

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.A. **Italian Literature.** Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 1998
Concentration: Modern Italian Literature.
Thesis: Come nasce un partigiano: Le motivazioni dei personaggi nelle principali opere della resistenza italiana.

B.A. **English and Italian Languages and Literatures.** University of Zagreb, Croatia. 1993
Thesis: Pidgins and Creoles in American English.

Professional experience

Lecturer, Italian Program, School of International Letters and Cultures, Arizona State University. 2009 - present

Senior Lecturer 2017 – present

Lecturer 2011 – 2017

Faculty Associate 2009-2011

Courses taught: ITA 101, 102, 111, 110, 201, 210, 311, 194, 294, 394, 484, 494, 101 online, 102 online, 201 online, 202 online, 494 online.

Director, Summer Study Abroad Program, San Severino Marche, Italy, Arizona State University. 2014, 2017

Lecturer and Coordinator of Elementary Italian Program, Department of Romance Languages, University of Michigan. 1998 - 2009

Courses taught: ITA 101, 102, 103, 231, 232, 340, 345.

Director, Summer Study Abroad Program, Sesto Fiorentino, Italy, University of Michigan. 2006, 2007

Adjunct Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. 1997 - 1998

Courses taught: ITA 1010, 1020, 2010.

Translator and Head of the Italian Division, Profikon Ltd. Zagreb, Croatia 1993 - 1996

Partner and co-owner of a translation company. Simultaneous and consecutive translation at conferences, business and political meetings. Written translations from and to Italian, English and Croatian for the Croatian and Italian Governments, as well as Croatian and foreign companies.

Worked with foreign journalists and television stations covering current events in Croatia and Bosnia during the war: TV Svizzera Italiana (Italian Swiss TV), Canadian News Agency, Los Angeles Times, Folha

de São Paulo (Brazil), TF1 (France), Grazia (Italy).

Trained new translators and interpreters.

Publications

Capek-Habeković, Romana, and Sandra Palaich. *Parola a te!* Boston: Heinle-Cengage Learning, 2009. Print.

Textbook for intermediate and advanced culture and conversation courses.

Capek-Habeković, Romana, and Sandra Palaich. "Evaluating Cultural Proficiency in an Upper-Level Italian Culture Course." *New Approaches to Teaching Italian Language and Culture: Case Studies from an International Perspective*. Ed. Emanuele Occhipinti. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008. 403-430. Print.

Grants and Awards

Lecturer of the year, Arizona State University	2016
Nominated for the 2012-2013 ASASU Centennial Professor Award	2013
University of Michigan. Lecturers' Professional Development Grant to present at the annual AAIS Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado	2007
University of Michigan. Lecturers' Professional Development Grant to present at the annual AAIS/AATI Conference in Genoa, Italy	2006
University of Michigan. Lecturers' Professional Development Grant for work on the project "Italian Legends and Fables Online".	2004
University of Michigan. Lecturers' Professional Development Grant to attend the IALLT Conference	2003
The Italian American Cultural Society, Detroit, Michigan. Award for "academic excellence in the Italian language."	1997
The Dante Alighieri Society, Detroit, Michigan. Scholarship as "recognition for excellent work in the Italian language and superior scholarly pursuits".	1997

Service

SILC Language Pedagogy Advisory Committee	2014 - present
Peer Review Subcommittee	
Intensive Track Subcommittee, head	
SILC Instructional Technology and Research Committee	2013
Faculty Certification Group, UTO, ASU	2013
Student mentoring and recruitment	2009 – present
Mentoring of instructors, assistance in course coordination and	2011 - present

curriculum development

Affiliations

AATI (American Association of Teachers of Italian)

Academic Interests

Integration of technology in foreign language instruction.

Development of cross-cultural competency.

Study abroad education.

Translation.