

CURRICULUM

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Carla Vergaro currently holds an associate professor position in English Language and Linguistics, certified for Full Professorship position, at the University of Perugia. Her main research interests lie in cognitive semantics and pragmatics, pragmatic linguistics, text and discourse analysis, and contrastive linguistics.

She pursued her undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Rome La Sapienza and Roma Tre, respectively.

She was visiting fellow at the University of Edinburgh, Birmingham, and Michigan - Ann Arbor.

In the academic year 2001-2002 she was awarded a *Fulbright Fellowship* from the University of Berkeley, California, sponsored by John R. Searle, Chair of Philosophy.

In the academic year 2013-2014 she was visiting professor on invitation from Hans-Jörg Schmid – Chair of Modern English Linguistics – at the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität in Munich, under the *CAS Excellence Initiative*. In June 2016, she obtained a second *CAS Fellowship*, on invitation from Hans-Jörg Schmid.

She was member of the Panel of the European Doctorate in English Linguistics, University of León, Spain.

She was the scientific coordinator of a research project on contrastive rhetoric financed by the Italian Ministry of Higher Education.

She was the co-founder and vice-director (2006-2010) of the University of Perugia Language Center.

Publications

Monographs

- [1] Vergaro, Carla (2018), *English illocutionary shell nouns*. Bern: Peter Lang. 322 pages. ISBN 9783034330695.
- [2] Vergaro, Carla (2005), “*Dear Sirs ... con la presente ci preghiamo di...*”. *Il genere business letter in italiano e inglese*. Roma: Aracne. 248 pages. ISBN 88-548-0133-X.

Edited Translations

- [3] Vergaro, Carla (2015) (ed.), *Un modello di carità cristiana* [John Winthrop, *A Modell of Christian Charity*]. Perugia: Morlacchi UP. 110 pages. ISBN 978-88-6074-719-8.

Edited Volumes

- [4] Nori, Giuseppe, Vallone, Mirella and Carla Vergaro (2024) (eds.), in press, *Il sermone puritano tra adattamenti e contaminazioni*, EUM UP.
- [5] Vergaro, Carla (2018) (ed.), *Cognitive perspectives on genre*. Special Issue of *Pragmatics & Cognition* 25(3). Amsterdam: Benjamins. ISSN 0929-0907.
- [6] Vergaro, Carla (2008) (ed.), *Dynamics of language contact in the twenty first century*. Perugia: Guerra. 272 pages. ISBN 978-88-557-0131-0.

[7] Vergaro, Carla (2002) (ed.), *Verso quale CLA? La ridefinizione dei ruoli dei centri linguistici d'ateneo nella prospettiva dei nuovi ordinamenti didattici*. Napoli: ESI. 218 pages. ISBN 88-495-0569-8.

Articles

- [7] Mastrofini, Roberta and Carla Vergaro, in prep., A cognitive semantic account of English sensory light nouns, *SILTA*. (A)
- [8] Vergaro, Carla and Danni Yu, in prep., AI and shellnounhood.
- [9] Vergaro, Carla, submitted, On allusion from a socio-cognitive perspective, *Lingue e Linguaggio*. (A)
- [10] Vergaro, Carla, (2024), in press, Complessità e profilo di conformità. Il sermone nel primo discorso di insediamento di Joseph Jenkins Roberts. In Nori, Giuseppe, Vallone, Mirella and Carla Vergaro (eds.), *Il sermone puritano tra adattamenti e contaminazioni*, EUM UP.
- [11] Yu, Danni and Carla Vergaro, (2024), in press, Regular selves produced through genres: A socio-cognitive approach to the study of positioning acts in rectors' inaugural speeches. *Discourse and Society*. (A)
- [12] Vergaro, Carla (2023), Linguistic and pragmatic ways of committing oneself. Evidence from commissive shell nouns in Ghanaian English. *Pragmatics & Cognition*. 30(1), 120–151. (A)
- [13] Vergaro, Carla (2023), “The first blessing reads...”: Declarative shell nouns in Ghanaian English. *Lingue e Linguaggio*. 22(2), 203–230. (A)
- [14] Vergaro, Carla (2022), Syntagmatic conformity: Blessings and curses in Winthrop's *Christian Charity*. *Language and Literature*. DOI: 10.1177/09639470221090378 (A)
- [15] Vergaro, Carla (2020), Graded Salience and construal: The case of illocutionary shell-noun complementation patterns. *Lingue e Linguaggio*. 19(2), 191–222. (A)
- [16] Vergaro, Carla (2020), The contribution of metadiscourse to the illocutionary logic of Winthrop's *A Modell of Christian Charity*. *English Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/0013838X.2020.1851075 (A)
- [17] Vergaro, Carla (2018), Introduction. Special Issue of *Pragmatics & Cognition* 25(3), 417–429. (A)
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- [20] Vergaro, Carla (2018), Collexeme analysis of English illocutionary shell nouns, Colletta, Stefano (ed.), *Studies in the Humanities*, Universitas Studiorum, 73–98.
- [21] Vergaro, Carla (2017), “‘That is conjecture’. On English assertive shell nouns”, in Arigne, Viviane and Christiane Migette (eds.), *Theorization and Representations in Linguistics*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars, 217–240.
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- [24] Vergaro, Carla and Hans-Jörg Schmid (2017), Do the meanings of abstract nouns correlate with the meaning of their complementation patterns? A case study on English commissive shell nouns, *Pragmatics & Cognition* 24(1), 91–118. (A)
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- [45] Vergaro, Carla (2005), Dear Sirs, I hope you will find this information useful: Discourse strategies in Italian and English For Your Information letters, *Discourse Studies* 7(1), 109–135. (A)
- [46] Vergaro, Carla (2004), Discourse strategies of Italian and English sales promotion letters, *English for Specific Purposes* 23(2), 181–207. (A)
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Prefaces

- [58] Vergaro, Carla (2013), Preface to *Classi di verbi inglesi tra pesantezza e leggerezza* by Roberta Mastrofini (Roma, Aracne, 2013), 7–8.

Reviews in Academic Journals

- [59] Vergaro, Carla (2011), Review of *Uguale ma diverso. Il mito dell'equivalenza nella traduzione* by Francesca Ervas (Macerata, Quodlibet, 2008), *Journal of Pragmatics* 43/12, 3095–3097. (A)
- [60] Vergaro, Carla (2010), Review of *Etnopragmatica* by Alessandro Duranti (Roma, Carocci, 2007), *Journal of Pragmatics* 42/3, 875–878. (A)
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- [62] Vergaro, Carla (2007), Review of *Linguistic Identities through Translation* by Maria Sidiropoulou (Amsterdam-New York, Rodopi, 2004), *Journal of Pragmatics* 39, 2075–2079. (A)
- [63] Vergaro, Carla (2006), Review of *Foul-letter Films. Taboo Language in Movies* by Gabriele Azzaro (Roma, Aracne, 2005), *Mots, Palabras, Words* 7, 95–98.

Presentations at Conferences

- 2024 10th Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (10BICLCE), University of Alicante (co-author Roberta Mastrofini, University of Perugia).

- 2023 56th Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- 2020 The paradox of genres in discourse. University of Leiden. *Invited speaker.*
- 2019 On metalinguistic awareness. Università di Firenze. *Keynote speaker.*
- 2019 Eighth Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (8BICLCE), University of Bamberg.
- 2018 Fifth International Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE5), University College London.
- 2017 XXVIII AIA Conference, University of Pisa (co-author Hans-Jörg Schmid, LMU Munich).
- 2016 XIV CercleS International Conference, University of Calabria, Poster presentation (co-author Elvira Lato, University of Perugia).
- 2016 Fourth International Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE4), University of Poznan (co-author Hans-Jörg Schmid, LMU Munich).
- 2016 Faith in Literature, Seminario annuale dell'Associazione Italiana di Studi Nordamericani (AISNA), University of Perugia.
- 2015 Second International Conference on Metalinguistic Discourses, Sorbonne Paris Cité.
- 2014 Third International Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE3), University of Zürich.
- 2014 Linguaggio e azione, University of Trieste. *Keynote Speaker.*
- 2013 Space and Motion across Languages and Applications, University of Zaragoza (co-author Claudio Iacobini, University of Salerno).
- 2013 CRAL13, Third International Conference on Meaning Construction and Meaning Comprehension, University of La Rioja (co-authors Jodi L. Sandford, Roberta Mastrofini and Yhara M. Formisano, University of Perugia).
- 2013 BALEAP2013, University of Nottingham (co-author John M. Swales, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor).
- 2013 19th Symposium on Languages for Special Purposes, University of Wien (co-author Justine Neiderhiser, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor).
- 2012 First International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.
- 2011 Translata 2011, University of Innsbruck.
- 2011 AFLiCo IV. Cognitive Linguistics and Typology: Language Diversity, Variation and Change, University of Lyon (co-author Claudio Iacobini, University of Salerno).
- 2010 XLIV International Conference of the Italian Linguistics Society, University of Viterbo (co-author Claudio Iacobini, University of Salerno).
- 2010 Fourth International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics, University of Madrid (co-author Claudio Iacobini, University of Salerno).
- 2009 Fifth Conference on Rhetoric and Discourse, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2009 19th International Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki.

- 2008 XVth International Congress of Applied Linguistics: Multilingualism. Issues and Challenges, University of Essen.
- 2007 ELLSSAC - Structures across Languages and Cultures, University of Belgrade.
- 2006 Language contact in times of globalization, University of Groningen.
- 2005 Microlingue scientifico-professionali e bisogni formativi nel terzo millennio, University of Perugia.
- 2004 International conference on Language, Politeness and Gender: The pragmatic roots, University of Helsinki.
- 2003 L'interferenza come fenomeno linguistico e culturale, University of Perugia.
- 2003 IPrA 2003, 8th International Pragmatics Association Conference, University of Toronto.
- 2000 Contrastive Semantics and Pragmatics, University of Cambridge.
- 1999 BALEAP99, University of Leeds.
- 1997 Language Teaching and Language Technology, University of Groningen (co-author Francesca Giardini, University of Roma Tre).

Colloquia/Lectures at Other Universities

- 2024 Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China.
- 2020 University of Roma Tre, Ph.D. Program in Linguistics. Title: *Il genere nella prospettiva della linguistica cognitiva*.
- 2019 University of Roma Tre, Ph.D. Program in Linguistics. Title: *Schemi di complementazione dei sostantivi illocutori della lingua inglese*.
- 2018 University of Roma Quattro, CLIL lecture series. Title: *Saliency in linguistics and second language acquisition*.
- 2018 University of Firenze, Ph.D. Program in Foreign Languages and Comparative Literatures. Title 1: *Logica illocutoria e azione in A Modell of Christian Charity*. Title 2: *Riflessioni linguistiche sul genere retorico*.
- 2015 University of Roma Quattro, CLIL lecture series. Title: *Saliency in linguistics and second language acquisition*.
- 2014 Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Department of English and American Studies. Title: *English assertive nouns: A corpus-based study of allegation and claim*.
- 2012 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Department of English (April) and English Language Institute (October). Title: *"Notice the similarities between the two sets...": Imperative usage in a corpus of upper-level student papers* (co-authors John M. Swales and Justine Neiderhiser).
- 2004 University of Roma Tre, Department of Linguistics. Title: *On the notion of genre*.
- 2002 University of California, Berkeley, Department of Linguistics. Title: *Rhetorical discourse patterns in Italian and English business letters. A contrastive analysis*.
- 2000 University of Birmingham, Center for Advanced Research in English. Title: *On business letter rhetoric*.

1998 University of Edinburgh, Department of Applied Linguistics. Title: *Learning Itineraries. Getting students to use CALL software optimally.*

Editorial activities

- Associate Editor of *Pragmatics & Cognition*, Benjamins, ISSN 0929-0907. (A)
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Concordia Discors vs Discordia Concors*, Stefan Cel Mare University Press, ISSN 2065-4057, ERIH PLUS.

Refereeing/Evaluation Activity

- Member of GEV 10, VQR 2015-2019 (National Committee for the Assessment of Research in Italian Universities).
- Manuscript reviewing for: *Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *English for Specific Purposes*, *Applied Linguistics*, *TESL Journal Canada*, *Linguistics and Education*, *InTRAlinea: Journal of Translation Studies*, *Folia Linguistica*, *Testi e Linguaggi*, *Pragmatics*, *Languages in Contrast*.

Ph.D. Commitments

2018-

Member of the Ph.D. Program in Linguistics, University of Rome "Sapienza" and University of Roma Tre.

2011-2014

Member of the Ph.D. Program in Cultures and Languages, University of Perugia, Université Paris Nanterre La Défense, and ISPE Bucarest.

2007-2010

Member of the Ph.D. Program in Philology and Linguistics, University of Perugia and University for Foreigners of Perugia, Italy.

Ph.D. Supervision

Flavio Bauer (co-tutor Mauro Camiz, Roma Sapienza). Title: La semantica di *will* nella testualità giuridica inglese. Un'analisi diacronico-formale e tipologica.

Melissa Lamonaca (co-tutors Elisabetta Bonvino, Roma Tre, and Laura Mori, Università Internazionale di Roma). Title: Terminologia. Teorie e applicazione alla creazione di un glossario multilingue sull'ambiente e lo sviluppo sostenibile.

Claudia Coppola (co-tutors Edoardo Lombardi Vallauri and Valentina Nuzzo, Roma Tre). Title: Codifica dell'agentività sul piano linguistico e dell'argomentazione: una *case history* del sito web istituzionale dell'istituto bancario Intesa Sanpaolo.

Alessia Lacroce (co-tutor Valentina Benigni, Roma Tre). Title: Linguistic classification and its mechanisms. The case of binominal constructions in non-classifier languages.

Marco Bagli (co-tutor Jodi Sanford, Perugia). Title: Tastes we live by. The linguistic conceptualization of taste in English.

Yhara Formisano. Title: Implicit meaning comprehension in autism spectrum disorders.

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