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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 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 –
May 2021

Medieval History Teacher
Aquinas High School, Houston

January 2010 –
June 2012

Lone Star College, Montgomery
Italian Teacher

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

September 2008-

ENI Petroleum Houston

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- January 2010 **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

- 2024 Guerri, F. (2024) *The Spirituality of Countess Matilda of Tuscany*. By Penelope Nash. Bologna: Pàtron editore. 2021. 109 pp. €16. ISBN 9788855535298, 8855535293. *Early Medieval Europe*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/emed.12700>.
- 2022 Judith Herrin, *The Formation of Christendom, Catholic Social Science Review*, 27:146-150.
- 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.

CONFERENCES PAPERS

FRANCESCA GUERRI

- 2024 *Matilda of Tuscany and Women as Catalysts: Mapping the Role of Women in the Transformation of New Spiritual Trends and Communities in 11th-Century Europe.* The Medieval Academy of America 99th Annual Meeting University of Notre Dame March 14–16, 2024.
- 2022 *A New Perspective on Human Bonds and the Language of Prayers. The Friendship Network Between Matilda of Tuscany, Anselm of Canterbury, and, Anselm of Lucca.* The Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series, University of St Thomas.
- 2022 *Matilda of Tuscany*, Honor College, University of St Thomas
- 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:

Fall 2022 – Present

Assistant Dean, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences & Global Studies

Coordinator of the Honor Societies across the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences & Global Studies at the University of St. Thomas

Re-established the History Society RSO CLUB at the University of St. Thomas (UST), serving as the founding member and president.

National History Honor Society Faculty Advisor

Department of History - Student Engagement Advisor

January 2019 – Present

Editor of MATILDICA, International Journal of the Matilda of Canossa and Tuscany International Association, AMI-MIA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

September 2009-

Crossroads Cultural Center Houston

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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
- Movie Night and Discussions

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:

- 2023 Presentation of the Book, Luigi Giussani, *The Religious Sense*, University of St Thomas.
- 2023 Chair of the *Italian Research Day in the World 2023*, "Science interlocks with gender issues: STEM passion, scientific challenges and gendered innovations" Symposium, on April 17th.
- 2022 *THE DIVINE MICHELANGELO*, Community of Communion and Liberation the Mill Creek Ranch Resort in Canton, Texas.
- 2018 *St. Francis and the Sultan*, Dubai American Academy, Dubai, United Arab Emirate.
- 2016 *Giotto and the Arena Chapel*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.
- 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 Assis*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.
- 2010 *Life and Art of Caravaggio*, University of St. Thomas, Houston.

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MEMBERSHIP

*January 2018-
Present*

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

AWARDS

April 2023-

The Teach Online Faculty TOAST Award