

Claudio Da Soller

Professional Experience

- 2010 - present Adjunct Professor, University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), Torino, Italy. Courses are held at the School of Management (SAA) of the University of Torino and designed for visiting US university students and European (Erasmus) students. Courses taught: Italian Language, Italian Culture, History of Italian Cinema, Intercultural Communication, International Affairs and Comparative Politics.
- 2008 - 2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities, Saint John International University, Vinovo (Torino), Italy. Courses taught: Italian Language (all levels), Italian Culture and Comparative Politics.
- 2008 - 2009 Lecturer (part-time), Scuola Superiore per Mediatori Linguistici, Cuneo, Italy. A university-level institution specializing in foreign languages. Courses taught: English Language and Culture (all levels). Also advisor for degree theses.
- 2005 - 2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages, Western Oregon University (WOU). Courses taught: Spanish Language (all levels), Spanish Culture, Medieval Literature, Golden Age Literature and Spanish for the Professions. Coordinator of first-year language courses. Advisor for Spanish majors and member of the International Education Committee of the university.
- 2007 fall Visiting professor for the American Heritage Association International (now Global Education Oregon-University of Oregon) in their study-abroad program in Oviedo, Spain. Taught Medieval Spanish literature and advised a group of 45 students from various US universities.
- 1992 - 2005 Graduate Instructor, Department of Romance Languages, University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC). Taught language courses in Italian and Spanish (all levels), as well as courses in Italian Culture (in English).
- 1992 - 1994 Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science, UMC. Taught courses in Political Science, American Government and Political Theory.
- 1990 - 1992 Academic Tutor for the "Total Person Program" (part-time), Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, UMC. Tutored student-athletes in small groups and individually in Political Science, Anthropology and Sociology.
- 1987 - 1992 Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, UMC. Assisted in the teaching of large (over 300 students) introductory courses in Political Science, International Relations and American Government.
- 1987 spring English language instructor (TEFL), Five Continents Language School, Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan). Taught English language (from beginner to advanced level) to Chinese students.

Education

- 2002 - 2005 Ph.D. in Romance Languages, with minor in Medieval Studies (July 2005). Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC).
- 2003 spring Visiting student in the departments of Medieval History and Spanish Philology at the Universidad Autónoma of Madrid, Spain.

- 1999 - 2002 M.A. in Spanish Literature, with minor in Medieval Studies (May 2002).
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, UMC.
- 1996 - 2002 M.A. in Anthropology, with Archaeology as major subfield (December 2002).
Department of Anthropology, UMC.
- 1990 - 1995 Ph.D. in Political Science (May 1995). Major subfields: Comparative Politics,
Political Theory, and International Relations. Outside field: Sociology.
Department of Political Science, UMC.
- 1987 - 1989 M.A. in Political Science (May 1989). Department of Political Science, UMC.
- 1982 - 1986 B.A. Honours in Modern Languages: Chinese (Mandarin) and Spanish, July
1986. University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom.
- 1984 - 1985 Year-abroad program as part of the B.A. Attended courses in Chinese language
and history. Nankai University, Tianjin, People's Republic of China.
- 1982 summer Study-abroad programs in Spanish language and history at the University of
Salamanca and at the University of Zaragoza (Jaca), Spain.
- 1979 summer Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), July 1979.
International Teacher Training Institute, International House, London, U.K.

Teaching Fields

Italian: Italian language (all levels), Italian Culture and History of Italian Cinema.

Spanish: Spanish language (all levels), Spanish Culture and Medieval Literature.

Anthropology: Intercultural Communication.

Political Science: Comparative Politics and International Relations.

Teaching Award

- 1997 Donald K. Anderson Graduate Student Teaching Award "For excellence in
teaching in the Department of Romance Languages in 1996-1997" (Italian
and Spanish courses), UMC.

Publications and Conference Papers

"Beauty, Evolution, and Medieval Literature." *Philosophy and Literature*. 34 (2010): 95-111.

"The Rhetoric of Beauty." Paper presented at the International Congress on Medieval Studies,
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 7-11, 2008.

"Aphrodite's Waist-to-Hip Ratio." Paper presented at the meeting of the Northwest Anthropological
Association, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, March 14-17, 2007.

"Cosmetic Ideals in Medieval Iberia." Paper presented at the meeting of the Medieval
Association of the Pacific, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2-4, 2006.

"Medieval Beauty: An Anthropological View." Paper presented at the Kentucky Foreign
Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 15-17, 2004.

"A Spanish Medieval Canon of Beauty." Paper presented at the Louisiana Conference on
Hispanic Literatures, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, February 19- 21, 2004.

Political Science 11: Introduction to Political Science. Columbia (MO): University of Missouri
(Center for Independent Study), 1995. A complete course manual designed to allow
students to take the course independently. It involved the writing of original readings, 500
questions with detailed answers for practice, and multiple-choice exams with answer keys.

"A Comparison Between the Agricultural Systems of Poland and Bulgaria and Their Effects on
Food Production and Consumption." Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political

Science Student Association, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS, April 3, 1991.

Professional Affiliations

- 2004 - present *Modern Languages Association (MLA).*
2006 - 2021 *International Courtly Literature Society (ICLS).* Also contributor to *Encomia*,
the bibliographic bulletin of the ICLS.
2010 - 2020 *American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI).*