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Education

- Ph.D.** **Yale University**, New Haven (August 2023 - present)
Combined degree in the Department of Italian Studies and the Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- B.A.** **Princeton University**, Princeton (August 2018 - May 2023)
A.B. in French and Italian, Magna Cum Laude, Thesis: *"Coming Out" of Sanremo: La Rappresentazione Queer Nella Musica Italiana.*
Advisor: Simone Marchesi

Academic Employment

- Research Assistant**, Princeton University, Spring 2023.
- Tirocinante Estiva, Semicerchio Rivista di Poesia Comparata**, Florence, Italy, Summer 2022
- Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development**, Remote, Summer 2020

Scholarships and Grants

- European Studies Council Conference Travel Grant**, Yale University, Spring 2025
- Dean's Fund for Research, Workshops, Seminars, and Colloquia** for the Yale Diversity & Italian Studies Working Group, Yale University 2024-2025
- European Studies Council Grant** for the Yale Diversity & Italian Studies Working Group, Yale University, 2024-2025
- MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant**, Yale University, Fall 2024
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Graduate Scholarship**, Summer 2024
- MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant**, Yale University, Summer 2024
- The Isa and Avi Mehta Graduate Student Research Grant**, Program in WGSS, Yale University, Spring 2024
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Graduate Scholarship**, Summer 2023
- Dean's Fund for Research, Workshops, Seminars, and Colloquia** for the Yale Diversity & Italian Studies Working Group, Yale University 2023-2024
- Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration (RITM) grant** for the Yale Diversity & Italian Studies Working Group, Yale University, 2023-2024
- European Studies Council Grant** for the Yale Diversity & Italian Studies Working Group, Yale University, 2023-2024
- Streicker International Fellows Program**, Office of International Programs, Princeton University, Summer 2022

Honors

Gamma Kappa Alpha (Italian National Honors Society), Princeton University, 2023

Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University, 2020

Conference Presentations

“Ti ritrovo ovunque’: Trans* Narratives of Coherence and Incoherence in *Dolore minimo*”, Philadelphia, **AAIS Annual Conference**, March 13th-15th 2025.

“Una madre atipica”: The Familial and Familiar Trans Self, Baltimore, *Mutamenti. Alien Perspectives*. Johns Hopkins University, October 25th-26th 2024.

“Amor cieco et inerme”: Towards a Gendered Model of Sight and Blindness in the *Rime sparse*, Sorrento, **AAIS Annual Conference**, June 6th-9th 2024.

“In me movendo de’ begli occhi i rai”: A Gendered Reading of Vision in Petrarch’s *Rerum Vulgarium Fragmenta*, New York, *MARGIN Symposium: Kinesis and Stasis*, New York University, April 26th 2024.

“In me movendo de’ begli occhi i rai”: A Gendered Reading of Vision in Petrarch’s *Rerum Vulgarium Fragmenta*, New Haven, *Yale Medieval Lunch*, Yale University, February 27th 2024.

Academic Activity

Co-organizer, *Yale Diversity & Italian Studies Working Group*, Fall 2023-present

Co-organizer, *Mutamenti. Alien Perspectives*. Graduate Student Conference Yale-Johns Hopkins, Johns Hopkins University, 25th-26th October 2024.

Departmental and University Service

Co-organizer, *Queer Italian Pasta*, Yale University, 2023-present.

Film Selection Committee, *Annual Yale Film Festival of New Italian Cinema*, Yale University, 18th-21st April 2024.

Mentor, *Undergraduate Research Conference*, Department of Italian Studies, Yale University, Spring 2024.

Leader of “Italian Conversation Hour”, Department of French and Italian, Princeton University, Spring 2023.

Languages

English (native)

Italian (as good as native fluency)

Latin (reading knowledge)

Spanish (reading knowledge)