)
- 18/01/2012 – 31/05/2012 **Erasmus Student**
Department of Philosophy, University of Limerick (IRELAND)

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 12/12/2023 – 12/12/2035 Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale per Storia della Filosofia (11/C5). II Fascia

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- 2024 – *Bruniana & Campanelliana. Ricerche filosofiche e materiali* (Editorial Board Member)
[Fascia A ANVUR: 11/C1, 11/C2, 11/C3, 11/C4, 11/C5].
- 2021 – *Mediterranea: International Journal on the Transfer of Knowledge* (Section Editor)
[Fascia A ANVUR: 10/N1, 11/A4, 11/C2, 11/C5].

PUBLISHED WORK

Books

Monographs

- *Machiavelli and Aristotle. Temporality, Ethics, and Moral Psychology*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2025. [in print] ISBN: 978-90-04-42047-2.
- *Chrysostomus Javelli's Epitome of Aristotle's Liber de bona fortuna. Examining Fortune in Early Modern Italy*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2021 (co-authored with Valérie Cordonier). ISBN: 978-90-04-41615-4.

Edited Volumes

- *Il mutamento politico nella prima età moderna*, Rome: Viella, 2026 [under contract] (co-edited with Alessio Panichi). ISBN: 978-5-070-22566-9.
- *Machiavelli and the Aristotelian Tradition*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2026 [under contract] (co-edited with Alessandro Mulieri). ISBN: 978-68-03-74981-3.
- *Late Ancient Thinkers and Their Renaissance Readers: The Afterlife of Late Ancient Philosophy in Early Modern Europe*, London-New York: Bloomsbury, 2025 [in print] (co-edited with Anna Corrias). ISBN: 978-7-040-28744-8.
- *Chrysostomus Javelli. Pagan Philosophy and Christian Thought in the Renaissance*, Cham: Springer, 2023 (co-edited with Luca Burzelli). ISBN: 978-3-031-27672-9.

Scientific articles (peer-reviewed)

- "From Greek to Latin Europe and Back: Recovering and Interpreting Theophrastus's *De odoribus* in the Early Modern Age", *Annals of Science* 82/3 (2025), pp. 98-121 [in print]. ISSN: 0003-3790.
- "A New Source for Girolamo da Cremona's Depiction of Aristotle", *The Burlington Magazine* [under review].
- "Aristotele, Machiavelli, Campanella: A proposito di una recente edizione di Kaspar Schoppe", *Bruniana & Campanelliana* 30/2 (2025), pp. 321-328. ISSN: 1125-3819.
- "Avempace (Ibn Bājjā) in Agostino Nifo's *De intellectu* (1503). A discussion on material intellect", *Giornale critico della filosofia italiana*, 105/2 (2024), pp. 303-319. ISSN: 0017-0089.
- "Girolamo Garimberti 'lettore aristotelico' di Machiavelli", *Bruniana & Campanelliana*, 28/2 (2022), pp. 565-581. ISSN: 1125-3819.
- "Per una storia della ricezione del *Liber de bona fortuna* nel Cinquecento italiano: Crisostomo Javelli e Girolamo Garimberti", *Giornale critico della filosofia italiana*, 103/1 (2022), pp. 112-131. ISSN: 0017-0089.
- "Odysseus goes to Florence. Notes on the first Italian translation of Homer's *Odyssey* (1582)", *Rinascimento*, 61 (2021), pp. 421-444. ISSN: 0080-3073.
- "From Epistemology to Politics: Machiavelli's Reworking of *Metaphysics* 982a 24-25 in *Discourses* I, 47", *Open Journal of Humanities*, 5 (2020), pp. 281-297. ISSN: 2612-6966.
- "A New Source for Giovanni Boccaccio's Concept of Fortune: The Pseudo-Aristotelian *Liber de bona fortuna*", *Heliotropia*, 16-17 (2019-2020), pp. 169-187. ISSN: 1542-3352 [Recipient of the Giuseppe Velli Prize for the best paper on Boccaccio in North America].
- "Il camaleonte e il centauro. Note sull'antropologia di Giovanni Pico e Niccolò Machiavelli", *Schifanoia* 47 (2014), pp. 127-135. ISSN: 0394-5421.

Chapters in books (peer-reviewed)

- “Recovering and Translating Philoponus’ *Physics* in Renaissance Italy”, in *Late Ancient Thinkers and Their Renaissance Readers: The Afterlife of Late Ancient Philosophy in Early Modern Europe*, London-New York: Bloomsbury, 2025, pp. 98-123. [in print] (co-edited with Anna Corrias).
- “Machiavelli on Ambition: Some Remarks on Sources and Terminology”, in *Machiavelli and the Anatomy of Passions*, edited by Valentina Serio and Alessio Panichi, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2025 (“Thinking in Extremes: Machiavellian Studies”), pp. 246-269. [in print]. ISBN: 978-3-509-75093-7.
- “Battere la fortuna: Cautela, violenza, e impeto in Machiavelli”, in *Le passioni della politica. Storia, storiografia ed emozioni a Firenze fra Quattro e Cinquecento*, a cura di Lucio Biasiori, Giovanni Ferroni, Alessio Panichi, Roma: Viella, 2024, pp. 109-128. ISBN: 979-12-5469-3030-2.
- “Philoponus’ natural philosophy in the medieval Byzantine world: Psychological and cosmological debates”, in *The reception of John Philoponus’ Natural Philosophy: Aristotelian Science from Late Antiquity to the Renaissance*, edited by Emmanuele Vimercati, London-New York: Bloomsbury, 2024, pp. 109-125..
- “Neither Plato nor Aristotle: Javelli’s Project of Christian Philosophy”, in *Chrysostomus Javelli. Pagan Philosophy and Christian Thought in the Renaissance*, edited by Tommaso De Robertis and Luca Burzelli, Cham: Springer, 2023, pp. 211-230.
- “Platonic Science in the Vernacular. Sebastiano Erizzo’s Italian Translation of Plato’s *Timaeus* (1557)”, in *Harmony and Contrast: Plato and Aristotle in the Early Modern Period*, edited by Anna Corrias and Eva Del Soldato, Oxford-London: Oxford University Press, 2022 (“Proceedings of the British Academy”, 238), pp. 206-230. ISBN: 978-01-972-6729-5.
- “Pontano e Machiavelli su fortuna, virtù e prudenza. Il XXV capitolo del Principe”, in *Riflessioni storico-filosofiche sul Principe di Machiavelli*, a cura di Ercole Erculei and Giorgio Grimaldi, Roma: Carocci, 2015, pp. 77-99. ISBN 978-88-430-7749-6.

Encyclopedia entries (peer-reviewed)

- “Spina, Bartolomeo”, in *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, edited by Marco Sgarbi, Abingdon-New York: Springer, 2022, pp. 3095-3097. ISBN: 978-3-319-14168-8.
- “Thiene, Gaetano da”, in *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, edited by Marco Sgarbi, Abingdon-New York: Springer, 2022, pp. 1309-1311. ISBN: 978-3-319-14168-8.

CONFERENCES

Conferences organized

01/12/2025	“Machiavelli e la tradizione aristotelica”. Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università degli Studi di Macerata (Italy)
14/02/2025	“John Philoponus. Texts, Contexts, Reception”. Center for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto (Canada)
30/03/2019 – 31/03/2019	“UPenn French and Italian Society Annual Conference (FIGS)”, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (USA)

Panels organized (selection)

05/12/2025	“Transfer Discontinued. Stories of failed transfers of knowledge”. SOFIME International Conference, Cordoba (Spain)
12/06/2024	“The new science of John Philoponus: Motion, space, elements at the threshold of the scientific revolution”. SCIENTIAE Annual Conference, Brussels (Belgium)
31/05/2022	“Early modern Italian thought in a global context (1400-1700)”. American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS) Conference, Bologna (Italy)
01/06/2021	“Intercultural dialogue and scholarly exchange. Italian writers in the Mediterranean and beyond (1400-1700)”. AAIS Conference (online format)

Panels chaired (selection)

- 31/05/2022 “Early modern Italian thought in a global context (1400-1700)”. AAIS Conference, Bologna (Italy)
- 15/05/2022 “Global Dante (1800 to present). Translations, Transformations, Adaptations”. AAIS Conference (online format)
- 01/06/2021 “Intercultural dialogue and scholarly exchange. Italian writers in the Mediterranean and beyond (1400-1700)”. AAIS Conference (online format)
- 19/03/2019 “Reading Virtues. The *Ethica* section in Wolfenbüttel and early modern moral culture”. Renaissance Society of America (RSA) Conference, Toronto (Canada)

Refereed Conference Papers

- 12/06/2024 “Road to a tridimensional paradigm: John Philoponus on physical space and his early modern readers”. SCIENTIAE Annual Conference, Brussels (Belgium)
- 22/03/2024 “The sense of smell in the Italian Renaissance”. Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Chicago (USA)
- 09/06/2023 “The reception of Theophrastus’ *De odoribus* in Renaissance Europe”. SCIENTIAE Annual Conference, Czech Academy of Science, Prague (Czech Republic)
- 30/09/2022 “Too much to remember. Lodovico Dolce on how to expand human memory”, Festival of the Humanities, University of Macerata (Italy)
- 26/08/2022 “A heterodox approach: Plato’s *Timaeus* as a work on philosophical method in 15th and 16th century Italy”. Société Internationale pour l’Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale (SIEPM) Conference, Paris (France)
- 31/05/2022 “Theophrastus’ views on olfactory perception in Renaissance Italy”. AAIS Conference, Bologna (Italy)
- 02/04/2022 “Sensing with the ancients. Greek and Arabic sources on smell in Renaissance Italy (1400-1600)”. Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Dublin (Ireland)
- 29/02/2020 “Towards a trans-cultural history of solitude: 12th to 16th centuries”. Delaware Valley Medieval Association Conference, Philadelphia (USA)
- 03/05/2019 “Challenging the canon of translation. Sebastiano Erizzo’s Italian translation of Plato’s *Timaeus* (1557)”. Journal of the History of Ideas Symposium, Philadelphia (USA)
- 18/03/2019 “Platonic science in the vernacular. Sebastiano Erizzo’s Italian version of Plato’s *Timaeus* (1557)”. Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Toronto (Canada)
- 15/06/2018 “A new source for Boccaccio’s concept of fortune. The pseudo-Aristotelian *Liber de bona fortuna*”. AAIS Conference, Sorrento (Italy)

Invited Conference Papers

- 14/02/2025 “Recovering and interpreting Philoponus’ *Physics* in Renaissance Italy”. John Philoponus: Texts, Contexts, Reception, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto (Canada)
- 23/09/2024 “Aristotle on *topos*”. Collaborative Specialization in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (CSAMP) Proseminar Series, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto (Canada)
- 09/02/2024 “Towards a new conception of physical space: John Philoponus and his Renaissance readers”. Convivium Seminar Series, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto (Canada)
- 19/10/2023 “Philoponus’ natural philosophy in the medieval Byzantine world (11th-15th centuries): Psychological and cosmological issues”. John Philoponus and Aristotelian Science from Late Antiquity to the Renaissance, Pontificia Università Lateranense, Rome (Italy)
- 29/04/2022 “Chrysostomus Javelli’s epitome on the *Liber de bona fortuna*”. Renaissance Philosophy Online, University of Macerata (Italy)
- 19/02/2018 “The *Liber de bona fortuna* in Renaissance Florence”. International Workshop on “Fates of a book. The *Liber de bona fortuna* between medieval and Renaissance uses”, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel (Germany)

02/02/2016	“‘Bene fortunatus est sine racione habens impetum’. Traces du <i>Liber de bona fortuna</i> dans la Florence de Machiavel”. Journée d’étude sur “Le <i>Liber de bona fortuna</i> dans la culture textuelle latine (13 ^e -18 ^e siècles)”, Université Paris Diderot, Paris (France)
13/10/2014	“Aristotle or Machiavelli? Ancient philosophy within Machiavelli’s political thought”. Italian Studies Colloquia, University of Warwick (UK)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

15/06/2020	Certificate of Excellence in Teaching [Awarded by the School of Arts & Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania for outstanding teaching performance in the A.Y. 2019-2020. Success rate: 25%]
10/10/2019	Certificate in Global Middle Ages and Renaissance [Awarded by the University of Pennsylvania for research contributions in the field of medieval and Renaissance studies from a global perspective]
05/05/2018	Giuseppe Velli Prize [Awarded by the American Boccaccio Association for the best scientific article on Boccaccio in North America. Success rate in 2018: 10%]

COMPETITIVE FUNDING RECEIVED

DATE	Type of Grant	Granting Institution	Amount	Success Rate
11/02/2023	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Global Fellowship	European Research Council	280.202,88 EUR	12%
04/05/2022	GAPSA Travel Grant for RSA Conference in Dublin	University of Pennsylvania	780,00 USD	25%
01/07/2021	Penfield Research Fellowship for doing archival research in Europe	University of Pennsylvania	5.000,00 USD	30%
01/07/2020	Salvatori Research Fellowship for doing archival research in Europe	University of Pennsylvania	3.000,00 USD	15%
04/05/2018	GAPSA Travel Grant for RSA Conference in Toronto	University of Pennsylvania	600,00 USD	25%
15/04/2017	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania	250.000,00 USD	15%
30/04/2016	Overworld Fellowship for research mission at Seton Hall	University of Parma	2.400,00 EUR	10%
23/11/2012	PhD Scholarship	University of Parma	45.000,00 EUR	17%

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Modern languages

Italian	Native
English	Near Native
French	Intermediate
Spanish	Independent in reading, basic in speaking and writing

Ancient languages

Latin	Advanced reading and philological competences
Ancient Greek	Advanced reading and philological competences
Classical Arabic	Intermediate reading and basic philological competences