

LAURABRUSSETTIMCGINN

EDUCATION

- 1992-1996 Ph.D., French, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 1988-1989 Independent Critical Studies, Council on Int'l Education Exchange, Paris, France
- 1987-1988 M.A., French, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- 1987 *Diplome d'Etudes de Lettres et Civilisation* [Diploma in the Studies of Literature and Civilization], University of Nice, Nice, France
- 1986 Intensive study of French language, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont 1982-1986 B.A., French, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

CURRENT POSITION

- 2021-2025 Master Lecturer in Italian and Overall Coordinator of the Italian Language Program
Department of Romance Studies, Boston University, Boston, MA.
Teach all levels of language courses and develop curriculum. In 2019 redeveloped the Italian language curriculum to fully meet the HUB outcomes for Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy, Individual in the Community, and Oral/Signed Communication. This included rewriting syllabi for LI 111, 112, 131, 132, 211, 212 and LI 313 “Italian Media and Popular Culture” which now also satisfies the HUB criteria for GCIL and Oral/Signed Communication.
- 2015-2021 Senior Lecturer in Italian, Department of Romance Studies, Boston University
- 1994-2014 Lecturer in Italian, Department of Romance Studies, Boston University

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2025 Overall Coordinator of Italian Language Program
Responsible for curriculum development, selection of instructional material, and class scheduling. Work closely with the head of the Italian section, Professor Harrowitz, to plan Italian language, literature, and film course schedules. Train colleagues in the use of new technology and platforms. Meet with students of all sections when instructors are exempt from coming to campus due to COVID accommodations. Function as liaison to the Boston University Study Abroad program in Padua and collaborate closely with the faculty in Padua to keep them apprised of curricular changes in our program. Work with the Educational Resource Center. Administer proficiency assessments and graduate reading exams.

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- 2024-25 Initiated and managed the Italian Peer tutoring program for all levels of the program.
- 2011-2015 First-year Italian Coordinator
Responsible for the curriculum of first and second semester Italian, worked with full- and parttime instructors teaching at this level and oversaw student placement. Developed written exams and oral evaluations based on the guidelines developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) to assess proficiency levels in Italian. Undertake curriculum development through reorganization of textbook and reevaluation of course objectives for first year Italian.
- 1994-2003 Overall coordinator of French and Italian language programs Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University, Boston.
Developed course syllabi and selected texts. Taught French and Italian courses to art students preparing to spend a semester abroad.

COURSES TAUGHT

- LI 621: Graduate Italian Reading
- LI 313: Italian Media and Popular Culture
- LI 212: Fourth Semester Italian
- LI 211: Third Semester Italian
- LI 131: First Semester Italian for College of Fine Arts Voice Majors
- LI 132: Second Semester Italian for College of Fine Arts Voice Majors
- LI 112: Second Semester Italian
- LI 111: First Semester Italian
- LF 212: Fourth Semester French
- LF 211: Third Semester French
- LF 112: Second Semester French
- LF 111: First Semester French

CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

- 2024 Integrated *Yellowdig* a digital language learning and community development platform into first- and second-year language courses. Demonstrated and instructed colleagues on its use.

- 2015 Developed *Italian Media and Popular Culture*, an advanced language course which fulfills one unit each of BU HUB: Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy, Oral and/or Signed Communication.

PRESENTATIONS

Reviews:

- 2023 Reviewer for two Pedagogical Articles: 1) “Rethinking the Italian Curriculum: Sustainability Issues in the Italian Classroom and Beyond.” 2) “Finding the Student’s Voice: Authentic Assessments to Make Language Personal.”

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations:

- 2019 “Immigration through Film: Fostering Critical Thinking, Global Citizenship, and Empathy.” Co-presenter S. Griffin (Boston University), Foreign Language Association of Maine (FLAME) annual conference, Portland, ME
- 2017 “Viewing the ‘Other’: Teaching (Im)Migration through Media at all levels”, co-presenters S. Griffin and G. Hoecherl-Alden (Boston University), Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA) annual conference, Springfield, MA

Other Presentations:

- 2021 Presenter at the Geddes Workshop: “Designing for Equity: Power, Perspectives and Protocols”
- 2020 Panelist at the Romance Studies Department’s Pedagogy session for Fall 2020 Orientation on LfA (Learn from Anywhere): Remote Synchronous and Asynchronous Language Instruction and Lesson Planning.
- 2019 Presenter at the 4th Annual Spring Faculty Showcase at the Geddes Language Center. Demonstrated how the creation of instructional videos for Spanish speakers learning Italian will benefit both students and the Italian language section.
- 2016 Panelist. “The State of the Discipline.” Round Table Discussion on Italian Studies in the early Twenty-first Century, Wellesley College, MA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 MIT Global Languages. Kris Kinsley Lecture: Trans Remaking and Reimagining: Toward Gender-Justice in the Language Classroom. April 6, 2023
- 2023 Participant in the Pilot Program for *YellowDig* platform for BU language programs.

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- 2022 Attendee at ACTFL annual conference. Participated in language and leadership workshops, including “Fifty Shades of Grading” and attended multiple sessions on Italian language pedagogy, Boston, MA.
- 2011-2022 Regular participation in faculty workshops and Brown Bag Lunch Series on language pedagogy and instructional technologies, Geddes Language Center.
- 2016 Participated in a two-day Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) assessment workshop offered by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) for the teaching of literature, Boston University
- 2014 Participated in day long ACTFL workshop on “Planning for Student Learning: Effective Curriculum, Unit, and Lesson Design” at annual conference of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL) Boston, MA.
- 2013 ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Familiarization Training, two-day training session focused on developing competency- and proficiency-based student learning outcomes in foreign language.
- 2013 Boston Area Language Consortium Mini Conference, Best Practices in Online or Hybrid Language Teaching, Boston University.
- 2012-2020 Regular participation in instructional technology workshops, Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).

SERVICE

- 2024 Represented Italian during all summer sessions of the Resource Fair held for incoming freshmen and transfer students.
- 2023 Host and Organizer of the Fall Italian Musical Event with *Scanzonati*.
- 2023-2025. Faculty Council – elected alternate member for two year service.
- 2019-2023 Italian representative at the CAS Open House for prospective students.
- 2022-2023 Elected Member of the Romance Studies Peer Observation Committee
- 2022-2023 Elected Member of Romance Studies Department Merit Review Committees
- 2021-2022 Chair of the Italian Lecturer search committee for two consecutive searches.
- 2021-2024 Represented Italian department at the CAS Humanities and Social Sciences Major Fair
- 2020 Member of the Romance Studies ad hoc Chair search committee.
- 2020 Participant in Dean Kenneth Elmore’s Outreach to the Class of 2024, completed phone calls to check in with incoming freshmen, invite them to Orientation, and answer any questions they may have.

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- 2018-2020 Represented the Italian Program at the Global Café, a CAS summer orientation event for incoming freshmen: developed promotional material, met with students to answer questions regarding the Italian Studies program and Study Abroad options.
- 2018-2019 Organized and hosted the annual “A Taste of Italy” at the Boston University Global House in collaboration with Eataly of Boston to promote the study of Italian and inform students of the career opportunities available to those who develop language proficiency.
- 2015-2020 Represented department at CAS Major Fairs
- 2016-2017 Instructor, Globally Speaking Language courses. Federal grant-supported introductory language courses for the Boston University community.
- 2016 Carried out an on-site visit for the BU Study Abroad Program in Padua, Italy. Met with internship program directors and toured one of the participating businesses in Padua.

Geddes Language Center

- 2020-2022 Member of the Geddes Language Center Advisory Board to support Boston University’s Learn from Anywhere (Lfa) language instruction and advise on the center on professional development programming and instructional technology acquisitions.

Romance Studies Department

- 2016-2023 Member of the Romance Studies Department’s Executive Committee
- 2019 Member of the Assessment Committee that reviews how Romance Studies language students are tested, and re-evaluates the learning outcomes and objectives of language majors.
- 2013-2019 Search Committees: Chair, Spanish lecturer search (2015), member: French lecturer search (2019) member: Spanish lecturer search (2013)
- 2017 Panel participant at the CAS Program Learning Outcome Assessment workshop at the request of Dean Ann Cudd. Presented the Italian Studies Program’s entrance and exit evaluations of students at the advanced 300-level language courses.
- 2016-2017 Member of the 111-212 level language courses committee, Boston University. Reviewed and Reported on Italian course material, objectives, and outcomes to compare with those of Spanish, French and Portuguese to establish departmental consistency.
- 2015-2018 Member of the 212-350 level language courses committee, Boston University. Carried out comparative studies of the assignments and assessments of upper-level French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese advanced language courses.
- 2014-2015 Member of the Romance Studies Outreach committee, Boston University. Collaborated with French, Spanish, and Portuguese faculty in organizing events to inform and attract students to the Romance Studies department.
- 2013-2014 Organized the Italian Open House to promote both the study of Italian language and literature and familiarize students with Boston University’s Study Abroad program in Padua.

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2013-2014 Asked by the Senior Associate Dean in College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to formulate course goals and student learning outcomes and revise the first-year Italian curriculum based on ACTFL guidelines.

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

1988 Member of Romance Language Chairperson Search Committee

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Distinguished Service Recognition awarded by the BU Romance Studies Dep

2013 Donation by Dr. John Margolis in honor of Laura Brusetti McGinn to the Italian Interdisciplinary Studies fund, Boston University

2022 Legacy Gift honoree, Boston University

1994 Teaching Fellow of the Year, Boston University

1994 Angela J. & James J. Rallis Memorial Scholarship, Boston University

1991 Sigma Phi Iota Member, Language Honor Society, Boston University

1988 Honorary Teaching Fellow of the Year, University of Vermont

1986 Summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa awards, University of Vermont

1986 Phi Eta Sigma Member, Freshman Honor Society, University of Vermont

GRANT

2018 Mini Grant from the Geddes Language Center, Creating Videos using Doodly “Italian for Speakers of Spanish” co-recipient S. Griffin (\$1500).

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013-2022 Italian tutor at Saint John Seminary, Brighton, MA

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- 1989-1992 French Teaching Fellow, Boston University. Taught first and second-semester French courses.
- 1986 – 1988 French Teaching Fellow, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont. Taught French language courses.

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

English	Native speaker
Italian	Native fluency
French	Near native fluency