



Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

Since 2000 I have been an Assistant Professor (*Ricercatrice Universitaria*) of English Linguistics (Lingua e Traduzione - Lingua Inglese - L-LIN/12), and of Linguistics (Glottologia e Linguistica - L-LIN/01, since November 2023) at the *Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici* of the University of Trieste.

In May 2021 I obtained the *Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale Fascia II* for the settore concorsuale 10/G1 Glottologia e Linguistica.

EDUCATION

May 1997: doctoral degree in Linguistics, University of Padua, dissertation title *L'articolo nella prosa inglese antica e la teoria degli articoli nulli*.

Nov. 1992 - Oct. 1996 doctoral program in linguistics at the University of Padua. The academic year 1994/95 was spent as a graduate student at the Linguistics Department, University of California, Los Angeles under the Education Abroad Program.

Academic Year 1991/92: Certificat de spécialisation en linguistique générale, University of Geneva.

March 1991: graduation *cum laude* in Foreign languages and literatures at the University of Venice, major in English and Linguistics with a thesis on the comparative syntax of English and Italian nominal constructions (*Functional categories inside the Noun Phrase: a study on the distribution of nominal modifiers*).

Visiting Scholarships

February 2017-August 2017: Department of Linguistics, University of California at Los Angeles - UCLA, Los Angeles CA.

January 2013-current: Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York (UK).

April 2012-June 2012: Department of Italian, University of Cambridge (UK).

October 2010-December 2010: Department of Italian, University of Cambridge (UK).

May 2008-Nov 2008: Department of English, University of California at Los Angeles - UCLA, Los Angeles CA.

April 2005-June 2005: Department of English, University of California at Los Angeles - UCLA, Los Angeles CA.

September 2003-December 2003: Department of Linguistics, University of California at Los Angeles - UCLA, Los Angeles CA.

October 2001-December 2001: Utrecht institute of Linguistics OTS, University of Utrecht (Netherlands).

September 1997-February 1998: Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT, Cambridge MA.

September 1995-December 1995: Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT, Cambridge MA.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

June 2011-December 2012: FRA2009 grant for the research project "Regolarità grammaticale e uniformità diacronica: lo sviluppo del sistema di determinazione in inglese", University of

Trieste.

May 2008-November 2008: Fulbright grant – category Research. Research project: “New models and tools for the history of English syntax”. Host institution: Department of English, UCLA.

September 1997 - January 1998: Fulbright grant – category Research. Research Project: “The acquisition of language and cognitive structures: the case of determiners”. Host institution : Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT.

September 1991: scholarship of the Ministry of University and Scientific Research (MIUR) for one year of graduate studies abroad, Art. 5 Legge 398/89.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2023-2025: associate investigator responsible for Unit 3 of the research project awarded the MUR grant Prin 20224XEE9P - *Parameter theory on historical corpora: Measuring the power of parameter setting theory on historical corpora - PARTHICO*.

2019-2022: associate investigator responsible for Unit 3 of the research project awarded the MIUR grant Prin 2017K3NHHY - *Models of language variation and change: new evidence from language contact*.

Academic Years 2009/10 and 2010/2011: member of the research team awarded the MIUR grant Prin 2008EHLWYE_005.

Academic Years 2008/09 and 2009/2010: member of the network *The structure and interpretation of nouns and noun phrases: a comparative study of Bantu, Chinese and Romance*. Principal investigator: Prof. Lisa Cheng (U. Leiden), funded by the NWO.

Academic Years 2006/07 and 2007/2008: member of the research team awarded the MIUR grant Prin 2005100294_002.

Academic Years 2001/02 and 2002/03: member of the research team awarded the grant MURST 2001105242_007.

July 2001: member of the research team awarded the grant CNRC00FBC7_011.

Academic Years 1999/00 and 2000/01: member of the research team awarded the grant MURST 9910428971_003.

December 1999: member of the research team awarded the grant CNR 99.02979.CT08.

October 1998: member of the research team awarded the grant CNR 98.02399.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

February 2024 (with G. Longobardi): “The Antisymmetry of Basque DP” 49° *Incontro di Grammatica Generativa* – IGG49. Pavia, February 22-23 2024.

April 2023 (with A. Ceolin, F. Fanciullo, C. Guardiano, M. A. Irimia, G. Longobardi, V. Stalfieri): Classificazioni dialettali e comparazione parametrica. *VII Convegno Internazionale di Dialettologia* - CID 2023, Potenza, April 20-22 2023.

February 2023 - *workshop presentation* (with C. Guardiano, V. Stalfieri, G. Fabbris, M. Longo): “Diachronic syntax and syntactic microvariation: an unlikely pair” 48° *Incontro di Grammatica Generativa* – IGG48. Firenze, February 16-18 2023.

February 2023 (with C. Guardiano, G. Fabbris and G. Longobardi): “Parameter setting: subset and default” 48° *Incontro di Grammatica Generativa* – IGG48. Firenze, February 16-18 2023.

September 2022 (with A. Ceolin, F. Fanciullo, C. Guardiano, M. A. Irimia, G. Longobardi, V. Stalfieri): Ultralocality and parametric comparison. *16th Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting* - CIDS16, Napoli, September 14-16 2022.

- June 2022 (with Giulia Fabbri, C. Guardiano, and G. Longobardi): “What are your values?” *23rd Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference – DiGS23*. NYU New York, June 8-10 2022.
- February 2022 (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi): “Case at the interfaces: Genitive and beyond” *47° Incontro di Grammatica Generativa – IGG47*. Catania, February 24-26 2022.
- November 2021 (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi): “Genitive at the interface” (alternate communication) *Workshop on Linguistic Variation at the Interfaces II - Varint 21*. Barcelona, November 18-19 2021.
- June 2021 (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi): “A unified theory of Case form and Case meaning”. *Coloquio de Gramática Generativa 30*. Oviedo-Barcelona, June 30-July 01 2021.
- December 2019 (with C. Guardiano e G. Longobardi): “Ancient grammars and formal linguistics”. *New Ways of Analyzing Ancient Greek - NWAAG¹ 2019*. Göttingen, December 13-14 2019.
- November 2019 (with C. Guardiano e G. Longobardi): “Formal Grammar and Historical Data”. *The Thirty-First Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference - WeCIEC 2019*. Los Angeles CA, november 8-9 2019.
- June 2019 - (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi): “Diachronic syntax is child’s play”. *21st Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*. Tempe AZ, June 5-7 2019.
- October 2018 - (with G. Longobardi): “A unified theory of Case form and Case meaning”. *On the place of case in Grammar - PlaCiG*. Rethymon, Crete, October 18-20 2018.
- August 2018 - (with Susan Pintzuk): “Middle English is not that odd: evidence from the noun phrase”. *20th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics - Workshop: ‘English as a syntactic outlier’*. Edinburgh, August 27-31 2018.
- June 2018 (with Susan Pintzuk): English: not the language of the Vikings. Evidence from the Noun Phrase. *AICED 18 - Theoretical and Applied Linguistics Syntax, Semantics, Phonology, Acquisition*. Universitatea din București. Bucharest, June 7-9 2018.
- October 2017 (with Dimitris Michelioudakis, G. Longobardi and Nina Radkevich): “The Left Periphery of nominal phrases and the argument-adjective asymmetry”. *1st International Workshop on the interface of Information Structure and Argument Structure*. Sevilla, October 26-27 2017.
- September 2017 (with Susan Pintzuk): “The noun phrase and the ‘Viking Hypothesis’”. *19th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*. Stellenbosch (South Africa), September 6-8 2017.
- March 2016: “Articles and the features in D”. *Nominals - II GETEGRA International Workshop*. Recife-PE, March 17-18 2016.
- March 2016 (with Susan Pintzuk): “The history and diversity of impersonal man in English”. *Nominals - II GETEGRA International Workshop*. Recife-PE, March 17-18 2016.
- September 2014: “Why D in Icelandic is special (but not unique)”. *29th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop*. University of York, September 26-27 2014.
- March 2012: “The ‘indefinite article’ from operator to expletive”. *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS) - Arbeitsgruppe 4: Language Change at the Syntax-Semantics Interface*. Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, March 7-9 2012.
- June 2011: “The rise of the ‘indefinite article’ in English”. *13th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, June 2-5 2011.
- April 2011: “On the so-called ‘indefinite article’”. *21st Colloquium on Generative Grammar*, Universidad de Sevilla and Universidad Pablo de Olavide, April 7-9 2011.
- January 2009: “The emergence of the definite article in English: a contact-induced change?” *Variation and Change*, Universiteit van Amsterdam, January 28-30 2009.

- August 2008: "Pursuing an old "will-o'-the-wisp": the nature of Old English se". *10th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*. Cornell University, August 7-9 2008.
- August 2006: "Genitive from Old to Middle English". *International Conference on English Historical Linguistics*. Bergamo, August 21-25 2006.
- March 2006 - accepted as an alternate (with Chiara Gianollo): "N-raising and parameter resetting in Latin and English". *32° Incontro di Grammatica Generativa*. Firenze, March 2-4, 2006.
- April 2005 (with Chiara Gianollo): "DP-syntax and parameter resetting in Latin and English". *15th Colloquium on Generative Grammar*. Barcelona, April 4-6 2005.
- December 2004 (with Chiara Gianollo): "Where did Romance N-raising come from? A parallel study of parameter resetting in Latin and English". *Going Romance, Workshop on Diachronic Syntax and Morphology*. Leiden University December 9-11 2004.
- June 2004: "Triggering syntactic change: the history of English genitives". *8th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*. Yale University, June 24-27 2004.
- November 2002, (with Silvana Del Tin): "Auxiliary omission in the acquisition of Italian". *Going Romance 2002*. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, November 28-30, 2002.
- March 2000, (with E. Tomasutti): "L'Omissione dell'Articolo nell'Acquisizione dell'Italiano". *XXVI Incontro di Grammatica Generativa*. Roma, March 9-11, 2000.
- November 1999, (with Elisabetta Tomasutti): "Phonological effects on article omission in the acquisition of Italian". *XXIV Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Boston, November 5-7, 1999.
- April 1999: "Syntactic optionality and article omission in child language". *9th Colloquium on Generative Grammar*. Barcelona, April 7-9, 1998.
- April 1998: "Nominals without the article in the Germanic languages". *8th Colloquium on Generative Grammar*. Palmela (Portugal), April 19-22 1998.
- February 1998: "Nominali senza articolo e lingue germaniche". *XXIV Incontro di Grammatica Generativa*. Verona, February 26-28 1998.
- February 1996: "L'articolo in antico inglese e la parametrizzazione dell'article-drop". *XXII Incontro di Grammatica Generativa*. Bergamo, February 22-24 1996.
- November 1995: "The use of articles in Old English prose". *11th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop*. Rutgers University, November 3-4 1995.
- October 1995: "On the diachronic development of the article in English". *4th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*. Montreal, October 31-Nov 2 1995.
- March 1995: "Attributive modifiers in Event Nominals". *XXV Linguistic Symposium on the Romance Languages*. Seattle, March 2-4 1995.
- April 1994: (with N. Hyams and W. Snyder) "Romance Auxiliary Selection with Reflexive Clitics: Evidence for Early Knowledge of Unaccusativity". *26th Annual Child Language Research Forum*. Stanford, CA, April 11-17 1994.
- March 1994: "La posizione dell'aggettivo nei nominali eventivi", *Fourth Colloquium on Generative Grammar*. Tarragona, March 15-18 1994
- February 1994: "La posizione dell'aggettivo nei nominali eventivi". *XX Incontro di Grammatica Generativa*. Padua, February 17-19 1994.

KEYNOTE OR INVITED SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

- June 2016: "The Genuine Article". *AICED 18 - Theoretical and Applied Linguistics Syntax, Semantics, Phonology, Acquisition*. Universitatea din București Bucharest, June 2-4 2016.
- February 2015: "Parsed corpora: what you CAN / CANNOT / MUST NOT do". *The New*

Historical Linguistics and the Use of Annotated Corpora - Researcher Links Workshop.
Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil, March 9-13 2015.

July 2012: “On ‘schizo’ grammars and what they tell us about language change” *14th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference.* Universidade de Lisboa, July 4-6 2012.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

The 9th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference. Università di Trieste, June 8-10 2006.

XXVII Incontro di Grammatica Generativa. Università di Trieste, February 28 - March 3 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

submitted: (with M. Irimia, A. Ceolin, C. Guardiano, G. Longobardi, D. Kazakov) The Parametric Comparison Method: A linguistic introduction to deep history, submitted to G. Longobardi (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Diachronic and Historical Linguistics*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

in press: (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi) What Are Your Values, in *Journal of Historical Syntax*.

in press: (with G. Longobardi) The parametric space associated with D, in S. Armoskaite and M. Wiltschko (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Determiners*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

in press: (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi) A unified theory of Case form and Case meaning: Genitives and Parametric syntax, in E. Anagnostopoulou, D. Mertyris, Ch. Sevdali (eds.), *On the place of case in grammar*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, pp 427-466.

2023: Book review

Don Ringe. 2021. *A historical morphology of English.* (Edinburgh Textbooks on the English Language - Advanced). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, PP. xi + 205. ISBN 9781474459778, in *Folia Linguistica Historica* Volume 44, Issue 1, pp. 313-316.

2021: (with G. Longobardi): “Introduction: 30 Years of DiGS”. *Journal of Historical Syntax, special issue (5)* - Proceedings of the 20th Diachronic Generative Syntax (DiGS) Conference.

2021: editorship (with G. Longobardi): *Journal of Historical Syntax, special issue (5)* - Proceedings of the 20th Diachronic Generative Syntax (DiGS) Conference. *Introduction: 30 Years of DiGS*.

2021: (with C. Guardiano, G. Longobardi and G. Cordoni): “Formal Syntax as a Phylogenetic Method”. In Richard D. Janda, Brian D. Joseph, Barbara S. Vance, (eds) *The Handbook of Historical Linguistics - Volume II*, Wiley Blackwell, Hoboken (NJ), pp. 145-182.

2020: (with C. Guardiano and G. Longobardi): “Syntactic diversity and language learnability”. In *Studi e saggi linguistici* 58, 2, pp. 99-130. ISSN 0085 6827

2020: “Language contact and the early English noun phrase”, Aracne, Canterano (RM).

2020: (with C. Guardiano, G. Longobardi, M. Stavrou): “Contact and resistance”. In Del Puente P., Guazzelli F., Molinu L., Pisano S. (eds), *Tra etimologia romanza e dialettologia*, Edizioni dell’Orso, Alessandria, pp. 179-190.

- 2019: (with Susan Pintzuk): “The noun phrase and the ‘Viking Hypothesis’”. *Language Variation and Change* 31.2, pp. 219-246.
- 2016 (with Susan Pintzuk): “An from Old to Middle English”. In: Sten Vikner, Henrik Jørgensen & Elly van Gelderen (eds) *Let us have articles betwixt us – Papers in Historical and Comparative Linguistics in Honour of Johanna L. Wood*, 161-183. Aarhus: Dept. of English, School of Communication & Culture, Aarhus University.
- 2015: “The ‘indefinite article’ from cardinal to operator to expletive”. In: C. Gianollo, A. Jäger, D. Penka (eds.) *Language Change at the Syntax-Semantics Interface*, 125-151. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.
- 2015: “Mutamento linguistico e modularità della sintassi”. In: M. G. Busà & S. Gesuato (eds) *Lingue e Contesti - Studi in onore di Alberto M. Mioni*, 171-180. Padova: CLEUP.
- 2013: “Usi derivazionali del genere: somiglianze casuali, parentela, contatto”. In: Marco Mancini e Luca Lorenzetti (eds.) *Le lingue del Mediterraneo antico. Culture, mutamenti, contatti*, 83-96. Roma: Carocci editore. ISBN 978-88-430-6919-4
- 2012: “Genitives from Old to Middle English”. In: Fiona Dalziel, Sara Gesuato & Maria Teresa Musacchio (eds.) *A Lifetime of English Studies. Essays in Honour of Carol Taylor Torsello*, 95-105. Padova: Il Poligrafo. ISBN 978-88-7115-767-2
- 2012: “Quantifiers in Italian”. In: E. Keenan & Denis Paperno (eds.) *Handbook of Quantifiers in Natural Language*, 467-534. Dordrecht: Springer.
- 2012: “Triggering syntactic change: *Inertia* and local causes in the history of English genitives”. In Dianne Jonas, John Whitman and Andrew Garrett (eds.) *Grammatical Change: Origins, Nature, Outcomes*, 198-216. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 (with Lutz Marten & Rint Sybesma): “The point of Bantu, Chinese and Romance nominal classification”. In: *Italian Journal of Linguistics/Rivista di linguistica* 23.2: 251-299.
- 2011: “The emergence of the definite article in English: a contact-induced change?”. In: Petra Sleeman and Harry Perridon (eds.) *The Noun Phrase in Romance and Germanic. Structure, variation, and change*, 175-192. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins.
- 2009: “Word-initial *h-* in Middle and Early Modern English”. In Donka Minkova (ed.) *Phonological Weakness in English: From Old to Present-Day English (Palgrave Studies in Language History and Language Change)*, 130-167. Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire and New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2009 editorship (with G. Longobardi): of *Historical Syntax and Linguistic Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2009 (with G. Longobardi): “Change, relatedness and inertia in historical syntax”. In P. Crisma and G. Longobardi (eds.) *Historical Syntax and Linguistic Theory*, 1-13 Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2007: “Were they ‘dropping their aitches’? A quantitative study of *h-* loss in Middle English”. *English Language and Linguistics* 11.1: 51-80.
- 2006 (with Chiara Gianollo): “Where did Romance N-raising come from? A parallel study of parameter resetting in Latin and English”. In *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2004*, Jenny Doetjes and Paz Gonzalez eds., 71-93. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- 2003: *The English Sound System Made Sound*, Trieste EG: Books.
- 2000: “Sintassi medievale e tipologia: l’articolo in inglese antico”, *Archivio Glottologico Italiano* LXXXV-Fasc I, pg. 38-84.
- 2000 (with Elisabetta Tomasutti): “Phonological Effects on Article Omission in the Acquisition of Italian”. In: *Proceedings of the 24th Boston University Conference on Language Development*, S. Catherine Howell, Sarah A. Fish e Thea Keith-Lucas eds., 220-231.

Medford MA: Cascadilla Press.

- 1999: "Nominals without the article in the Germanic languages", in *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa*, 24: 105-125.
- 1997: *L'articolo nella prosa inglese antica e la teoria degli articoli nulli*. Doctoral dissertation, Università di Padova.
- 1997: "The Use of the Article in Old English Prose", *Working Paper n.20*, Dipartimento di Scienze Cognitive - Istituto Scientifico H San Raffaele, Milano.
- 1996: "On the Configurational Nature of Adjectival Modification", in *Grammatical Theory and Romance Languages - Current Issues in Linguistic Theory 133 -*, ed. Karen Zagona, 59-71. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- 1995 (with N.Hyams and W.Snyder): "Romance Auxiliary Selection with Reflexive Clitics: Evidence for Early knowledge of Unaccusativity". *Proceedings of the 26th Annual Child Language Research Forum*, ed. Eve Clark, 127-136. CSLI Leland Stanford Junior University.
- 1994: "La posizione dell'aggettivo nei nominali eventivi", in *Teoria del linguaggio e analisi linguistica - XX Incontro di Grammatica Generativa*, ed. Gianluigi Borgato, 195-211. Padova Unipress.
- 1993: "Adjective Placement in Romance and Germanic Event Nominals", in *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa*, 18: 61-100.
- 1992: "On the Acquisition of WH-Questions in French", *GenGenP*, Université de Genève, 0, 1-2, pp. 115-122.