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EDUCATION

Fall 2020

Ph.D. in History - University of Houston

Dissertation Title: *The Friendship network of Matilda of Tuscany. Reconstructing Matilda's Motivation and Ideology through the lens of her individual relationships.*

- Dissertation awarded "Distinction"
- Fields: Medieval History, Roman History, History of Early Modern England, and Art History

April 2008

D.I.T.A.L.S certification - European Union

(Didattica dell'Italiano come Lingua Straniera)

- Professional qualification for language instructor

April 1999

Master in Medieval History- University of Florence (Italy)

Thesis Title: *'Life and business of Niccolò del Buono Busini, a XIII sec. Merchant, seen from his manuscripts'*.

April 1999

Bachelor of Arts in Italian Literature (Italian) - University of Florence (Italy)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2021 –
present

University of St. Thomas, Houston

Assistant Professor of European History

January 2021 –
May 2021

University of St. Thomas, Houston

Adjunct Professor of World Community I (World Civilization to 1500).

September 2020 –
Present

Medieval History Teacher

Aquinas High School, Houston

January 2010 –
June 2012

Lone Star College, Montgomery

Italian Teacher

- *Italian Beginners I*
- *Italian Beginners II*

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September 2008-
January 2010

ENI Petroleum Houston
Italian Teacher for ENI employees

- *Italian – Beginners*
- *Italian – Intermediate*

September 2008-
January 2010

Teacher of Italian Language, Literature, and Culture
Tolomei Cultural Institute. Italian Language and Culture School -
Florence, Italy.

- Developed and taught semester-long Italian language courses for American study-abroad students, Benedictine College, Kansas.
- Instructed students from Siberia and Kazakhstan, Akademgorodok, University of Novosibirsk.
- Taught an in-depth didactic course on the Instruction of Italian as a Foreign Language to Italian professors from COASIT Australia.

January - June 2007

The Italian Cultural and Community Center - Houston (TX), USA
Italian Teacher

- Taught Italian to American students
- Italian language classes range from beginner to advanced level.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 “Anselm of Canterbury and Matilda of Tuscany: The Journey of Friendship”, *MATILDICA*, III, 2020, *Journal of AMI-MIA – Matilda of Canossa and Tuscany International Association*.
- 2017 *Nihil Terrenum, Nihilque Carnale in Ea: Matilda of Tuscany and Anselm of Lucca during the Investiture Controversy*, *Storicamente*, 13, 31, 2018.
- 2022 Judith Herrin, *The Formation of Christendom*, *Catholic Social Science Review*, 27:146-150.

CONFERENCES PAPERS

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2018 Anselm of Lucca and Anselm of Canterbury: Inhabitants of Two Separate Worlds?
St. Anselm of Aosta, Bec, and Canterbury International Conference, University of Houston, in collaboration with the University of St. Thomas.

2015 Matilda of Tuscany and Anselm of Lucca During the Investiture Controversy. 50th
International Conference of Institute for Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

January 2019 – **Editor of MATILDICA, International Journal of the Matilda of**
Present **Canossa and Tuscany International Association, AMI-MIA.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

September 2009- **Crossroads Cultural Center Houston**
Present **Founder and Director of the Houston branch**

- Created and organized public events
- A full account of all events and information about Crossroads Cultural Center can be found www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org

September 2021-Present **Department of History - Student Engagement Advisor**

- Created and organized events with students and for students
- Department of History - History Honor Society Advisor**

Chapter meetings

Special programs

- Speakers on general topics

- Panel discussions

- Annual lectures open to the university and local communities

- Films

Liaison with Phi Alpha Theta National Headquarters

Advisors must contact National Headquarters about merchandise and supply orders, policy, and all financial matters.

Information about prizes and scholarships

PUBLIC LECTURES:

2018 *St. Francis and the Sultan*, Dubai American Academy, Dubai, United Arab Emirate.

2016 *Giotto and the Arena Chapel*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.

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- 2013 *Duccio di Buoninsegna and his Maestà*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.
- 2011 *The Life of St. Francis of Assisi seen through the lens of the cycle of The twenty-eight frescoes in the Upper Church of the Basilica of San Francesco in Assisi*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.
- 2010 *Life and Art of Caravaggio*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.

MEMBERSHIP

January 2018- Present Member of Matilda of Canossa and Tuscany International Association
<https://en.associazionematildicainternazionale.it/copia-di-ami-mia>