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### About

I studied Combined Honours Italian and Russian at Birmingham University, graduating in July 1989. I have been teaching Italian as a foreign language at all levels for over 20 years and have worked in the Department of Italian Studies since September 1989.

### Qualifications

BA(Hons) in Modern Languages (Russian & Italian), July 1989, University of Birmingham.

### Biography

I was born in Turin, Italy and moved to the UK in October 1981. In the last 30 years, I have worked in a variety of contexts (as language teacher, examiner, consultant, interpreter, translator, author, editor, proof-reader, etc) both locally and in other parts of the UK and the USA.

### Teaching

I teach language courses, translation studies at undergraduate and postgraduate level and language-teaching methodology at postgraduate level. I am the Module Convenor of all compulsory and optional language modules at Undergraduate level and of the Teaching and Learning Italian module at Master's level; I am responsible for the coordination of all language courses and for the training of part-time teachers and PTAs. I am the Departmental Examinations Officer, Timetable Officer, Undergraduate Welfare Tutor and Staff Representative on the Staff-Students Consultative Committee. I am also responsible for the design and maintenance of the departmental WebCT section.

Since December 2005, I have designed, organised and taught (with others, whom I recruited) five 4-week-courses for five groups of 20 final year students from the Italian University of Messina. I am interested in pursuing further projects of this kind with Italian universities requiring compulsory courses abroad for their students.

### Postgraduate supervision

I am happy to supervise students on language teaching pedagogy, translation studies and e-learning up to master's level.

### Research

My interests are in the teaching and learning of Italian as a foreign language, in translation studies, in e-learning and in the Linguistic interference between Italian and English.

#### Research funding obtained

In 2002 I was awarded a £22,000 Learning Development Grant to lead a project to develop a languages 'Portal' to provide a learning support interface and access to online resources for students of languages within the University. In this project, I led a team of four people. The project was successfully completed by the deadline.

In December 2005, I was awarded a £30,000 Learning Development Grant to develop material to integrate the use of the new digital laboratories with web-based resources and WebCT and to create the Departmental WebCT Section, which I continue to maintain.

An application for a further £8,000 to allow me to purchase a voice tools software package to run a pilot project to insert a voice tool into the WebCT section was approved in October 2007. I started working on this project in November 2007 and completed the project by the deadline. In March 2008 I was invited to present my project at the First Wimba World Conference in Orlando, Florida.

### Other activities

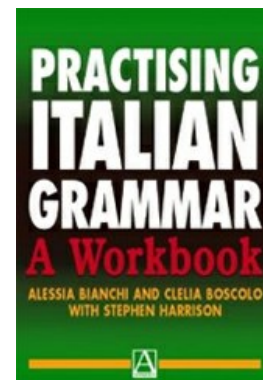
- Since October 2009 - External examiner for Italian for Regent's College, London
- Since August 2007 - Marker for PG Cert (Mini-portfolio and Project), APOD, University of Birmingham
- Since March 2007 - EDEXCEL. Principal Examiner for AS level Unit 1
- September 2003 – July 2007 - External examiner for the Centre for Language Study and for New College Courses of the University of Southampton

I have worked as a language consultant, translator, proof-reader, reviewer and interpreter since 1982 and have experience in the following areas: Academic, Commercial, Scientific, Medical, Technical and Legal.

### Publications

## Books

- C. Boscolo *The Collins Language Revolution – Italian Grammar Buster*, Harper Collins, March 2010
- C. Boscolo, *Easy Learning Italian in a click* Harper Collins, March 2010
- C. Boscolo *The Collins Language Revolution – Italian Word Power*, Harper Collins, December 2009
- C. Boscolo, *Easy Learning Italian Level 2* Harper Collins, March 2009
- C. Boscolo *The Collins Language Revolution – Italian – Beginner Plus Level*, Harper Collins, March 2009
- C. Boscolo, *Easy Learning Italian Level 1*, Harper Collins, June 2008
- Collins Gem/Boroli Editore phrasebooks: Italian for English speakers; English for Italian speakers; Italian for Spanish speakers; Spanish for Italian speakers; Italian for French speakers; French for Italian speakers; Italian for German speakers; German for Italian speakers; Greek for Italian speakers; Portuguese for Italian speakers.
- C. Boscolo, *Teach Yourself Phone Italian*, Hodder, May 2008
- C. Boscolo, *Speak Italian*, Harper Collins, new edition, May 2008
- C. Boscolo *The Collins Language Revolution – Italian – Beginner Level*, Harper Collins, March 2008
- C. Boscolo, *Upgrade Your Italian*, Arnold Publishers, March 2005
- A. Bianchi, C. Boscolo, *Practising Italian Grammar - a Workbook*, Arnold Publishers, March 2004



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## Articles

- C. Boscolo, A. Davies, K. Smith, *Enhancing the student experience through technology: making language learning more meaningful through a departmental VLE*, in *Teaching Italian and Italian Culture: Case-Studies from an International Perspective*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, USA, 2009

## Reviews

- R. Ferguson, *Italian False Friends*, in *Tuttitalia: The Italian Journal of the Association for Language Learning*, Issue 12, December 1995
- S. Manfredi, L. Oriolo, *Legal and Commercial Italian*, in *Tuttitalia: The Italian Journal of the Association for Language Learning*, Issue 12, December 1995
- C. Speroni, C. Golino and B. Caiti, *Basic Italian* in *Tuttitalia: The Italian Journal of the Association for Language Learning*, Issue 11, June 1995

