

Curriculum Vitae
MARIA CRISTINA GILIBERTI

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Experience

- **Italian Lecturer** Rice University **2014 to present**
Teach Elementary Italian I & II and Intermediate Italian I & II as part of Center for Languages and Intercultural Communication. This includes development of the curricula, syllabi, and lesson plans, selecting texts and other teaching materials (e.g. audiovisual), designing learning activities and tutoring students.
Involved in creating an Italian Study Abroad program.

- **Italian Lecturer** University of Houston **2010 to present**
Teach Elementary Italian I & II, Intermediate Italian I & II, and Accelerated Italian courses as part of Modern & Classical Language department. This includes development of the curricula, syllabi, and lesson plans, selecting texts and other teaching materials (e.g. audiovisual), designing learning activities and tutoring students.
Advisor of "Circolo Italiano", which is a student run Italian club whose purpose is to connect students with the Houston Italian community and provides support for U of H Italian students in their studies.
Assisted in coordinating the selection of scholarship recipients.

- **Italian Teacher** Italian Cultural and Community Center, Houston, Texas **2009 to 2014**
Otsola Settlement Education Center, Pori, Finland **2007/2008**
Nicolet College, Rhinelander, Wisconsin **2005/2006**
Taught Italian language to adult students studying Italian culture. Developed curricula, syllabi, lesson plans, and activities.

- **Italian Teacher** Bellaire High School, Houston, Texas **February to May 2010**
Long-term substitute assignment teaching 3rd and 4th year students

- **Italian Teacher** University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas **February to May 2010**
Long-term substitute assignment teaching beginning students

- **Italian Teacher** St. Peter's High School, Staten Island, New York **1991 to 1992**
Taught Italian language and Italian history curricula as a native Italian speaking Visiting Teacher, and provided tutoring to students in need of additional assistance. As a prerequisite to obtaining one of the four available positions of Visiting Teacher, it was necessary to pass an initial nationwide (Italy) educational background screening process, and then to subsequently pass a further screening interview conducted by a commission of the Italian Foreign Ministry.

- **English Teacher** School of Nursing, Martina Franca Public Hospital, Italy **1994 to 1995**
Taught English language, as well as English medical terminology to students of nursing. Developed curricula, syllabi, lesson plans, and activities.

- **Import Officer** General Trade S.p.A., Martina Franca, Italy **1994**
Managed importation and exportation activities of toys and house wares imported from China and toys and house wares exported to Greece. Responsible for: compilation of all required documentation (including fiduciary) relative to import/export activities; all translation work (English to Italian and vice versa); communications with foreign clients and suppliers; etc. Conducted one month procurement visit to Taipei, Hong Kong, and Guangzhou, China.

- **Translator** Independent service provider to Telecom Italia **1990 to 1995**
Provided translation services (English to Italian) of numerous texts related to the telecommunications industry

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- **Private Tutor** Independent service provider **1990 to 2003**
Provided English lessons to students of various nationalities (Italian, Korean) and of all age and skill levels

Education

- **Ph. D. in Italian Studies** University of Bari, Italy **2000**
(Dottorato di Ricerca in Italianistica - l'Università degli Studi di Bari)
Ph. D. dissertation entitled "Pirandello in America: Dati di Cronaca, Percorsi di Critica e Teoria"
- **Masters Degree in Foreign Language and Literature** University of Bari, Italy **1990**
(Laurea in Lingue e Letterature Straniere - Università degli Studi di Bari)
Obtained with "Highest Honors" (110/110 + Lode)
Masters thesis entitled "Pirandello e lo Humour Inglese (Tra Rivalutazioni del Comico e Antinomie dell'Arte Umoristica)"

Additional Activities, Publications and Courses

- Attended Workshop by Silvia Kunitz , Kate White, *Noticing*, CLIC – Rice University, October 15th, **2015**
- Attended Workshop by Prof. Richard F. Young, *Interactional Competence*, Rice University, September 26th, **2015**.
- Attended Workshop by Silvia Kunitz, *Multipart oral exam*, CLIC – Rice University, September 10th, **2015**
- Attended Lecture by Prof. Richard F. Young, *Personal Moments of Schooling in the History of Persons*, CLIC - Rice University, September 25th, **2015**.
- Attended CLIC New faculty Workshop; August 17th – 21st, **2015**.
- Attended CLIC Professional Development Workshop: Feb 5 - Post docs; March 12th - Curricular Designers; April 16th - Curricular Designers- Rice University **2015**
- Attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Annual Convention and World Language Expo – Reaching Global Competence in San Antonio. Heard numerous lectures on teaching methodologies for Italian as a second language. **2014**
- Attended workshop "Teaching Language through Film" presented by Dr. Kayla Price, University of Houston – **2014**
- Attended conferences organized by the U of H Italian Department and Italian Consulate of Houston where exponents of modern Italian culture (such as the poet Erri De Luca and the film director Marina Spada) were invited to lecture. **2011 to 2015**
- Member of the examination commission for the Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri (PLIDA) examinations conducted at the Italian Cultural & Community Center (ICCC), Houston – **2011 & 2014**. PLIDA exams are intended for Italian as a second language students, and successful completion allows them to attend an Italian university.
- Member of the examination commission of the annual Concorso Letterario sponsored by the Italian Consulate in Houston in order to promote Italian culture in US schools, and extended to all Italian students in middle and high school in the Houston area.
- Member of the Italian Cultural & Community Center (Houston) – **2010 to present**. As member have volunteered for numerous events, such as the annual Festa Italiana.
- As part of Ph. D. research activities, organized, presented and taught numerous seminars on literary criticism at the University of Bari.
- Attended numerous Italian literary conventions. Associated activities included the preparation of accounts of convention activities, some of which were published in Italian literary journals.
- "I Sei Personaggi a New York", published in the 'Annali della Facoltà di Lingue e Letterature Straniere', Terza Serie, 1999, XIII of the University of Bari, Italy.

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- Course on Perfection of Teaching Methods, University of Bari – **1998 to 1999**
- English Language Course, Stella Maris Language School, Malta – **1990**
- Full immersion English language course, organized by Centro Turistico Studentesco, London, England – **1984**