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Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025- Continuing Lecturer. Department of Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles
- 2025- Research Health Systems Specialist (WOC). Veterans' Health Administration, Greater Los Angeles Area

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Linguistics, University of Pisa, 2013
Doctoral Program in General, Historical, Applied, Computational Linguistics, and Linguistics of Modern Languages
Dissertation: 'The nature of Genitive Case'
- M.A. Department of Linguistics, University of Pisa, 2009
- B.A. Department of Classics, University of Pisa, 2007

Visiting Studentships

- 2012 Department of Italian, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2010-11 Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2010 Italo-Brazilian University 'P. Cascino', São Paulo, Brazil
- 2008 Department of Philology, University of Corsica, France

EXTRA TRAINING

- Coursera. Python Programming Language, 2024
- Carnegie Mellon University. School of Computer Science. Course in Natural Language Processing, 2023
- UCLA. Introduction to SQL, 2021
- University of Cambridge. Introduction to programming in Python, 2019

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2019-2025 Lecturer. Department of Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles
- 2025-2026 Instructor of Italian at the Italian Cultural Institute (Los Angeles)

November 2021-March 2024: AI ML Data Linguist at Amazon Web Services
Roles: Machine translation (Italian, Spanish, French); Generative AI Chat prompt Designer and Writer (AWS BedRock/Titan); AWS

Quick Sight-Q Language Data generation and QA Lead; Lead of project on detecting toxicity in AI chatbots; Lead of QA for Annotation of datasets related to multiple ML data processes; Lead of data generation for AWS QuickSightQ; Chat Bot Creation and Curation Lead

August 2018-September 2019: Linguist Project Manager, Lionbridge Technologies for Google. Roles: Annotation manager, QA Lead, trainer

August 2017-July 2019: Linguist Consultant, Lionbridge Technologies for Apple. Roles: Machine Translation QA Lead

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles, sole instructor, 2019-

Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (Fall 2019; Fall 2025)
Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition (Fall 2019; Spring 2025)
Language and Society: Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Winter 2020; Spring 2025)
Semantics I (Spring 2020; Winter 2021; Spring 2026)
Syntax I (Winter 2026)
Syntax II (Spring 2020; Fall 2023; Winter 2025; Winter 2026; Fall 2026)
Introduction to the Study of Language (Fall 2020; Fall 2021; Winter 2022; Fall 2022; Winter 2023; Fall 2023; Winter 2024; Spring 2024; Fall 2024; Winter 2025)
Syntactic Typology and Universals (Winter 2021; Spring 2022)
Introduction to Historical Linguistics (Spring 2022; Spring 2023)
Morphology (Spring 2023; Winter 2024; Spring 2024)
Directed Studies in Linguistics (Fall 2024)
Individual Studies in Linguistics (Fall 2024)

Multiple colleges, Cambridge, sole instructor, 2013-2019

Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
Introduction to Italian language: Italian texts and contexts
Comparative Studies: The Romance Languages
Structures and varieties of Italian
Language of Italy

Queen Mary University of London, sole instructor, 2018-2019

Hispanic Linguistics

University of Oxford, sole instructor, 2019

Romance Linguistics
Italian Language and Linguistics

University of Cambridge, teaching assistant, 2014-2019

Comparative Studies: The Romance Languages
Structures and Varieties of Italian
Languages of Italy
Introduction to Italian language: Italian texts and contexts
The use of Italian

University of Trieste, teaching assistant, 2011-2013

General Linguistics

Historical Linguistics

Courses Prepared to Teach

- Bilingualism, multilingualism and 2nd language acquisition
- Language contact
- Phonology-Syntax Interface
- Semantic topics in Romance linguistics
- Diachronic morphosyntax from Latin to Romance
- Morphosyntax of Greek varieties

Undergrad mentorship

2020-present I support various undergrad and grad students to choose and apply for post-graduate programs.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Projects

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| 2024-2025 | “Parameter theory on historical corpora: Measuring the power of parameter setting theory on historical corpora”; Research Associate, University of Trieste (PI: Paola Crisma) |
| 2023-2024 | Faculty Research Grant recipient, UCLA, Center for the Studies of Women. Project: ‘Empowering women through fair and sustainable language learning.’ |
| 2015-2019 | Research Associate, University of Cambridge. UniLever-funded project ‘Fading voices in southern Italy: investigating language contact in Magna Graecia’ (PI: A. Ledgeway) |
| 2015-2019 | University of Zürich. External Research Collaborator and Consultant. Project: ‘The Zurich database of agreement in Italo-Romance’ (PI: M. Loporcaro) |
| 2018 | External Research Collaborator and Consultant, University of York. Project: ‘Language and Gene Lineages’ (PI: G. Longobardi) |
| 2014 | Independent Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Cambridge/University of Trieste. Project: ‘The syntax of nominal structures in Romance’. Advisors: A. Ledgeway, G. Longobardi, P. Crisma |
| 2013 | Independent Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Trieste. Project: ‘Detecting Nominals in Italo-Romance’ Advisor: G. Longobardi |
| 2013 | Research Assistant, University of Trieste. Project: ‘Modularized Global Parametrization of the Nominal Domain’ (PI: G. Longobardi) |
| 2012 | Research Assistant, Department of Italian, UC Los Angeles. Project: ‘Teaching prepositions in Italian as a second language’ (PI: Dr H. Truong) |

Fieldwork Experience

2023	Bologna, Italy. Project: 'Empowering women through fair and sustainable language learning.'
2022	North-western Calabria. Study: 'Epistemic synthetic future: morpho-syntax and heritage grammars'.
2016	Apulia and Calabria, Italy. Project: 'Fading voices in southern Italy: investigating language contact in Magna Graecia.'
2010	São Paulo, Brazil. Project: 'The dialectal variety of the immigrant community from Verbicaro-Cosenza in S. Paulo.'
2008	Corté, France. Project: 'Nouvel Atlas Linguistique de la Corse.'
2008-2019	Northern Calabria and Southern Basilicata. Several field trips.

Student Research Supervision

2024	Undergrad research supervision, UCLA. Paper: 'Duration and frequency adverbs in Mandarin Chinese'
2024	Undergrad research supervision, UCLA. Paper: 'Spanish Gender Assignment on English Nouns: Exploring Morphosyntactic Patterns in Code-Switching'
2024	Undergrad research supervision, UCLA. Paper: 'Spanish Cleft & Pseudo-Cleft Structures: Potential Avenues for Experimental Research in Spanish-English Bilinguals'
2024	Undergrad research supervision, UCLA. Paper: 'Cognitive Processes in Reading: Theoretical Perspectives, Methodological Advances, and Emerging Directions'
2024	Undergrad research supervision, UCLA. Paper: 'A Style Guide for Annotating Bilingual Code-Switching Data in Spoken Corpora'
2019	PhD thesis assessor, University of Florence. Thesis: 'Morfosintassi dell'accordo nel genitivo e sua correlazione con elementi del tipo D'
2016-2018	PhD advisor, University of Cambridge. Thesis: 'The syntax of the dialects of southern Latium'
2014-2016	BA thesis advisor, University of Cambridge. Thesis: 'Quantifying N-N compounds with regressive order in contemporary French'
2014-2016	BA thesis assessor. University of Cambridge. Theses: 'A study of present-day Milanese'; 'Dimensions of variation in auxiliary selection and past participle agreement in the dialects of the Alta Valle'

dell'Aniene'; 'The distribution of the "Passato Remoto" in the dialects of the Province of Bologna'

SERVICE

Advisory Committee Member	May 2023-present. UCLA Center for the Studies of Women
Admission Reader	February 2025-present. UCLA, Regents Scholarship
Lecturers' Representative	2024-present. UCLA, Department of Linguistics
External evaluator	November 2019- January 2020. PhD Dissertation "Morfosintassi dell'accordo nel genitivo e sua correlazione con elementi del tipo D"(candidate: Angelapia Massaro), Università di Firenze December 2023-March 2024. PhD Dissertation "The Differential Object Marking In The Dialects Of Calabria" (candidate: Giusy Truncellito), Università per Stranieri di Siena
Examiner	Admissions in Linguistics, Downing College, University of Cambridge, 2016-2019
Reviewer	<i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Linguistics; Journal of Linguistics; Transactions of the Philological Society; Isogloss; Glossa; Languages; L'Italia Dialettale; Working Papers in Linguistics and Oriental Studies; Acta Philologica; Language</i>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, CREDENTIALS

2025	Humanities Dean's Professional Development Fund for the project 'Setting parameters with minimal data: The reality of Universal Grammar in unpublished Old Italian manuscripts' (\$6,000)
2024	Obtained Credentials for Associate Professorship in Linguistics in Italy (ASN; valid from 2024 to 2035)
2024	Università di Trieste. Assegno di Ricerca. Research project: 'Parameter theory on historical corpora: Measuring the power of parameter setting theory on historical corpora' (Progetto di ricerca di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) n. 20224XEE9P; European Union Funds for Advanced Research; PI: Paola Crisma)
2024	UCLA, School of Humanities. Lecturers' Professional Development Grant (\$1,800) for the organization of the workshop "Rethinking Bilingualism: Applied Approaches"
2024	UCLA, School of Humanities. Dean's Discretionary Fund (\$1,500) for the organization of the Workshop "Rethinking Bilingualism: Applied Approaches"
2023	UCLA, School of Humanities. Dean's Professional Development Grant (\$2,500)
2023	UCLA, Center for the Studies of Women Barbra Streisand. Faculty Research Grant (\$ 4,007)
2017	University of Bucharest. Scholarship for Romanian language summer courses
2016	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Department of Greek Studies. Scholarship for Summer Intensive Course in Modern Greek
2014	University of Trieste / University of Cambridge Research Fellowship ('Assegno di

- Ricerca') (25,179 euros)
- 2014 'Società di Linguistica Italiana'. Junior Scholarship for international conferences
- 2013 University of Trieste. Research Fellowship ('Assegno di Ricerca') (6,179 euros)
- 2010 University of Pisa, PhD Scholarship (40,915 euros)
- 2009 Italo-Brazilian University 'P. Cascino', São Paulo. Best research project about Italian immigration in Brazil (3,000 euros).
Project: 'The dialectal variety of the immigrant community from Verbicaro in São Paulo'
- 2011 University of Pisa/Association 'Esperia' (Pisa). Award best MA dissertation in 2009 on a topic related to Calabria (2,500 euros)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. In press (2026). *Greek-Romance Language Contact: Documentation and Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hayes, Bruce and **G. Silvestri**. In prep. *Introduction to Linguistic Analysis*. Projected submission: Cambridge University Press.

Peer-reviewed Journals Articles

- submitted Lee, D., McCoy, N., Haroldsen, C., Maxwell, K., Nickols, N., Rettig, M., **Silvestri, G.**, and I. Garraway. Comparative analysis of discriminative and Generative NLP pipelines for automated prostate MRI reports.
- submitted Bertollo, S., Crisma, P., Guardiano, C., Sanfelici, E., and **G. Silvestri**. *The noun on the move*.
- in prep. Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. The emergence of accusative subjects in embedded complement clauses in the Greek of southern Italy. To be submitted to the *Journal of Historical Syntax*.
- in press Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. Plurilingualism in southern Italy: A case study in dynamic language contact. *Iperstoria* (24).
- in press Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. *Spirito greco, materia romanza: il caso della negazione irreali nelle varietà italogreche e romanze dell'Italia meridionale. Ricerche Linguistiche 3*.
- in press Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. When three become two: the development of Greek and Romance complementizer systems in the dialects of the extreme south of Italy. *Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics*.
- 2025 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. Modelling Language Contact in Magna Graecia: Parameter Hierarchies, the Catapult Effect and Layering. *Trans Philologic Soc*, 123: 514-536. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-968x.70013>

- 2023 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. Il ruolo del contatto nell'aspetto perfettivo in griko: forme sintetiche ed analitiche in competizione. In: W. Breu and M. Pila (Eds.), *L'aspettualità nel contatto linguistico: lingue slave e oltre. Biblioteca di Studi Slavistici*, 303-330.
- 2023 The epistemic future in exported grammars: a comparison between two Italo-Romance speech communities. *Romanistisches Jahrbuch* 74, 106-128.
- 2021 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. The negative imperative in southern Calabria. Spirito greco, materia romanza again?. In: F. Gardani, M. Loporcaro & A. Giudici (eds), *Romance languages and the others: In and around the Balkans*. Special Issue of «*The Journal of Language Contact*» 14(1), 184-219. Available at: https://brill.com/view/journals/jlc/14/1/article-p184_184.xml
- 2020 Possessives in indefinite nominal phrases: a comparison between Italo-Romance and Daco-Romance. *Moderna Språk* 3, 161-197.
- 2020 Alla ricerca delle voci perdute: il futuro sintetico nel dialetto di Verbicaro fra Pollino e San Paolo del Brasile. In: P. del Puente, F. Guazzelli, L. Molinu and S. Pisano (eds), *Tra etimologia romanza e dialettologia Studi in onore di Franco Fanciullo*. Alessandria: Edizioni dell'Orso, 499-512.
- 2020 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. I costrutti causativi nelle varietà romanze e greche dell'Italia Meridionale. In: P. del Puente, F. Guazzelli, L. Molinu and S. Pisano (Eds), *Tra etimologia romanza e dialettologia Studi in onore di Franco Fanciullo*. Alessandria: Edizioni dell'Orso, 203-218.
- 2020 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. I possessivi in italo-greco e italo-romanzo: paralleli strutturali in un'area di contatto. *Archivio Glottologico Italiano* 105 (1), 85-114.
- 2020 Andriani, L., Groothuis K. and **G. Silvestri**, Pathways of grammaticalisation in Italo-Romance. Special issue of *Probus* (edited by A. Ledgeway and I. Roberts), 1-40. <https://doi.org/10.1515/prbs-2020-0004>
- 2020 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. Changing alignments in the Greek of southern Italy. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* 20, 5-60. https://brill.com/view/journals/jgl/20/1/article-p5_2.xml
- 2019 Reduplication as a strategy for *ever*-free relatives: semantic and syntactic observations. *Working Papers in Linguistics and Oriental Studies* 5, 279-324.
- 2019 Ledgeway, A., Schifano N. and **G. Silvestri**, Differential Object Marking and the properties of D in the dialects of the extreme south of Italy. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 4(1): 51. 1-25. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.5692018>
- 2018 Word-final schwa licensed by prosody and syntax: evidence from southern Italian dialects. *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa: Research in Generative Grammar* 39, 1-27.
- 2018 Ledgeway, A., Schifano N. and **G. Silvestri**, Il contatto tra il greco e le varietà

- romanze nella Calabria meridionale. *Lingue Antiche e Moderne* 7, 95-133.
- 2018 Ledgeway, A., Schifano N. and **G. Silvestri**, The expression of progressive aspect in Griko: mapping morphosyntactic isoglosses in an endangered Italo-Greek variety. *Transactions of the Philological Society* 116(2), 179-217. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-968X.12118>. 2017
- 2017 Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**, Nuove indagini linguistiche sulla varietà greca del Salento. *L'Italia Dialettale* 78, 279-312.
- 2017 Höhn, G., Squillaci M. O. and **G. Silvestri**, Greek and Romance unagreement in Calabria. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* 17, 263-292.
- 2016 Höhn, G., Squillaci M. O. and **G. Silvestri**, Unagreement between Italian and southern Italian dialects. *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa* 38, 137-148. 2016
- 2016 Guardiano, C., Michelioudakis, D., Ceolin, A., Irimia, M. A., Longobardi, G., N. Radkevich, N., **Silvestri, G.**, and Sitaridou, South by Southeast. *L'Italia dialettale* 77, 95-166.
- 2016 Possessivi e partitivi nei dialetti italo-romanzi dell'Area Lausberg. *La lingua italiana. Storia, struttura, testi* 12, 127-142.
- 2015 Loporcaro, M. and **G. Silvestri**, Accordo al neutro plurale nel dialetto di Verbicaro (Cosenza). *L'Italia Dialettale* 76, 63-81.
- 2013 Longobardi, G., Guardiano, C., **Silvestri, G.**, Boattini, A. and A. Ceolin, Toward a syntactic phylogeny of modern Indo-European languages. In: L. Kulikov and N. Lavidas (Eds.), *Proto-Indo-European Syntax and its Development. Special issue of Journal of Historical Linguistics* 3:1, 122-52.
- 2013 Longobardi, G., Guardiano, C., **Silvestri, G.**, Boattini, A. and A. Ceolin, Toward a syntactic phylogeny of modern Indo-European languages. Support material: the parametric database. In: L. Kulikov and N. Lavidas (Eds.), *Proto Indo-European Syntax and its Development*. Special issue of *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 3:1, online.
- 2012 Il genitivo preposizionale in alcune varietà dialettali italiane: un'analisi sintattica. *Studi Italiani di Linguistica Teorica e Applicata* XLI, 3, 559-72.
- 2011 Loporcaro, M. and **G. Silvestri**, Vocalismo finale atono e morfosintassi participiale in due varietà generazionali del dialetto di Vericaro (provincia di Cosenza). *Revue de Linguistique Romane* 75, 325-56.
- 2009 La metafonía nel dialetto di Verbicaro-Cosenza. *L'Italia Dialettale* 70, 169-226.
- 2007 Il Rafforzamento fonosintattico nel dialetto di Verbicaro-Cosenza. *L'Italia Dialettale* 68, 146-51.

Book Chapters

- accepted (2026) Patterns of non-agreement in Italo-Romance and the features of Person and Number in the architecture of the DP. In: S. Wolfe (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Syntactic Cartography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- in prep Innovation and hybridism in the Andes: Quechua morphology and Spanish syntax in contact. *Syntactic variation and change under contact: case studies from the Romance languages*. Oxford University Press.
- 2026 Andriani, Luigi and **G. Silvestri**. The nominal group. In: A. Ledgeway and M. Maiden (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Italian Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 415-442.
- 2026 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. When Greek meets Romance: Processes of Hellenization and Romanicization in southern Italy. In B. Drinka & C. Ehrhardt (eds), *Excavating Language: Linguistic Connections across Latin, Greek, and Modern European Languages*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 9-46.
- 2022 Gianollo, C. and **G. Silvestri**. Key topics in semantics: presupposition, anaphora, (in)definite nominal phrases, deixis, negation, tense and aspect, negation. In A. Ledgeway and M. Maiden (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Romance Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 695-727.
- 2020 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. Microvariation in dative-marking in the Romance and Greek varieties of southern Italy. In: A. Pineda and J. Mateu (eds.), *Dative Structures and Beyond*. Open Generative Syntax Series: Language Science Press, 317-349.
- 2019 Colasanti, V. and **G. Silvestri**. Matrix complementizers in Italo-Romance. In: S. Cruschina, A. Ledgeway and E. Remberger (Eds.), *Italian Dialectology at the Interfaces*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins, 155-184.
- 2017 Adverb agreement in the dialects of the ‘Lausberg Area’. In: M. Hummel & S. Valera (Eds.), *Adjective-Adverb Interfaces in Romance*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins, 173-204.
- 2016 Adverb and participle agreement: for a parameter hierarchy in Italo-Romance microvariation. In: E. Bidese, F. Cognola, M. C. Moroni (Eds.), *Theoretical Approaches to Linguistic Variation*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins, 98-118.
- 2013 Longobardi, G. and **G. Silvestri**. The Structure of Noun Phrases: insights on Case, Empty Categories, and Poverty of Stimulus. In: S. Luraghi and C. Parodi (Eds.), *The Bloomsbury Companion to Syntax*. London: Bloomsbury, 88-117.

Conference Proceedings

- in press Osservazioni su negazione espletiva e predicati (a)telici. *Proceedings of the Conferenza di Filologia e Linguistica Romanza*. Università del Salento (Lecce). June 30-July 2025.
- in press Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. I parametri nominali e il cambiamento esogeno: il contatto greco-romanzo nell'Italia meridionale. *Proceedings of Il nome in italiano. Morfologia, sintassi e testualità*. University of Lausanne, November 3-4, 2025.
- 2024 Ledgeway, A., Schifano and **G. Silvestri**. 2024. Patterns of Infinitival and Finite Complementation in Griko and Salentino. *Atti del convegno: I dialetti di Puglia e Salento: due diverse facce del Meridione*. Edited by M. Loporcaro, F. Breimaier and S. Negrinelli, *L'Italia dialettale* 85, 101-122.
- 2022 Italian dialects at the phonology-syntax interface: The case of propagation. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA)* 7(1).
- 2019 Ledgeway, A., Schifano N. and **G. Silvestri**, Variazione nella codifica degli argomenti verbali nelle varietà romanze e greche della Calabria meridionale: "dativo greco" e marca differenziale dell'oggetto diretto. In P. Del Puente (ed.), *Atti del V Convegno internazionale di dialettologia - Progetto A.L.Ba*. Venosa: Osanna Edizioni, 93-113.
- 2018 Ledgeway, A., Schifano, N. and **G. Silvestri**. Dativo greco e marca differenziale dell'oggetto diretto. In P. Del Puente (Ed.), *Dialetti: per parlare e parlarne. Atti del V Convegno internazionale di dialettologia Progetto A.L.Ba*. Rionero in Vulture: Calice Editore, 12-28.
- 2016 Ledgeway, A. and **G. Silvestri**. L'accordo degli avverbi aggettivali e del participio passato nei dialetti meridionali. In: P. Del Puente (Ed.), *Dialetti: per parlare e parlarne. Atti del IV Convegno Internazionale di Dialettologia*, Rionero in V. (PZ): Calici, 44-65.
- 2016 Schifano, N., Squillaci M. O. and **G. Silvestri**. Some preliminary observations on auxiliary selection and participle agreement in Greko and Bovesese. *Proceedings of the 6th Modern Greek Dialects and Linguistic Theory*, University of Patras. Available here: <https://pasithee.library.upatras.gr/mgdlt/article/view/2683/2912>
- 2014 Loporcaro, M. and **G. Silvestri**. Residui di genere neutro come categoria morfosintatticamente funzionale nell'italo-romanzo meridionale. *Actes électroniques du XXVII Congrès International de Linguistique et de Philologie Romanes*. Nancy, July 15th-20th 2013.
- 2014 Casi di genitivo non preposizionale in Italo-Romanzo. In: P. Del Puente (Ed.), *Dialetti: per parlare e parlarne. Atti del III Convegno Internazionale di Dialettologia* -

Progetto A.L.Ba. (Potenza-Tito, 4-5 novembre 2012). Rionero in V. (PZ): Calici, 123-143.

- 2011 Alcune considerazioni sulla metafonìa nel dialetto di Verbicaro (Cs). In P. Del Puente (Ed.), *Dialetti: per parlare e parlarne. Atti del II Convegno Internazionale di Dialettologia* - Progetto A.L.Ba. (Potenza-Venosa-Matera, 13-15 maggio 2010), Rionero in V. (PZ): Calice Editori, 189-196.
- 2010 Alcune considerazioni sul Rafforzamento Fonosintattico nel dialetto di Verbicaro (Cosenza). In P. Del Puente (Ed.), *Dialetti: per parlare e parlarne. Atti del I Convegno Internazionale di Dialettologia* - Progetto A.L.Ba. (Potenza-Matera, 28-29 novembre 2008), Rionero in Vulture (PZ): Calice Editori, 191-194.

Articles in preparation

Guardiano, C., Longobardi, G., **Silvestri G.** and G. Cordoni. The glottogenetics of microvariation: insights from Italo-Romance.

Edited Volumes

- in submission Longobardi, G. and **G. Silvestri** (Eds.). *The Syntax of Italian*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2022-2023 Guardiano, C. and **G. Silvestri** (Eds.). *Languages*, Special Issue: *Syntactic Variation and Change of Heritage Languages*.

WEB PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA COMMUNICATION

- 2018 Idone, A. and **G. Silvestri**. Verbicarese, Overview. Web publication of the Zurich Database of Agreement in Romance:
https://www.dai.uzh.ch/DAI_Verbicarese%20Overview.pdf
- 2020 Interview about my career for the 'Loescher' Publishing Company-'Zanichelli' division <https://orientamento.loescher.it/linguista.n8561>
- 2016 Interview with Camilleri / Intervista a Camilleri <https://grammalogos.com/meeting-camilleri/>

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference organization

- 2024 'Rethinking Bilingualism: Applied Approaches'. UCLA. Linguistics Department.
- 2017 'XII Cambridge Italian Dialects Syntax and Morphology' University of Cambridge, Department of Italian, July 3-5
- 2017 'Cambridge Workshop on Voice' University of Cambridge, May 22-24

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Il contatto greco-romanzo nell'Italia meridionale: convergenza, stratificazione e ibridismo (joint work with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). 'XXXI Congresso Internazionale di Linguistica e Filologia Romanze.' Università di Lecce, 30 June-5 July 2025.

- 2024 Greek-Romance language contact and variation in southern Italy: Convergence, layering and hybridism. (joint work with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano; presentation given by A. Ledgeway). 'The Ninth International Symposium on Linguistics, "Torgu Iordan – Alexandru Rosetti" Institute of Linguistics, Bucharest, 23-24 May 2024.

- 2022 Structural Convergence in Finite and Infinitival Complementation Patterns under Salentino-Griko Contact. Paper presented at conference 'The Dialects of Apulia and Salento: Two Different Ways of Being Southern (Italo)-Romance' (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano; presentation given by A. Ledgeway), University of Zurich. May 30-31.

- 2022 Finite and infinitival alternations in restructuring and causative constructions: evidence from Magna Graecia. Paper presented at conference 'The Syntax of Causative, Perception and Restructuring Verbs in Romance and Latin' (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano; presentation given by A. Ledgeway). University of Palermo, May 26-27.

- 2022 I possessivi nei sintagmi nominali indefiniti: italo-romanzo e daco-romanzo a confronto. 'Frontiere del Mutamento Linguistico' Webinars. University of Messina-University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. February 17

- 2020 Lost voices: sociolinguistic observations on the epistemic future in two varieties of the same dialect. Romance Linguistics Seminars. Anglia Ruskin University and Cambridge University, October 29

- 2020 When Greek meets Romance: Changing alignments in the Greek of southern Italy (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). Romance Linguistics Seminars. University of Oxford, March 12

- 2019 Accusative subjects in Greko and Griko: a case of language-contact in southern Italy. Graduate Seminars in Indo-European Studies. University of California, Los Angeles, November 20

- 2019 Le perifrasi progressive nell'italo-greco e il ruolo del contatto linguistico (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Konstanz, June 17

- 2019 Language contact in southern Italy and the syntax of DP. University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, webinar, April 4

- 2018 Possessives in indefinite nominal phrases: a comparison across Romance. University of Ghent, June 29. Keynote Speaker.

- 2018 On the interplay between case and information structure in Italo-Greek (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Cambridge Comparative Syntax 7, May 10
- 2017 Greek-Romance contact in southern Calabria: properties of D and differential object marking. Humboldt University, Berlin, May 4
- 2017 Microvariation in argument-marking in the Romance and Greek varieties of southern Italy (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Cambridge Linguistics Forum, April 21
- 2017 Progressive constructions in Griko and Salentino: “a chaotic phase of grammaticalization”? (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Oxford, February 11
- 2016 Investigating the properties of D in the varieties of the extreme south of Italy (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Cambridge Workshop of the NEREUS Research Network, May 13
- 2016 Variazione nella codifica degli argomenti verbali nelle varietà romanze e greche della Calabria meridionale: ‘dativo greco’ e marca differenziale dell’oggetto diretto (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Basilicata, November 9
- 2016 Variazione nella codifica degli argomenti verbali nelle varietà romanze e greche della Calabria meridionale: i costrutti causativi (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). University of Basilicata, Italy, November 10
- 2016 Inchieste sul campo e greco d’Italia. University of Pisa, May 22
- 2016 Language contact in Salento: preliminary results of a language investigation into Griko (with N. Schifano). Pembroke College, Cambridge, May 18
- 2015 Unagreement between Italian and southern Italian dialects (with G. Höhn and M. O. Squillaci). University of Cambridge 3rd meeting of Cambridge-York Comparative Syntax’, November 14
- 2015 Some aspects of the phonology-syntax interface in Romance: comparing liaison and propagation (with V. Masutti). Anglia Ruskin and University of Cambridge, June 11
- 2014 L’accordo degli avverbi aggettivali e del participio passato nei dialetti italiani meridionali (with A. Ledgeway). University of Basilicata, November 3
- 2014 ‘Rafforzamento fonosintattico’: a phenomenon of the phonology-syntax interface. University of Leiden, June 12
- 2012 Casi di genitivo non preposizionale in Italo-Romanzo. University of Basilicata, November 8

- 2012 Genitives in Romance: insights on Case assignment. University for Foreigners of Siena, September 17
- 2012 A syntactic classification of Indo-European Languages (with G. Longobardi). University of Viterbo, September 6
- 2011 Cases of non-prepositional genitives in Romance. University for Foreigners of Siena, November 24
- 2011 Teaching Italian as a second language to immigrants in voluntary contexts (with M. Sarro). University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, April 14
- 2010 La metafonía nel dialetto di Verbicaro (Cosenza). University of Basilicata, May 20
- 2008 Considerazioni sul Rafforzamento Fonosintattico nel dialetto di Verbicaro-Cosenza. University of Basilicata, May 16

Papers

- 2025 Negazione espletiva e telicità. Presented at the Congrès de Linguistique et de Philologie Romanes (CILPR), Lecce (Italy), 30 June-5 July 2025
- 2025 Possessives within indefinite DPs: a sign of a larger Balkan Sprachbund? Presented at the “Genitives and Possession in Contact” Workshop. Prague Descriptive Linguistics, Palacky University Olomouc and Charles University. 13 June 2025
- 2021 Two case-studies of vowel insertion in Italo-Romance and the reality of the phonology-syntax interface. Epenthesis and Beyond, Stony Brook University, September 17. (held remotely)
- 2019 Syntactic Reduplication: Unconditional Relatives and Indefinite Pronouns. Southern California Annual Meeting on Syntax, Pomona College, California, November 2
- 2019 Matrix complementizers in Italo-Romance (with V. Colasanti). Linguistic Society of America, New York, January 3
- 2018 The glotto-genetics of microvariation: insights from (southern) Italo-Romance (with C. Guardiano, G. Longobardi, G. Cordoni, S. Sarno, D. Pettener). Going Romance, Utrecht, December 11
- 2017 Greek-style genitive and differential object marking: mapping correlations in southern Calabria (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). 45th Romance Linguistics Seminar, Trinity Hall College, Cambridge, January 3
- 2016 (Beyond) Force, Mood and Modality: matrix complementisers in Italian dialects (with V. Colasanti). Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL9): Phase Theory, Brussels, December 6

- 2016 Teaching Italian to multilingual immigrants: the environmental leap (with M. Sarro). 2nd International Conference on the Sociolinguistics of Immigration' Rapallo, September 22
- 2016 Il movimento del nome e del verbo: verso un'analisi comparativa (with N. Schifano) XXVIII Conferenza Internazionale di Filologia e Linguistica Romanza, Rome, July 23
- 2016 (Beyond) Force, Mood and Modality: matrix complementisers in upper southern Italian dialects (with V. Colasanti). XI Cambridge Italian Dialects Syntax and Morphology, Vienna, July 8
- 2016 Liaison and propagation between phonology and morpho-syntax (with V. Masutti). 24th Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, May 12
- 2015 The phonology-syntax interface in Romance: comparing liaison and propagation (with V. Masutti). Going Romance, Nijmegen
- 2015 Reduplication as a strategy for -ever free relatives. Romance Syntax Workshop, Bucharest, November 18
- 2015 Genitives and (pseudo-)partitives in the history of Romance: a parametric account for cross-linguistic evidence, 22nd International Conference of Historical Linguistics, Naples, July 25
- 2015 Epenthesis of -/ə/ prosodically licensed: evidence from southern Italian dialects. ProVar. Workshop on prosodic variation, Lisbon, July 2
- 2015 Greek and Romance in southern Italy: a syntactic phylogeny (with A. Ceolin, C. Guardiano, G. Longobardi, D. Michelioudakis, I. Sitaridou). 6th Meeting of the Department of Linguistics, School of Philology' Thessaloniki, April 8
- 2015 Metaphonetic diphthongisation as a phenomenon of the phonology-syntax interface, 43rd Romance Linguistics Seminar, Trinity Hall College, Cambridge, January 4
- 2014 Auxiliary selection in Greko of Bova: a Greek-Romance comparison (with N. Schifano and M.O. Squillaci). Modern Greek Dialects and Linguistic Theory 6, Patras, September 11
- 2014 Adverb (and participle) agreement and split intransitivity in Northern Calabrian dialects. The Interfaces of Adjective and Adverb in Romance and English, Graz, June 20
- 2014 Adverb (and participle) agreement and split intransitivity in southern Italian dialects. 42nd Romance Linguistics Seminar, Trinity Hall College, Cambridge, January 3
- 2013 Prepositionless genitives in Romance. Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Split, September 4

- 2013 Residui di genere neutro come categoria morfosintatticamente funzionale nell'italo-romanzo meridionale (with M. Loporcaro). XXVII Congrès International de Linguistique et de Philologie Romanes, Nancy, July 21
- 2013 Genitive and Dative of Possession: syntactic issues in Romance. 'SyntaxLab Meeting', Cambridge, May 28
- 2011 Issues in metaphony in southern Italian dialects. 19th Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, May 10
- 2011 Prepositionless genitive: cases of juxtaposition genitive and N-to-D raising in Italian dialects. International Conference Italian Dialects in Diachrony, Leiden, May 14

Posters

- 2025 The Noun on the move: Rethinking N-raising from Latin to Modern Italian. Diachronic Generative Syntax 26, University of Oxford. 23-26 June 2025 (with S. Bertollo, P. Crisma, C. Guardiano, F. Hicks, R. Madaro, E. Sanfelici)
- 2023 Metaphonic diphthongization and the phonology-syntax interface. Workshop on Phonology M100, MIT, Cambridge, Mass., September 9
- 2023 The morpho-syntax of the epistemic future in two Italo-Romance speech communities: diachronic description and sociolinguistic observations. Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Denver CO, January 5
- 2022 Italian dialects at the phonology-syntax interface: a case study. Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington DC, January 8
- 2021 The grammar and use of the epistemic future: A comparison between two Italo-Romance speech communities. Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 51, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 29 (held remotely).
- 2015 Unagreement between Italian and southern Italian dialects (with G. Hoehn and M.O. Squillaci). 41st Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, Perugia, February 25.
- 2014 Genitive(s) in diachrony: change/retention in parameter-setting. Diachronic Generative Syntax 16, Budapest, July 2
- 2014 Adverb agreement: the case of southern Italy, 40th Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, Trento, February 22.
- 2012 Minority languages in southern Italy: a linguistic analysis. Workshop of the Center for Race, Ethnicity & Language, University of Stanford, May 19.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2025 Patterns of apparent non-agreement in Italo-Romance. American-Indian and Indigenous Languages Seminar, Borrowing Fest. University of California, Los Angeles. September 16.
- 2023 Contact-induced change and hybrid passive constructions in southern Italy. Graduate Seminars in (Proto-)Indo-European Studies. University of California, Los Angeles, February 16.
- 2023 A case of imperfect replica: Greek-style dative in southern Italian dialects. American-Indian and Indigenous Languages Seminar, Borrowing Fest. University of California, Los Angeles. Jan 31, 2023.
- 2023 Greek-Romance contact in southern Italy: the project. American-Indian and Indigenous Languages Seminar. University of California, Los Angeles. Jan 17, 2023.
- 2022 Changing alignments in Italo-Greek varieties: a case of contact-induced change. American-Indian and Indigenous Languages Seminar. University of California, Los Angeles. May 31.
- 2021 Passive constructions and Greek-Romance contact in Southern Italy (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). American-Indian and Indigenous Languages Seminar. University of California, Los Angeles. October 19
- 2020 Unagreement between (Italo-)Romance and (Italo-)Greek: a Person and Number mismatch. Syntax and Semantics Seminar - 'Show-and-tell'. Department of Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles. October 20
- 2020 Non omnis moriar: the epistemic synthetic future in two varieties of a southern Italian dialect. American-Indian and Indigenous Languages Seminar. University of California, Los Angeles. June 2
- 2020 Datives in contact: microvariation across the Romance and Greek varieties of southern Italy (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). Syntax and Semantics Seminar. University of California, Los Angeles. May 19
- 2020 Datives in contact. Syntax and Semantics Seminar (with A. Ledgeway and N. Schifano). Department of Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles, February 18
- 2020 Syntactic reduplication in Romance: a cross-domain structural template Graduate Seminars in Indo- European Studies. University of California, Los Angeles, January 15
- 2011 The linguistic variation of Italy: phonology, morpho-syntax and syntax. Seminar of Italian Dialectology UC, Los Angeles, Department of Italian, March 12

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

2017	Italian Studies Summer School, Selwyn College, July 1. Seminar: The wonderful languages of Italy: Greek in Calabria
2017	Italian Studies Summer School, Girton College, June 29. Presentation: Linguistics at the University of Cambridge
2016	Modern and Medieval Languages Taster Day, Girton College, Cambridge, October 21. Presentation: Linguistics at the Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages
2016	Centro Studi <i>Chora-ma</i> , Sternatia (Lecce), April 27. Seminar: Contatto linguistico in Salento (with N. Schifano)
2016	Liceo Scientifico 'P. Metastasio', Scalea (Cosenza), February 27. Seminar: Linguaggio, Lingua, Dialecto
2016	Historical Library in Verbicaro (Cosenza), March 19. Presentation: Il dialetto di Verbicaro fra i dialetti italiani (with M. Loporcaro and T. Paciaroni)
2016	Department of Italian, University of Cambridge. Project: 'Intervista con Andrea Camilleri'
2015	Modern and Medieval Languages Taster Day, Girton College, October 21. Presentation: Linguistics at the Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Technical skills

Operating Systems	Mac OS X, Windows XP/7/8, Ubuntu Linux
Writing and typesetting programs	Microsoft Office, Open/Libre Office, LATEX
Audio analysis programs	PRAAT, PitchWorks, Audacity
Programming languages	Python, R, SQL

LANGUAGES

Modern Languages

Italian: Native
(Northern) Calabrese: Native
English: Fluent (C1)
French: Intermediate (B2)
Spanish: Intermediate (B2)
Romanian: Intermediate (B1)
Modern Greek: Intermediate (B1)
German: Elementary (A2)

CERTIFICATIONS

CBEST: passed on December 17, 2019

Ancient Languages

Latin: Advanced
Ancient Greek: Advanced
Sanskrit: Good

Research Languages

Greko (Calabrian Greek)
Griko (Apulian Greek)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2023 – present Affiliated Faculty, UCLA Center for the Studies of Women | Barbra Streisand
- 2022 - present Affiliated Faculty, UCLA SNF Center for the Study of Hellenic Culture
- 2011-present Co-author of the blog www.secolnovo.it
- 2011-present Consultant, Association ‘Aprimondo’ (Bologna)
- 2016-2019 Adults Greek School of the Orthodox Church of St. Athanasios, Cambridge, UK
- 2018-2019 Member of the Cambridge University Hellenic Society
- 2019-present Member of the Linguistic Society of America

WEB PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA COMMUNICATION

- 2018 Idone, A. and **G. Silvestri**. Verbicarese, Overview. Web publication of the Zurich Database of Agreement in Romance:
https://www.dai.uzh.ch/DAI_Verbicarese%20Overview.pdf
- 2020 Interview about my career for the ‘Loescher’ Publishing Company-‘Zanichelli’
division <https://orientamento.loescher.it/linguista.n8561>
- 2016 Interview with Camilleri / Intervista a Camilleri
<https://grammalogos.com/meeting-camilleri/>