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CURRENT POSITION

Princeton University

- 2007- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
- 2007- Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics
- 2008- Faculty Affiliate, Office of Population Research

EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D. in Sociology (*with distinction*), Columbia University
Dissertation: "Crosscutting Social Spheres?: Political Polarization and the Social Roots of Pluralism."
Committee: Peter Bearman (chair), Harrison White, Duncan Watts.
- 2006 Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, Italy
Dissertation: "A Relational Approach to Collective Action: Analytical and Empirical Investigations."
Supervisor: Mario Diani.
University of Trento Award for the best graduate dissertation (2004-2005).
- 2002 BA degree in Sociology (*magna cum laude*), University of Trento, Italy
Thesis: "La scelta di voto. Elezioni Italiane 1996-2001."
Supervisors: Sergio Fabbrini, Hans Schadee.
"Celso Ghini" National Prize for the best undergraduate and graduate dissertation in political and electoral studies (2002-2003).

BOOKS

- 2005 D. Baldassarri, *La semplice arte di votare. Le scorciatoie cognitive degli elettori italiani*, Il Mulino, Bologna.
En. Title: "The Simple Art of Voting: The Cognitive Shortcuts of Italian Citizens."
Italian Political Science Association Prize for the best Political Science book published by a scholar under forty (2005-2006).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2008 D. Baldassarri, A. Gelman "Partisans Without Constraint: Political Polarization and Trends in American Public Opinion," *American Journal of Sociology*, 114(2): 408-46.
- 2007 D. Baldassarri, M. Diani "The Integrative Power of Civic Networks," *American Journal of Sociology*, 113(3): 735-80.
- 2007 D. Baldassarri, P. Bearman "Dynamics of Political Polarization," *American Sociological Review*, 72: 784-811.
Outstanding Article Publication in the ASA Section on Mathematical Sociology.

- 2006 D. Baldassarri, H.M.A. Schadee “Voter Heuristics and Political Cognition in Italy: An Empirical Typology”, *Electoral Studies*, 25: 448-466.
- 2005 D. Baldassarri “Oltre il *free rider*: l’utilizzo di modelli formali nello studio dell’azione collettiva,” *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, 40,1: 125-156.
En. title: “Beyond Free Riding: On the Use of Formal Models for the Study of Collective Action.”
- 2004 D. Baldassarri, H.M.A. Schadee “Il fascino della coalizione. Come e perché le alleanze elettorali influenzano il modo in cui gli elettori interpretano la politica,” *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 34, 2: 249-276.
En. title: “The Appeal of Coalitions: How and Why Electoral Alliances Affect Voters’ Political Understanding.”
- 2003 D. Baldassarri “Il voto ideologico esiste? L’utilizzo delle categorie di sinistra e destra nell’elettorato italiano”, *Quaderni dell’Osservatorio Elettorale*, 49: 5-34.
En. title: “Does the Ideological Voter Exist?: The Use of ‘Left’ and ‘Right’ by Italian Voters.”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2009 D. Baldassarri “Collective Action beyond the Free Rider. How Collective Goods become Collective?” in P. Hedström and P. Bearman (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Analytical Sociology*.
- 2009 G. Legnante, D. Baldassarri “I fattori di breve periodo. La comunicazione politica e la campagna.” P. Segatti, P. Bellucci (eds.) *La Cultura Politica degli Italiani*, Il Mulino, Bologna, forthcoming.
- 2008 D. Baldassarri, review of “Polarized America,” by Nolan McCarthy, Poole and Rosenthal, *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*.
- 2007 D. Baldassarri “How Do We Get There Empirically?” comment on Andrew Abbott “Mechanisms and Relations,” *Sociologica*, 2.
- 2007 D. Baldassarri “Sinistra e destra: la dimensione ideologica tra Prima e Seconda repubblica,” book chapter in *Gli italiani e la politica*, Marco Maraffi (ed.), Bologna, Il Mulino: 105-130.
En. title: “Left and Right: The Ideological Dimension between the First and Second Republic.”
- 2006 D. Baldassarri, review of “The Social Logic of Politics. Personal Networks as Contexts for Political Behavior,” by Alan Zuckerman (ed), *Contemporary Sociology*, 35, 4: 396-97.
- 2005 D. Baldassarri, review of “Alla ricerca del consenso,” by Guido Legnante, *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*.

WORKING PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2008 D. Baldassarri “Partisan Joiners: Associational Membership and Political Polarization in American Society,” under review.
- 2009 A. Ghaziani, D. Baldassarri “Is Culture Coherent? Using Network Analysis to Examine Competing Theoretical Positions,” under review.
- 2009 D. Baldassarri “Social Networks, Political Heterogeneity, and Interpersonal Influence. Evidence from the 2006 Italian Elections,” conference paper.
- 2009 E. Marshall, D. Baldassarri “Early Career Trajectories in the U.S. Senate, 1981-2006”, conference paper.
- 2008 D. Baldassarri “Keeping one’s distance: Odysseus and the role of ambiguity in the making of social sciences (and our lives).” conference paper.
- D. Baldassarri “On the Use of Social Networks Theory in the study of Social Capital, Heterogeneity, and Political Participation.” working paper.
- D. Baldassarri “Prisoners without Dilemma. Punishment and Solidarity in the Civitavecchia Political Prison, 1941-1943,” working paper.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2009	National Science Foundation – (SES) Research Grant	Principal Investigator – “Social and Spatial Networks, Social Capital, and Leadership Accountability in Rural Development: A Study of Uganda’s Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project” (495,090\$).
2009	Research Grant	University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences research Grant (5,000\$).
2008	American Sociological Association	Outstanding Article Publication in the ASA Section on Mathematical Sociology
2008	Research Grant	University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences research Grant (5,000\$).
2005-2007	Italian Political Science Association	Prize for the best book in Political Science published by a scholar under forty
2004-2005	University of Trento	University Award for the best graduate dissertation
2002-2003	Società Italiana di Studi Elettorali	“Celso Ghini” National Prize for the best undergraduate and graduate dissertation on political and electoral studies
2006-2007	Columbia University	Institute for Social and Economic Research Graduate Fellow
2004-2007	Columbia University	Paul Lazarsfeld Fellowship; Summer and Travel Grants
1998-2005	University of Trento	Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowships

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June 2009	University of Oxford, Said Business School, Complex Dynamics Seminar
May 2009	University of California – Davis, Political Networks Workshop, Political Science Department
May 2009	University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Social Networks Seminar & Sociology Seminar
Apr 2009	SUNY Stony Brook, Sociology Department
Mar 2009	Princeton University, Office of Population Research
Nov 2008	Rutgers University, Network Models on Social and Biological Contagion, DIMACS working group
Sep 2008	University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School
Aug 2008	American Sociological Association, Theory Conference and Political Sociology
Jun 2008	Harvard University, Harvard Networks in Political Science Conference.
May 2008	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, Madrid. Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales
May 2008	University of California-Berkeley, Department of Sociology.
Mar 2008	University of Milan, Department of Political and Social Science
Jan 2008	Sunbelt XXVIII International Social Network Conference, St.Pete, Florida
Dec 2007	Princeton University, Politics Department.
Nov 2007	Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics.
Aug 2007	Academy of Management, Symposium on Community Dynamics and Social Network Structures.
May 2007	Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton Colloquium on Public and International Affairs,
Mar 2007	Università di Torino, Turin, Italy. Department of Social Sciences.
Dec 2006	Stanford University, Graduate School of Business
Nov 2006	University of Washington, Department of Sociology

- Nov 2006 Yale University, Department of Sociology
- Nov 2006 Princeton University, Department of Sociology
- Nov 2006 Harvard University, Department of Sociology
- Nov 2006 University of Chicago, Department of Sociology
- Oct 2006 University of California-Los Angeles, Departments of Sociology
- May 2006 Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”, Dip. di Ricerca Sociale e Metodologia Sociologica
- Jan 2006 Sunbelt XXVI International Social Network Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Aug 2005 International Institute of Sociology, 37th World Congress, Stockholm.
- Aug 2005 American Sociological Association, Methodology
- Aug 2004 American Sociological Association, Social Movements
- Jun 2004 Sunbelt XXIV International Social Network Conference, Portoroz, Slovenia
- Sep 2003 SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) Annual Meeting
- May 2003 European Consortium for Political Research, Edinburgh

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH

- 2009- Editorial board: *Sociological Theory, World Politics*.
- 2009- Member at Large of the Political Networks Group
- 2007- Editorial board: *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*.
- 2004-now Manuscript reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Rationality and Society, Social Networks, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives, Organization Science, Polis, Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica, Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia, Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Proceedings for the National Academy of Science*.
- 2003-now Member of the Italian National Election Studies (Itanes) research group, recipient of Cofin Miur Research Grants (Italian “NSF”) for the study of public opinion and voting behavior.
- 2006 D. Baldassarri, A. Gelman “Social Groups and Political Polarization” research proposal submitted to the American National Election Studies, Pilot study.
- 2005 Consultant for *Transcrime*, “Media and Crime” research project, Trento, Italy.
- 2000-2001 Contribution to *Teorie Sociologiche classiche*, E.Rutigliano, Bollati Boringhieri, Torino, 2001. En. title: “Classical Sociological Theories.”
- 1996-1998 Contribution to *Le arti and Itinerari artistici*, (edited by) G.Dorfles, A. Pinotti, M. Ragazzi, C. Dalla Costa, ATLAS, Milano, 1998. En. titles: “Arts” and “Artistic Itineraries.”

TEACHING

Princeton University – Teaching

Research Seminar in Empirical Investigation (grad. 2008f-2009s)

Collective Behavior (grad. 2008s)

Political Sociology (grad. 2008s)

Political Sociology (undergrad. 2007f-2008f)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Princeton University

University Committee on *Public Lectures*

Graduate Program Committee

Departmental Seminar *Culture and Inequality* (organizer 2007-2008; 2008-2009)

Dissertations, external reader: Gregoire Mallard, Conrad Hackett, Rebecca Casciano.

Dissertation, committee member: Phillip Connor, Kevin Collins, Emily Marshall.

Undergraduate supervisor.