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EDUCATION

- 2017 - Present** **Ph.D. Communication***
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Dissertation: The Role of ICT Affordances in Cross-Platform Feminist Discourse & Meaning-Making
**Expected Winter 2022; Prospectus defended, Spring 2021*
Committee: Dr. Dror Walter (chair), Dr. Carrie P. Freeman, Dr. Lynée Lewis Gaillet and Dr. Tillman Russell
- Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies**
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2014** **M.A. in Foreign Languages, Literatures & Cultures**
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (Italy); *cum laude*
- 2011** **B.A. in Classics**
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (Italy); *cum laude*

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 - Present** **Presidential Fellow, Transcultural Conflict and Violence initiative**
Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences

SKILLS

Methodologies: data scraping, machine learning (topic modeling, image clustering, network analysis), content analysis, rhetorical criticism, critical discourse analysis;
Programming Languages: R, Python (beginner)
Languages: English, Italian, French
Other: digital literacy, planning & problem solving, Scrum project management, creativity

EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2021 - Present** **Presidential Fellow, Transcultural Conflict & Violence initiative**
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- Provided ongoing data acquisition & management:
 - handled data scraping & processing
 - organized resulting multimedia database
 - prepared tutorials & mentored team members interested in working with raw data
 - performed preliminary ML analyses
 - Participated in development & writing stages of a grant project
 - Authored 2 papers, both selected for ICA 2022
 - Collaborated with faculty & research team
- Jan 2017 - Jul 2021** **Graduate Research Assistant**
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- Collaborated with faculty members on a variety of research projects, with an emphasis on propaganda and misinformation. In particular, I:
 - composed a global timeline of legal attempts to restrict fake news
 - wrote a literature review on Sino-African media relations
 - co-authored a manuscript on neoliberal academic thought in U.S. mainstream media
 - performed a qualitative analysis of social protest media framing (Ophir, Forde, Neurohr, Walter, & Massignan, 2021)
 - Presented at conferences relevant to the field
 - Compiled citation reports & bibliometrics,
 - Organized departmental events
- Fall 2013** **Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Communication**
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- Conducted archival research for MA thesis
- Additional experience**
- 2017-2021** **Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Comm**
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