

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

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- April 2009 **Ph.D., Education Sciences, Lifelong Learning and Educational Counseling**  
University of Verona, Italy  
Emphasis: Counseling, School Counseling, Counseling Education  
During the doctoral program I received a scholarship awarded by the University of Verona to complete the doctoral program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- December 2008 **Master in School Counseling**  
University of Massachusetts (USA)  
*Selected Courses:*  
Guidance Curriculum; Group Counseling; Consultation with students and families; Leadership & Counseling.
- December 2007 **Three years-Specialization, Professional Counseling**  
International Institute of Educational Counseling, Verona, Italy.
- March 2005 **B.A., Education Sciences**  
University of Verona, Italy  
Emphasis: Educational Counseling.

### Academic Work Experience

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#### Academic Positions

- 2018-present **Researcher**  
Department of Counselling  
Faculty for Social Wellbeing  
University of Malta
- 2013-present **Adjunct Professor**  
School of Education, University of Massachusetts (UMass, Amherst).

- 2009-2015 **Research Associate**  
Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology, University of Verona.
- Adjunct Professor*, University of Verona.
- 2012-2015 **Coordinator**, Master in Counseling, University of Verona.
- 2006-2009 **Research Assistant**  
Department of Education Sciences, University of Verona.
- 2007-2009 **Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Education Sciences, University of Verona.
- 2008 **Visiting Scholar**  
National Center for School Counseling Outcome Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, USA  
Role and functions of school counselor in USA (part of the Doctoral Dissertation)  
During my stay in the United States I received a grant awarded by CooperInt.

## **Main Teaching Experience**

- 2010-2015 **Master Level Courses**  
**Master Counseling Program**, University of Verona, 2012-2015  
*Courses:*  
Communication and relational skills, Counseling skills, Foundation in Counseling, Counseling Theories, Introduction to School Counseling, Consultation in school and pre-school setting, Group Counseling, School Counseling Comprehensive Programs, Guidance Curriculum, Guidance and Career Counseling, Counseling Practicum.  
Coordinator, Internship in Counseling and Project Work.
- Master in Learning and Organizational Development**, University of Verona and Veneto Committee, 2013- 2014  
*Courses:*  
Learning from experience, counseling skills, adlerian theory of human behavior and Dreikur's four goals of misbehavior.
- Master in Education**, Center for Lifelong Learning for Teachers (Rovereto, TN) and University of Verona, 2010-2011  
*Courses:*  
Foundation in Counseling, Counseling skills, Motivational

Interviewing, Verbal and Non-verbal Communication.

2007-2015

**Undergraduate Courses, University of Verona**

- Foundation in Education and Counseling (2013-2015), *Department of Neurological and Movement Sciences.*
- Foundation in Education and Counseling (2012-2013), *Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology.*
- Didactic and Adult Education (2009-2011), *Department of Education Sciences.*
- Education and Counseling (2009-2011), *Department of Education Sciences.*
- Foundation in Education and Qualitative Research Methodology in Education (2007-2009), *Department of Education Sciences.*
- Qualitative Research in Education (2007-2009), *Department of Education Sciences.*

2010-2011

**Professional Development Specialization**, Institute Cnos-Fap for Professional Development of Teachers and Guidance Workers, University of Verona and Center for Research in Education and Didactic (CRED)

*Courses:*

Counseling skills, Guidance and Career Counseling, Motivational Interviewing, Guidance Curriculum, Personal Development and Academic Development.

**Research Experience/Grant**

2016-Present

**Coordinator, *Eccomi Pronto Curriculum***: a story-based project to promote selfdirected and social-emotional learning (*Preventative Developmental Counseling Curriculum*)

Mixed-method research.

In collaboration with Prof. John Carey, Umass.

2016-Present

***International School-Based Counselor Activities Study***

Scientific Coordinator: John Carey, University of Massachusetts

*Partners:* USA, Australia, Costa Rica, Italy, China, India, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, South Korea, UK, Venezuela.

2011-2015

**Coordinator, *Eccomi Pronto Curriculum***: a story-based project to promote selfdirected learning (*Developmental Counseling Curriculum*)

Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, University of Verona, in collaboration with Center for School Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation, UMass (Dr. John C. Carey)

1st -2nd Year Research Grant: Caritro Foundation, Italy

3rd Year Research Grant: Iprase, Italy.

- 2011-13 *Co-coordinator, Analysis of successful practices working with severe special needs*  
Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, University of Verona. Funded by Institute 'Casa del Sole', Mantova, Italy.
- 2008-2011 *Analysis of successful strategies of teachers with troubled students*  
Department of Education Sciences, University of Verona.  
Scientific Coordinator: Luigina Mortari, Ph.D, Department Chair.  
Funded by Iprase - Center for Educational Research, Department of Education, Trento, Italy.
- 2009- 2011 *Co-Coordinator, Analysis and evaluation of school counseling services in Verona*  
Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology-University of Verona. Scientific Coordinator: Luigina Mortari, Ph.D, Department Chair.  
Research Grant: European Social Fund (F.S.E.).
- Co-Coordinator, Career Counseling: a model to develop the potential of people and organizations*  
Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, University of Verona. Scientific Coordinator: Luigina Mortari, Ph.D, Department Chair.  
With Dr. John Carey, University of Massachusetts (Visiting Professor at Verona University, January-May 2010).  
Research Grant: European Social Fund (F.S.E.).
- 2005-2006 *Young Researcher, Analysis of good practices in education*  
Department of Education Sciences, University of Verona  
Scientific Coordinator: Luigina Mortari, Ph.D, Department Chair.

### **University Service**

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- 2007-Present Outreach and international relationship building: University of Massachusetts, University of San Diego, Northern Kentucky University, Washington State University, University of Malaysia, University of Malta.
- 2013-2016 Consultation and Supervision for Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools and Almaty Kitap Baspasy, Kazakhstan: self-directed learning programs for pre-K and primary schools (Kostanay, Astana, Almaty).

## *Vocational*

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*Coordinator, Project 'From Zero to a Hundred: paths of life'*, Association Continuando a Crescere, Verona Italy. Supported by I Bambini delle Fate Foundation.

### *Teaching*

Trainer and Lecturer for Counseling Agencies/Institutes.

Trainer for preK-12 teachers and Principals.

### *Consultation, Counseling, Supervision*

Supervision for pre-schools and primary schools and consultation with families.

Classroom interventions on life skills and self-directed learning, primary and secondary schools.

Career and Vocational Counseling for Youth Guarantee European Program.

Counseling Supervisor for individuals and groups.

Counseling Service for individuals and groups.

## *International Membership, Partnership, Committee*

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- **Member**, Ronald H. Fredrickson Center for School Counseling Outcome Research & Evaluation (CSCORE, University of Massachusetts, Amherst).
- **Executive Council and Representative for Europe**, International Association for Counselling (IAC).
- **ISPRESOC Steering Committee and Representative for Western Europe**, International Society for Policy Research & Evaluation in School-based Counseling.
- **Research, Publications and Scholarship Committee**, University of Malta.
- **Italian Journal of Counseling Scientific Committee**, AssoCounseling.
- **Scientific Committee Member**, National Association for Counseling A.N.Co.Re (2012-2015).

## *International Conferences (Selection)*

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- Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association Conference, May 13-16 Moncton. Papers accepted:
  - *International Perspectives on School Counselling from Italy, Canada, Africa and Malaysia: Lessons Learned So Far and Outlooks for the Future* (Bertolani, Graham-Miguel, Cheyne-Zanyk, Madihie, Obetile).
  - *Whole School Implementation of Eccomi Pronto: a research-based, preventative-developmental curriculum to develop social emotional and self-directed learning in*

*primary schools* (Bertolani, Carey).

- Scientific and Organizational Committee, International Seminar on Counseling '*Pratiche educative, di cura e benessere. Counseling in Action*', Associazione Continuando a Crescere (CaC) in partnership with International Association for Counselling (IAC), University of Malta and University of Massachusetts. October 14 2017, Verona, Italy.
- Presenter, Projects Round Table "*Project: From Zero to one hundred: A school for life*" (Associazione Continuando a Crescere), and Transcultural Working Group Convener, 50th International Conference IAC & Department of Counselling - University of Malta, '*From Fate to Hope and Clarity*', July 7-10 2016, Malta.
- Scientific and Organizational Committee and Opening Speaker, 49° IAC International Conference '*The Counselling Profession: Building Bridges toward Wellbeing*', September 3-6 2015, Verona, Italy.
- Social and Moral Fabric of Schooling, 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference, August 28-30, 2014, London. Paper: '*Promoting social emotional learning in Korean elementary schools using story based curriculum*' (Hyun, Bertolani, Carey).
- Invited Keynote speakers in Kazakhstan, February 7-17 2015:
  - 3 Workshops on Eccomi Pronto Curriculum (Almaty)
  - 5 presentations on Eccomi Pronto Curriculum (Almaty e Kostanaj).
- International Conference: The 4th SIG13 Symposium. Moral and Democratic Education, University of Verona, June 25-28 2014, Scientific Committee Member.
- International Conference 'Excellence and Leadership in Education', AEO 'Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools', Astana (Kazakhstan) November 11-16 2013. Invited Keynote Speaker.
- European Conference on Educational Research – ECER 2013, Turkey, September 10-13. Paper: '*Eccomi Pronto, a research-based preventative curriculum for developing self-directed learning skills*' (J. Bertolani, J. Carey, L. Mortari).
- World Congress of Psychological Counseling and Guidance 2013 (International Association for Counseling), Istanbul, September 8-10. Paper: '*Evaluating Developmental School Counseling Interventions: Eccomi Pronto Curriculum*' (J. Bertolani, L. Mortari, J. Carey).
- Intercultural Counselling and Education in the Global World, April 15-18 2013, Verona. Paper: '*Eccomi Pronto: a preventative-developmental curriculum to promote self-directed learning in Italian primary schools*' (J. Bertolani).

- European Association for Counselling (EAC) Conference, Geneva October 26-28 2012, Workshop: *Ecconi Pronto, a Counselor-Led Preventative-Developmental Curriculum Developed in Italian Primary Schools* (J. Carey, J. Bertolani, L. Mortari).
- IAC Conference (International Association for Counseling), Montego Bay, Jamaica, June 13-17 2011. Paper: *The Development and Formative Evaluation of Ecconi Pronto: A Preventative-Developmental Counseling Curriculum for Italian Primary Schools* (J. Carey, J. Bertolani, L. Mortari).
- International Conference on Counseling, Tolentino, Italy, February 12-14 2010. Paper: *The development and the current status of professional school counseling in the United States and the possible implications for the Italian context* (J. Carey, J. Bertolani).
- ECER 2009, European Conference of Educational Research, Vienna, September 28-30. Paper: *"The role of school counselors as key players within the school community"* (J. Bertolani).

## ***Publications***

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### **Books**

- Bertolani, J., Carey, J., (in press). *Ecconi Pronto, programma per lo sviluppo delle abilità di apprendimento auto-diretto*.
- Mortari, L., Bertolani J. (a cura di) (2014), *Counseling a Scuola*, La Scuola Editrice, Brescia.
- Bertolani, J. (a cura di) (2013), *Prospettiva Counseling. Progetti operativi per l'innovazione dei servizi educativi, lo sviluppo professionale e la formazione*, Quiedit.
- Bertolani, J. (2010). *Quando il counseling entra a scuola. Prospettive di ricerca per la scuola italiana*. Franco Angeli, Milano.

## ***License***

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Registered Counselor, Trainer & Supervisor, National, AssoCounseling

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