

COSTANZA VALLICELLI
September 2025
Department of Linguistics
University of Toronto
Sidney Smith Hall, 4th floor
100 St. George St, Toronto, ON M5S 3G3
c.vallicelli@mail.utoronto.ca

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Language variation and change • Morphosyntactic variation • Heritage languages
- Language acquisition • Language contact and endangerment • Romance languages

EDUCATION

2024-	PhD Linguistics , University of Toronto
2022-2024	MA Italian Linguistics , University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
2019-2022	MA Linguistics , University of Pavia, Italy Graduated <i>cum laude</i> .
2016-2020	BA Languages and Literatures , University of Bologna, Italy Graduated <i>cum laude</i> .

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

	University of Toronto
2025-	Research Assistant for a project on the documentation of Yorùbá. PIs: Professors Samuel Akinbo and Suzi Oliveira de Lima.
2024-	Research Assistant for the <i>Heritage Language Variation and Change Project</i> . PI: Professor Naomi Nagy
	University of Bamberg
Summer 2021	Research assistant for the <i>International Corpus of English: Malta & Puerto Rico</i> . PI: Professor Manfred Krug

PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming	Vallicelli, Costanza. <i>Standardization in homeland and heritage Italian: loss of regional markedness in possessives</i> . The 53rd meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV), University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, November 5-7, 2025.
June 2025	Vallicelli, Costanza. <i>“Mamma mia” or “Mia mamma”? : Parallel trajectories of morphosyntactic variation in heritage and homeland Italian possessives</i> . The 14th Change and Variation in Canada workshop (CVC 14), University of Alberta, June 10-12, 2025.
May 2025	Vallicelli, Costanza. <i>When Italian languages go abroad: from Calabrian villages to metropolitan Toronto</i> . The 2 nd New Issues in Language Contact Studies (NILCS 2025) [poster], University of L’Aquila, May 28-30, 2025.

April 2025	Nagy, Nagy, Celata, Chiara. Vallicelli, Costanza & Frontera, Manuela. 2025. <i>New approaches to old sounds: Variation in Heritage Italian aspiration</i> . 11th International Symposium on the Acquisition of Second Language Speech [poster], University of Toronto, April 23-25, 2025.
2024	Vallicelli, Costanza . <i>Linguistics practices and attitudes of Italian-Calabrese heritage speakers in Toronto</i> , The 16th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS16), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. March 1-2, 2024.
2023	Vallicelli, Costanza . <i>"Sorry if I use the tu": Negotiating address forms in online Italian</i> . The 3rd Language, Communication, and Culture Graduate Conference (LCC), University of Alberta. August 16-17, 2023.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024-	University of Toronto <i>Teaching assistant:</i> LIN251H1F – Introduction to sociolinguistics (Fall 2025) LIN101H1F - Introduction to Linguistics: Sounds (Fall 2024) LIN102H1S: Introduction to Linguistics: Sentence Structure and Meaning (Winter 2025)
2020-2024	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign <i>Instructor of Record:</i> ITAL 102 - Elementary Italian II (FA 2023; SP 2024) ITAL 101 - Elementary Italian I: (FA 2022, online; SP 2023)
2021-2022	University of Bamberg, Germany <i>Tutor and lecturing assistant:</i> English in the Middle Ages (Summer 2021) Italian A1 (Summer 2022)

SERVICE

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEES

2025	<i>The montréal-ottawa-toronto-hamilton syntax workshop (MOTH) 2025</i> , Planning Committee Member, University of Toronto, April 7, 2025.
2023-2024	<i>16th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS16)</i> , Planning Committee Member and Budget Team Member, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 1-2, 2024
2022-2023	<i>15th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS15)</i> , Planning Committee Member and Plenary Liaison, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 3-4, 2023

2022-2023 **5th Sociolinguistic Symposium (SOSY)**, Planning Committee Member, Plenary Liaison and Plenary Chair, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2-3, 2023

ABSTRACT REVIEWER

2023-2024 **16th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS16)**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 1-2, 2024

2022-2023 **15th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS15)**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 4-5, 2023

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2023-2024 **Co-president of the Graduate Students of the Department of French and Italian**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of French and Italian

2022-2024 **Italian Cultural Event Coordinator**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of French and Italian

2021 **Orientation Committee Member**, University of Pavia, Department of Linguistic

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2023 **Summer School Language Policy and Language Planning**, University for Foreigners of Siena, Italy

2020-2021 **Erasmus Study Exchange Program**, University of Bamberg, Germany

2018 **Overseas Exchange Program**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

HONORS AND AWARDS

FELLOWSHIPS

2023 **Departmental Fellowship 2023**, Summer 2023, Department of French and Italian University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

HONORS

2023 **List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (SP22, FA23)

LANGUAGES

Italian: Superior
English: Superior
German: Advanced
French: Advanced
Russian: Intermediate

Latin: Reading knowledge

Old English/Middle English: Reading knowledge

Emilian & Romagnol: Fieldwork and heritage speaker

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistics and data analysis software: R studio

Transcription and annotation software: ELAN

Speech analysis software: Praat

Audio editor software: Audacity

Corpus linguistics tools: AntConc, Sketch Engine, English.corpora.org, CQP web interface