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Education

- *Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondis*, Université de Paris VIII – Vincennes-à-Saint Denis, 1988. Thesis: **La Pensée Post-Philosophique** (Advisor: Professeur Jean-François Lyotard, 170 pages).
- *Dottore in Filosofia*, Summa cum Laude, Università degli Studi di Milano, 1985. Dissertation: **Estetica Americana Contemporanea tra Modernità e Oltrepassamento** (Advisor: Professore Dino Formaggio, 320 pages).

Areas of Specialization

- 19th-and 20th-Century Continental Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Philosophy of Architecture
- Philosophy and Terrorism

Areas of Competence

- History of Ancient Philosophy
- History of Analytic Philosophy
- Social and Political Philosophy

Languages

- Fluent: English, French, Italian, and Spanish
- Reading knowledge of German, ancient Greek, and Latin

Employment

- Adjunct Lecturer (Professore a Contratto), Milan Polytechnic, Italy 1988-1989
- Adjunct Lecturer at Hunter College (CUNY) 1990-1991
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Vassar College 1991-1993, Spring 1995
- Assistant Professor, Vassar College 1995-2000
- Visiting Assistant Professor, The Graduate School of Architecture, Columbia University Spring 2000
- Associate Professor with Tenure, Vassar College 2000-2005
- **Full Professor, Vassar College 2005-Present**

Grants and Fellowships

- Fellowship for the Humanities, San Paolo Foundation, Funded 1989-1990
- The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies, Columbia University, Honorary Spring 1998, Spring 1999
- Lucretia Cornaro Award, Order of the Sons of Italy in America 2006

Books

- *Il Pensiero Post-Filosofico: Percorsi e Figure della Nuova Teoresi Americana* (Jaca Book Universitaria, Milan) 1988
- *Recoding Metaphysics: The New Italian Philosophy*, edited with an introduction by Giovanna Borradori, pp.1-26 (Northwestern University Press) 1989
- *The American Philosopher: Conversations with Quine, Davidson, Putnam, Nozick, Danto, Rorty, Cavell, MacIntyre, and Kuhn* (The University of Chicago Press) 1994
- *Philosophy in a Time of Terror: Dialogues with Jürgen Habermas and Jacques Derrida* (The University of Chicago Press) 2003

Published Essays, Articles, or Reviews

- "Statuti dell'Universo Estetico Tardo-Antico e Strutture della Sintesi Iconoclasta," *Rivista di Estetica*, Vol. 14-15, pp. 113-130 1983
- "La Forma Forte. Strategie della Modernità," *Fenomenologia e Scienze dell'Uomo*, Vol. 1, pp. 165-168 1985
- "Una Liaison tra Webern e Cage: Conversazione con Morton Feldman," *Musica e Realtà*, Vol. 19, pp. 53-66 1986
- Review of *La Fine della Modernità*, by Gianni Vattimo, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, XLIV 3, pp. 306-307 1986
- "Weak Thought and Postmodernism. The Italian Shift from Deconstruction," in *Social Text*, Vol. 18, pp. 39-50 1987-1988
- "Towards an Architecture of Exile," in C. Ingraham and M. Diani (eds.), *Restructuring Architectural Theory*, Northwestern University Press, Evanston, IL, pp. 12-17 1989
- "The Italian Heidegger: Philosophy, Architecture, and Weak Thought," *D: Columbia Documents for Architecture and Theory*, Vol. 1, pp.123-135 1992

- “Leading Words Home: Heidegger, Wittgenstein, and Weak Thought,” in Brian Boigon (ed.), *Culture Lab*, Princeton Architectural Press, pp. 111-126 1993
- “L’America come Metafora: L’Estetica Neo-Scettica di Stanley Cavell,” in C. Marrone, G. Coccoli (eds.), *Specchi Americani: La Filosofia Europea nel Nuovo Mondo*, Castelvecchi, Rome, pp. 171-179 1994
- “The Philosophical Legitimacy of Architecture,” in *Architecture and Legitimacy*, Hans Van Dejk and Liesbeth Janson (eds.), NAI Publisher, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, pp. 33-43 1995
- “Against the Technological Interpretation of Virtuality,” in *Hypersurface Architecture II, Architectural Design*, Vol. 69: 9-10 pp. 26-31 1999
- “The Presence of Bergson in Deleuze’s Nietzsche,” The SPEP (Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy) Series in Continental Philosophy, Vol. 25, in *Philosophy Today*, 43, pp. 140-145 1999
- “Virtualidad, Arquitectura, Filosofía,” in *Ideas y Valores*, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Numero 110, pp. 33-66 1999
- “Two Versions of Continental Holism: Derrida and Structuralism,” in *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol. 26, 2000, 1-22. Translated as “Due Versioni di Olismo Continentale: Derrida e lo Strutturalismo,” in *Ars Interpretandi*, pp. 30-60 2000
- “The Temporalization of Difference: Reflections on Deleuze’s Interpretation of Bergson,” in *Continental Philosophy Review*, Vol. 34, pp. 1-20 2001
- “Norms Versus Blobs: Philosophy and Architecture,” in *Yearbook for Philosophical Hermeneutics*, pp. 99-106 2001
- “Nietzsche, Filósofo de lo Virtual” in *Nietzsche en Perspectiva*, Herman Meléndez editor, Siglo del Hombre Editores, pp. 63-76 2001
- Review of *Pure Immanence: Essays on a Life*, by Gilles Deleuze, translated by Anne Boyman, MIT Press, 2002, in *The Review of Metaphysics* 2003
- “Fundamentalismus und Terror,” in Jürgen Habermas, *Der Gespaltene Westen*, Suhrkamp Verlag; also in *The Divided West* (Polity Press), and translated into Russian (Moscow: Ves Mir Publishers) 2004
2007
2008
- “Autoimunitati, sinucideri reale si simbolice,” in Jacques Derrida, *Deconstructia politicului*, with a foreword by Jean-Luc Nancy, translated by Ciprian Mihali, Bogdan Ghiu, and Emilian Cioc, Cluj, Idea Design & Print Editura 2006

- “Beyond the Culture of Terrorism,” in *Philosophy Today*, pp. 397-407 2006
- “Max Horkheimer, “Ernst Bloch,” “Dialectic of the Enlightenment,”
“Utopia,” Entries for the *Dictionary of Continental Philosophy*,
University of Edinburgh Press 2006
- “Pure Faith in Peace,” introduction to. By Jacques Derrida and
Mustapha Chérif, *Islam and the West*, University of Chicago Press,
forthcoming. 2008
- “Postmodern Salvation. Gianni Vattimo’s Philosophy of Religion,” in
Silvia Benso and Brian Schroeder eds., *Between Nihilism and Politics:
The Hermeneutics of Gianni Vattimo*, SUNY Press, forthcoming 2009
- “La Verdad en Arquitectura” 2008

Conference Papers, Lectures, and Panels

- “Parallel Convergences: Heidegger and Deleuze,” Paper. The
Philosophy Department Colloquia Series, Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, NY February 5, 1997
- “Unfolding Enigmas: Perniola and the Baroque,” Paper. The 21st
Annual Conference of the International Association for Philosophy
and Literature (IAPL), Mobile, AB May 6-10, 1997
- “The Epistemology of Affirmation: Bergson, Nietzsche and Deleuze,”
Paper. The Philosophy Department Colloquia Series, Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, NY February 26, 1998
- “The Forgotten Agenda of Bergsonian Metaphysics,” Talk. The
Fellows Seminar Series, The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies,
Columbia University, New York, NY April 9, 1998
- “Lo Spazio Virtuale: Heidegger e Deleuze,” Paper. The International
Conference on Il Fascino Discreto delle Merci, Università di Roma
Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy May 6-9, 1998
- “La Filosofía de la Arquitectura de Hegel a Deleuze,” Five Days
Graduate Seminar, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia May 18-22, 1998
- “Bergson, Deleuze y la Noción de Virtualidad,” Public Lecture.
Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia May 26, 1998
- “Virtuality,” Paper. Philosophy Graduate Colloquia, The New School
for Social Research, New York, NY October 29, 1998
- “Holism in the Continental Tradition,” Talk. Fellow Seminar Series,
The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies, Columbia University,
New York, NY February 3, 1999

- “Derrida’s Internalist Critique of Structuralism,” Paper. The Philosophy Department Colloquia Series, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY April 3, 1999
- “Virtual Space: A Philosophical Genealogy,” Public Lecture. The Graduate School of Architecture, Wood Auditorium, Columbia University, New York, NY April 7, 1999
- “Construcciones Virtuales: Hegel, Heidegger, Derrida y la Filosofía de la Arquitectura,” Public Lecture. The Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia September 19, 2000
- “Nietzsche and Virtuality,” Paper. International Conference on Nietzsche en Perspectiva, Bogotá, Colombia September 21-23, 2000
- “Violencia y Poder,” Round-Table. Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia September 20, 2000
- “El Papel de la Virtualidad en la Filosofía de Nietzsche,” Paper. The International Conference on Asi Hablaba Nietzsche, Lima, Peru September 25-27, 2000
- “Truth in Architecture,” Paper. International Conference on The Legitimacy of Truth, Rome, Italy June 2001
- Keynote Speaker. The Inaugural Lecture of the Year-Long Freshman Seminar at Bard College, entitled *The Age of Revolutions*, XXX, NY January 2004
- “Beyond the Culture of Terrorism,” Paper. The Philosophy Graduate Colloquia, the Graduate Faculty, New School University, New York, NY March 2004
- “Philosophy in Time of Terror,” Talk. The Vassar Alumnae Association of Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, in Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD May 2004
- “Philosophy in a Time of Terror,” Talk. The Vassar Reunion, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY June 2004
- “Topology and Hermeneutics,” Paper. International Conference on "Re-Interpreting the Continent: Contemporary Italian Philosophy in America," DePaul University, Chicago, IL September 2004
- “Michael Moore’s Fahrenheit 911,” Panel. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY October 2004
- “Terrorism as a Philosophical Puzzle,” Talk. Philosophy Department, Manhattan College, New York, NY November 2004
- “Religion and the Left,” Panel. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY November 2004
- Keynote Speaker. The Annual Faculty Gathering of Empire State College, State University of New York, Saratoga Springs, NY November 2004

- “Philosophy in a Time of Terror,” Talk. The Vassar Alumnae Association, Boston, MA December 2004
- “Trauma and Forgiveness,” Paper. The Università Statale di Milano, Milan, Italy November 2005
- “Le Pardon et le Temoignage. Au delà de la Culture de Terrorisme,” Paper. “Penser la Terreur” Conference, Cerisy-la-Salle, France July 2006
- “*Philosophy in a Time of Terror* Four Years Later,” Paper. Keynote Speaker of the Yearly Freshman Seminar, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Peru November 2006
- “Terrorism and the Media,” Public Lecture, Centro Cultural, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Peru November 2006
- “The Debate on 9/11 as an Aesthetic Event,” Talk. The Graduate Faculty of the New School University, New York, NY March 2007
- “*Philosophy in a Time of Terror* Four Years Later,” Paper. Conference at the University of Central Florida at Orlando, Orlando, FL March 2007
- Seminar on Theoretical Philosophy, Seminar. Department of Philosophy, University of Turin, Turin, Italy October 2007
- “The Aesthetic Dimension of Terrorism,” Panel. Libreria Feltrinelli, Milan, Italy October 2007
- “Recentring or Decentering Religion. Habermas, Derrida and God,” Paper. 9th Essex Conference in Critical Political Theory, Department of Government at the University of Essex, Essex, UK June 2008

Affiliations/Memberships

- Member of the Editorial Board of the Scholarly Journal *Agalma*, Rome, Italy 2000–Present
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Scholarly Journal *Ideas y Valores*, Universidad Nacional de Colombia 2005–Present