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Education

Ph.D., 1991. Major: Linguistics/English. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
Dissertation: "From Linguistics to Humor Research and Back: Applications of Linguistics to Humor and Their Implications for Linguistic Theory and Methodology" supervised by Professor Victor Raskin. (Dissertations Abstracts International. 1992 July; 53(1): 136A. Purdue U. DA9215518).

Doctorate, 1986. Major: French Language and Literature /Linguistics (*Summa cum laude*)
Catholic University of Milan, Milan, Italy. Dissertation: "For a Synthesis of Linguistic Research on Humor" [in Italian] supervised by Professor Eddo Rigotti.

Professional Positions

August 2000 – Present
Professor, Department of English, Youngstown SU.

September 1996 – 2000
Associate Professor, Department of English, Youngstown SU.

September 1992 - Sept. 1996
Assistant Professor, Department of English, Youngstown SU.

March 1994 - 1995
English as a Second Language Program, Coordinator, Youngstown SU.

Fall 2003 Visiting Professor, Purdue University.

August 1991 - May 1992
Visiting Lecturer, Department of English, Purdue University.

January 1991 - May 1991
Visiting Lecturer, Department of English and Linguistics, Indiana University/Purdue University at Ft. Wayne.

Publications

Books and Monographs

Second edition of *Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, and Variation*. 2005. (464 p.)

Workbook for *Understanding Language Structure, Interaction, and Variation*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. 2005. (83 p.)

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- “Pragmatic universals and intercultural communication: joking and teasing.” Essen: LAUD 2006. Series A: General and Theoretical Papers. Paper no. 642. 1-14.
- “Reactions to irony in discourse: Evidence for the Least Disruption Principle” *Journal of Pragmatics*. 38:8, 2006. 1239-1256
(with Jodi Eisterhold and Diana Boxer)
- “Irony.” *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*. Keith Brown (Ed.) Elsevier. 2005.
- “Grice, H. Paul” *Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. Philipp Strazny (Ed.) Macmillan. 2005
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- “La teoria generale del comico verbale.” *Kos. Rivista di medicina, cultura, e scienze umane*. 2005. 235. 50-53.
- “What’s the use of linguistics?” Pre-Service English Teachers’ Beliefs toward Language Use and Variation. In Nat Bartels (ed.) *Applied Linguistics in Language Teacher Education*. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers. 2004. (With Steven Brown).
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Professional Presentations

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“An Overview of The Linguistics of Humor.”
Sixth International Summer School and Symposium on Humor and Laughter, July 10-15, 2006, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

“A History of Humor in Western Civilization.”

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“Analyzing Longer Humorous Texts.”

Sixth International Summer School and Symposium on Humor and Laughter, July 10-15, 2006, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

“General Theory of Verbal Humor” (Workshop, with Christian F. Hempelmann)

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“An empirical falsification of the randomness hypothesis of jab line distribution.” 18th ISHS Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 3-7, 2006. (with Marcella Corduas and Alyson Eggleston)

“Resolutions and their incongruities: further thoughts on logical mechanisms.” 18th ISHS Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 3-7, 2006. (with Christian F. Hempelmann)

“Maintaining the Italian Language in the Mahoning Valley Italian-American Community” April 11, 2006. Youngstown, OH, Public Library.

“Pragmatic universals and intercultural communication: joking and teasing.” LAUD Symposium 2006. Landau, March 27-30, 2006.

“The pragmatics of humor” Nov. 22, 2005. Lleida; Universitat de Lleida.

“The pragmatics of humor” Nov. 21, 2005. Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

“Il principio di non cooperazione: la regolazione razionale delle violazioni del principio di cooperazione griceano” Nov. 15, 2005. Napoli, Università di Napoli Federico II.

“Distribuzione non casuale del/nel comico” Nov. 14, 2005. Napoli, Università di Napoli Federico II.

“Fiction and Deception: How Cooperative is Literature?” SPR-05 Third International Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Rhetoric Donostia - San Sebastián, November 10-12, 2005

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“The Role of Affordances at the Semantics/Pragmatics Boundary” CogSci 2005. Stresa, Italy, July 21-23, 2005.

“Non-cooperation and Gricean pragmatics: the pretense theory.” 9th conference International Pragmatics Association. Riva del Garda, Italy. July 10-15, 2005.

“Working class humor: myth and reality.” May 20th. Working Class Conference. Center for Working Class Studies Conference. Youngstown, OH.

“Pragmatic Aspects of Joke Telling” 16th International Conference on Pragmatics and Language Learning. Indiana University – Bloomington, IN. April 14-16, 2005. (with Jodi Eisterhold)

“A TESOL Certificate through Interactive Video Distance Learning.” Ohio TESOL, Nov. 12-13, 2004. Columbus, Ohio. (With Steve Brown and others).

“The interplay of humor and theory.” 16th Conference International Society for Humor Studies. Dijon, France. June 14-18, 2004.

“Humor and Cooperation,” Kent State University, Kent, OH. Feb. 18. 2004.

“The use of humor in materials writing.” TESOL Conference. Baltimore, MD. March 26, 2003.

“The maintenance of Italian in NE-Ohio.” AAAL 2003 Conference in Arlington, Virginia, March 22-25, 2003.

“Two factors in the production of irony: familiarity and aggression.” 15th Conference International Society for Humor Studies. July 8-12, 2003. Chicago, IL.

“Le rôle de l’intentionnalité dans l’humour.” Colloque ‘Rire de l’autre, rire avec l’autre’ CORHUM, Université de Paris VII/IV, Paris, France. 3-5 October, 2002.

“Beyond Humor Competence and Toward a Theory of Humor Performance” July 7-14, 2002. 14th ISHS conference. Forlì, Italy.

“Indirizzi correnti della linguistica del comico.” Università Roma III. Rome, Italy. April 22nd 2002.

“Il contributo della GTVH alla traduzione del comico.” Università di Forlì. Forlì, Italy. April 18th, 2002.

“Formalizing Humor Theory” The April Fools' Day Workshop on Computational Humour: Challenging issues for natural communication systems. April 15-16, 2002, ITC-irst, Trento, ITALY.

“Current Trends in the Linguistics of Humor.” Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago. March 11, 2002.

“Multimodal Markers of Irony and Sarcasm.” Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics. Washington, DC. 7-9, March 2002. (With Jodi Eisterhold, Isabella Poggi, Jen Hay)

“Should we teach humor competence?” Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. February 8th, 2002.

“The Analysis of Humorous Texts,” 21st Poetics and Linguistics Association conference, Budapest, Hungary, 12-15th April 2001.

“Reacting to humor, a new challenge for humor theory.” Dept. of English Applied Linguistics and Dept. of English Literatures and Cultures. University of Pecs, Hungary. April 11th, 2001.

“The Ethics of Cooperation: A critique of Grice’s theory of meaning.” University of Pecs, Hungary. April 10th, 2001.

“National identity definition and the maintenance of Italian in NE Ohio.” 3rd Annual Symposium, Italian Cultural Studies, Boca Raton, FL, October 18 - 20, 2001. (Original title: “‘Un italiano vero’: Strategies of national identity definition”)

“How much linguistics do we need?” Ohio TESOL, Columbus, OH, Oct. 26-27, 2001. (With Steve Brown)

“Instrumental and substantive rationality: On the need of a theory of rationality in cognitive science.” International Cognitive Linguistics Association, Santa Barbara, CA, July 22-27, 2001.

“How much linguistics do we need?” TESOL St. Louis, MO, March 1, 2001. (With Steve Brown)

“Humorous Texts” Modern Language Association (MLA), Washington, DC. December 28, 2000.

“The sociolinguistics of humor” Georgetown University. Department of Linguistics. Washington, DC. November 17, 2000.

“Irony and Humor in Interaction,” Panelist. 7th International Pragmatics Conference, Budapest, Hungary, July 9-14, 2000.

“The Relevance-Inappropriateness Theory of Irony.” Academy of Humanities and Economics. Lodz. May 11, 2000.

“Planning, Cooperation, and Rationality: The neo-Gricean Pragmatic Solution.” University of Opole. May 10, 2000.

“The Analysis and Interpretation of Long Humorous Texts.” Jagellonian University, Krakow. May 8, 2000.

“Can the Computer Have a Sense of Humor?” Jagellonian University, Krakow. May 9, 2000.

“La pragmatica neo-griceana e il problema della comunicazione indiretta, occulta, e ludica.” Università Roma III. Dipartimento di Linguistica. April 13, 2000.

“Al di là della cooperazione: ironia, menzogna ed insinuazione.” Centro di Scienza Cognitiva, Università di Torino. March 14, 2000.

“Un’analisi semiotico-pragmatica dei testi umoristici.” Dipartimento di Scienze Letterarie e Filologiche, Università di Torino. March 13, 2000.

“Problemi dell’analisi dei testi comici: il picaresque di Peacham.” Dipartimento di Linguistica e Letterature Compare, Università di Bergamo. March 6, 2000.

“Humor in Narrative Texts: The Case of Pirandello’s *La patente*.” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. February 24, 2000.

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“Augmenting Semantics for NLP. Purdue Linguistics Group.” Purdue University, February 6, 1990, West Lafayette, IN. (With Donalee Hughes and Victor Raskin.)

“Multiple-Level Analysis in Humor.” Workshop on Humor and Cognition, February 18-19, 1989. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

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“On Variable-depth NLP Semantics: Transposition of high-quality semantic descriptions into ILT,” 1989, TR5-PLNLP-89. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. (With Victor Raskin and Donalee H. Attardo.)

Dissertations

Annarita Guidi, Università di Siena, Italy. Ongoing.

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Theses (select)

Sara Accettura, YSU, MA, 2005. Committee Member.

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Professional Societies

Linguistic Society of America (1989 - present)
International Pragmatics Association (1990 - present)
International Society for Humor Studies (1988 - present)
CORHUM (Association française pour le développement des recherches sur le COMique, le Rire et l'HUMour) (1988-90)
College English Association (1992-present)
Speech Communication Association (1992)
TESOL various years
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Affiliate Professor of the *Center for Working Class Studies*, Youngstown.

Journals

HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research,
Editor-in-chief: 2002-present.
Associate editor: 1999 - 2002.
Consulting editor, 1992 – 1999.

Reader for: *HUMOR, Journal of Pragmatics, Computational Linguistics, Machine Translation, Cognitive Linguistics* and others.

Conference Organization.

Co-organizer (Chair), 17th International Society for Humor Studies Conference, Youngstown, OH, June 13-17, 2005.

Co-organizer (Program Chair), 15th International Society for Humor Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, July 8-12, 2003.

Co-organizer, Symposium on Teaching Grammar, October 24, 1998
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Computer Experience

Languages: Perl, Scheme, Lisp (Common, Franz). Some programming.

Mark-up languages: (La)TeX, HTML.

Other Related Experience

Purdue University, Senior Research Assistant and Computer Consultant, Macintosh Curriculum Development Lab, August 1990 - May 1991.

Purdue University, Senior Research Assistant and Assistant Project Coordinator, Natural Language Processing Lab, January 1989 - July 1990.

Purdue University, Teaching Assistant, English Department, January 1988 - May 1991.

Consulting

University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD. "Subject Matter Expert: Course development Engl 380 Language in Social Context." November 1993 - November 1994.

Computing Research Laboratory, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM. "Lexical acquisition and microtheory development." July 1994 - September 1995.

Honors

Distinguished professor for Scholarship (Youngstown SU, 1998)

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Personal

Born March 14, 1962, Anderlecht, Belgium. Permanent resident of the US since 1991. One daughter, Gaia, born 1994.

Native speaker of Italian and French. Near-native English. Working knowledge of Latin, and Greek (ancient). Reading skills in Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Provençal, Rumanian, and German.

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