

# Gina R. Pietrantonì

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## Profile

I am an experienced higher education language teaching professional with significant commercial publishing and consulting experience.

I have planned and taught language programs at a variety of ability levels in both academic and private settings, face-to-face, blended, and online. I have developed, co-authored and edited leading instructional texts and course materials for Italian language instruction and AP testing. My particular interests are the development of language and cultural proficiency and of instructional material. I enjoy working independently as well as in a team environment. I have extensive experience in organizing and fostering community activities.

## Education

**Master of Arts in Didactics and Promotion of Italian language and Culture to Foreigners**  
University of Venice 2004

**Bachelor of Arts (*Laurea*) in Foreign Languages and Literatures -Russian and English,** 2000  
University of L'Aquila - 110/110 *cum laudae*

## Teaching Experience

**Arizona State University, School of International Letters and Cultures, Tempe, Arizona**

*Instructor, Italian program* 2009-present

- Teaching Elementary and Intermediate Italian courses, face-to-face, hybrid, and online
- Curriculum development for online courses at the undergraduate and graduate level
- Community outreach liaison
- Graduate Foreign Language Exam advisor
- Study abroad program in *San Severino*, second faculty: chaperon during trips and tutor.

**University of Colorado at Boulder, French and Italian Department, Boulder, Colorado**

*Lecturer of Italian* 2001-2003

- Teaching Elementary Italian courses. 2006-2008
- Curriculum development for Italian Conversational Skills for the Continuing Education Program.

**Infobasic Srl, Pescara, Italy**

*Instructor of English as Second Language* 2004-2005

- Development and teaching of a new customized English course for adults geared toward the ESOL

## Language consulting and publications

### **National Foreign Language Center, University of Maryland**

2013-2016

-Segment Selector & Content Developer/ Reviewer for the development of VLO (Video Learning Object) Research and select video passages based on length, level, topic and other project guidelines and create linguistic and culture check activities based on the video passage. Assist with the development of background notes for the VLO. Provide additional reference resources for the learner in the target language.

- Target Language Expert and Reviewer for the development of testing material for the Defense Language Proficiency Test; responsible for collecting listening passages in Italian and developing multiple-choice items based on the ILR (Interagency Language Roundtable) scale.

### **Educational Testing Services**

2012- 2015

-Consultant for the AP Italian Language and Culture exam; responsible for the research of testing material for the reading component of the exam for third and fourth semester; responsible for searching reading *realia* stimuli and the transcription of audio files for first and second semester.

### **McGraw-Hill Education**

2002-2012

-Contributing writer for online adaptive learning program LearnSmart for *Avanti!*

-Contributing author for *Prego!* 8<sup>th</sup>ed., Elementary Italian textbook

-Contributing writer for *Prego!* 7<sup>th</sup>edition, Introductory Italian Textbook

-Contributing writer for *In Giro per l'Italia* 2<sup>nd</sup>edition and *Prego!* 6<sup>th</sup>edition, Testing Program

-Contributing writer for *In Giro per l'Italia* 2<sup>nd</sup>edition and *Prego!* 6<sup>th</sup>edition, Testing Program

### **Vista Higher Learning**

2010

-Contributing writer for *Immagina*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Intermediate Italian Textbook

-Contributing writer for *Immagina*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Interactive Testing Program

-Contributing writer for *Sentieri*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Introductory Italian Textbook

## Presentations

- October 21, 2017 Italian Language and Culture Conference: Innovation in Italian Programs and Pedagogy Georgetown University, Washington D.C.: presentation with E. Minardi, in progress.

- October 6-7, 2017: AZLA conference: presentation with E. Minardi, in progress.

- December 4 2015: Cave Creek Unified School District: "*Welcome to Italian!*" a presentation to high school students to promote an Italian club.

- October 3, 2015, AZLA conference, G. Pietrantoni & E. Minardi: "*Creating new gateways: diversify to engage.*" Tempe, AZ

- November 2012, ACTFL C. Dal Martello, S. Palaich, G. Pietrantoni: "*Hybrid and online courses: Are students really learning?*" Philadelphia

-2006, University of Colorado at Boulder: "*L'Abruzzo: storia e natura*"

## Community outreach

- Italian Film festival: committee member for the selection of the movies to be screened 2016-present
- Student night at the Opera, liaison with AZ Opera for the annual event 2014-present
- Italian in school: fostering the teaching of Italian in grade schools in the Phoenix area. 2014-present

## Book reviews

- October 2015: book review of *New Italian Espresso*, by Alma Edizioni, Italy.
- May 2015: Review of a proposal textbook for Italian for Spanish Speakers, by Hackett Publishing Co.
- May 2012: Review of *Piazza: Luogo d'incontri*, by Cengage Learning.
- July 2011: Review of *Chiaro*, by Alma Edizioni as a proposal adaptation for Pearson publishing.

## Translations

- November 2014, *Advanced Clinical Nursing in Arizona* (56 pages) by Anne G Rosenfeld, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN Professor and Associate Dean for Research University of Arizona. Translation from English to Italian. Work presented at Teaching Seminar Lecturers: Advanced practice nursing in cardiology: Italy and USA
- July 2014, *Eusebio Chini and his family, from Segno to Mezzocorona*, translation from Italian to English, Copy Editor, Arizona State University
- May 2012, *Eusebius Franciscus Chini, SJ (1645-1711) A chronology for the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth*, by Professor Peter Horwath, Copy Editor, Arizona State University
- 2008, *Schiavi armati e formazione di eserciti privati nel mondo tardo-antico* by Noel Lenski Ph.D presented at the Convention "Ordine e sovversione nel mondo greco e romano, in Atti del convegno internazionale. Cividale del Friuli.
- 2008, *I suoli delle tartufaie in Abruzzo*, by Dott. Chiuchiarelli Iginio and Dott. Santucci Sergio Presented at the III Convegno Internazionale del Tartufo, in Atti del convegno internazionale Spoleto
- 2000, *Nicolaus Copernicus* a research translation

## Personal interests and other skills

Instructional material development.

Bilingualism; Italian Grammar and Linguistics; Italian Immigration Literature

Languages: Italian native speaker; English: proficient; Russian: conversant, Spanish beginner

Operating systems and software: Windows Office applications (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)

Adobe Acrobat; Blackboard; Web and e-mail (Outlook, Gmail, other webmail, FTP), Skype, Adobe Connect

## Professional Affiliations and references

**ACTFL** American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language

**AATI** American Association Teachers of Italian

**AZLA** Arizona Language Association

References

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