



WORK EXPERIENCE

 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** – TORONTO, CANADA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – 01/06/2025 – CURRENT

Project: Mediation in Developing Dynamic Language Education (MIDDLE): Promoting learners' intercultural awareness, responsibility, and agency
Supervisor: Dr. Enrica Piccardo

 **ACCADEMIA DEI RAGAZZI** – TORONTO, CANADA

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT – 01/03/2025 – CURRENT

- Prepare a curriculum and lesson plans for different age groups and proficiency levels at l'Accademia dei Ragazzi
- Provide teacher training and assist teachers in lesson planning.

 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** – TORONTO, CANADA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – 01/02/2025 – CURRENT

Project: Fostering Mediation in Language Education: Perceptions of Teachers and Learners
Supervisor: Dr. Enrica Piccardo

 **ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA** – TORONTO, CANADA

ITALIAN INSTRUCTOR – 01/02/2024 – CURRENT

 **ACCADEMIA DEI RAGAZZI** – TORONTO, CANADA

ITALIAN TEACHER – 01/05/2024 – CURRENT

- Teaching Italian language to adults of various levels (A1-C2 of CEFR)
- Planning own lessons according to CEFR.

 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** – TORONTO, CANADA

COURSE INSTRUCTOR – 01/01/2025 – 07/05/2025

Language course instructor of ITA 100 (Beginner Italian course)

- Prepare and teach lessons
- Grading of tests and exams

 **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** – TORONTO, CANADA

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES INSTRUCTOR (ITALIAN) – 01/10/2023 – 30/06/2024

- Primary and intermediate Italian teacher (Gr. 1-8)
- Following Curriculum provided by the TCDSB
- Planning and creating lessons

 **ISTITUTO IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE** – MILAN, ITALY

PRIMARY AND KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL TEACHER – 01/02/2022 – 30/06/2023

- Kindergarten English teacher
- Elementary English and computer science teacher
- Supply teacher in all subjects and age groups

 **CRESTWOOD VALLEY DAY CAMP** – TORONTO, CANADA

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – 01/06/2024 – 30/08/2024

- Communication with camp families
- Timetable organization
- Staff training

 **CRESTWOOD VALLEY DAY CAMP** – TORONTO, CANADA

LIT/CIT DIRECTOR – 01/06/2021 – 30/08/2021

- Developed leadership training programs for teens (12-15 years old)
- Supervision and teaching of programs (theory of leadership, application in form of games and scenarios, group reflections, placements, field trips, etc.)

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD – HAMILTON, CANADA

ENHANCEMENT TUTOR – 01/05/2021 – 30/06/2021

- Increasing Literacy and Numeracy levels in young children: strategizing reading and applied math activities to enhance learning
- Provide additional support in all subjects (Grade 1 – 8) – Online
- Extra support in French classes (online classes)
- Assisting asynchronous students

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY – HAMILTON, CANADA

MULTIMEDIA/EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT – 01/09/2020 – 30/04/2021

- Assist the transition from in-person to online format
- Provide practice sessions prior to oral examinations
- Sit in oral exams

Supervisor: Dr. Wendy D'Angelo

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY – TORONTO, CANADA

TEACHING ASSISTANT – 01/01/2020 – 30/05/2020

- Researched, gathered and tested language activity for intermediate
- Conversational partner in an intermediate level Italian course
- Taught culture-based lessons one hour per week

VARIOUS, ONLINE – TORONTO, CANADA

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PRIVATE TUTOR – 01/01/2020 – 30/06/2023

- Teaching English privately to various children and teens
- Creating own lesson plans: focus on conversation, vocabulary use and critical analysis of texts
- Preparing for Cambridge and Tofel exams

CRESTWOOD VALLEY DAY CAMP – TORONTO, CANADA

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – 01/05/2020 – 01/08/2020

- Communication with camp families
- Organization of COVID procedure
- Staff training
- Coordinator of COVID screening and parent pick up and drop off procedures.

ASSOCIATION E-GEF – MILAN, ITALY

RESEARCH COLLABORATOR – 01/05/2019 – 01/05/2019

- Collaborated with association founder and president Dott.sa Gilla Cauli in the project: Sentimental Education in Primary Schools (Educazione Sentimentale nella Scuola Primaria)
- Observed philosophical and psychomotricity laboratories
- Assisted students with learning disabilities (grade one classroom)
- Orally tested 60 students on their Social Comprehension (according to Theory of the Mind [ToM] testing guidelines)

CRESTWOOD VALLEY DAY CAMP – TORONTO, CANADA

UNIT HEAD – 01/06/2018 – 30/08/2019

For two consecutive summers (June-August):

- Planned and organized camp-wide themed activities
- Supervision of 100+ children (age: 7-11)
- Trained 20+ counsellors on camp procedures and assisted them throughout the summer
- Closely communicated with campers' families

– TORONTO, CANADA

SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIVATE TUTOR – 01/09/2014 – 01/08/2016

- Tutored a special needs girl (age 16/17) for two consecutive years in Math, English, French, and History
- Helped her improve her organizational skills, time management and study methods
- Assisted her in writing college applications and practiced interviewing skills

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

01/09/2024 – CURRENT Toronto, Canada
PHD ITALIAN STUDIES University of Toronto

01/02/2024 – 25/01/2025 Milan, Italy
MASTER DIDATTICA ITALIANO L2 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Supervisor: Prof. Silvia Gilardoni

Thesis Pinocchio e il burattino senza fili di Bennato. Un approccio didattico integrato tra musica e letteratura per l’insegnamento dell’italiano come lingua straniera.

01/09/2021 – 14/02/2024 Milan, Italy
LAUREA MAGISTRALE (MA), LINGUE, LETTERATURE E CULTURE STRANIERE Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Supervisors: Dr. Silvia Gilardoni and Prof. Maria Vittoria Lo Presti

Field of study Profilo: Scienze del Linguaggio, Terminologie e Tipologie Testuali **Final grade** Summa CUM Laude |

Thesis La Didattica dell’Italiano come Lingua Straniera. Il Caso di Toronto.

01/09/2017 – 30/06/2021 Hamilton, Canada
HONOURS BACHELOR OF ARTS, COGNITIVE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE McMaster University

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

13/03/2025 – 15/03/2025 Philadelphia, USA
American Association of Italian Studies

Presentation: *Bridging Identities. Italian migration and language learning as transformative spaces in North America.*

25/04/2025 – 27/04/2025 Princeton University, USA
Ameriacan Association of Teachers of Italian

Presentation: *Generative AI, Complexity Theory, and the Italian Language Classroom. Navigating Plurilingualism and Adaptive Learning.*

● **SKILLS**

work in an international environment | use presentation software | work as a team | Natural leader | Hard worker | Responsible | Cooperative | Organized | Outstanding time-management skills | Excellent interpersonal skills | Confident public speaker | project management