

# **Dr. Valeria Vanesio**

## **Ph.D in Archival and Library Science**

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### **Education**

06/2014 → **School of Heraldry, Genealogy and Archival Science**  
IAGI – Istituto Araldico Genealogico Italiano, Bologna

Four international courses in Heraldry, Genealogy, Family History and Chivalric Orders. Second course is currently under way.

11/2014-07/2018 **Ph.D. in Archival and Library Science** (three years with bursary)  
Graduation: 13 July 2018, excellent *cum laude*

Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy, 00185  
Department of Library Information and Archive Sciences, Languages and Geography (Scienze documentarie, linguistiche e geografiche)

Ph. D. project: *Un'istituzione millenaria attraverso i suoi Archivi. I processi di ammissione dell'Ordine ospedaliero di San Giovanni* (secc. XVI-XIX)  
(Studying an ancient institution through its archives. The admission procedures of the Hospitaller Order of St John, sixteenth-nineteenth centuries)

Main supervisor: Prof. Francesca Santoni (Sapienza University, Rome)  
Co-supervisors: Prof. Marina Raffaeli (Sapienza University, Rome), Prof. Federica Formiga (Verona University), Valeria Maria Leonardi (Magistral Archives)

Referees: Prof. Emanuel Buttigieg (University of Malta), Prof. Andrea Giorgi (Trento University)

04/2017

### **Heckman Stipend**

Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, St. John University 2835 Abbey Plaza  
| PO Box 7300 Collegeville, Minnesota 56321. USA

The programme is specifically intended to help scholars in order to consult material to be found in the collections of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library.

2015 - 2016

**Diploma: Vatican School for Archival Studies (Scuola Vaticana di Archivistica)**

(annual course with final exam)

Città del Vaticano

Archival description, management of ancient and modern archives, Paleography and Diplomatic.

2013 - 2015

**Diploma: School for Archival Studies, Paleography and Diplomatic (Scuola di Archivistica, Paleografia e Diplomatica)** (two years with final exam)

State Archive of Rome, 40 Corso Rinascimento, Rome, Italy, 00186

Advanced training for the archivists of State archives, with theoretical and practical preparation in the following disciplines: Archival and library Science, Archival History, Paleography and Diplomatic, Heraldry, and Codicology.

2011 - 2014

**Master's degree (final grade: 110/110 cum laude)**

Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, 00185

Department of Library Information and Archive Sciences, Languages and Geography (Department of Scienze documentarie, linguistico-filologiche e geografiche)

Study of medieval and modern books and documents, management of contemporary libraries and archives. Preservation of cultural heritage.  
Dissertation: *Trent'anni di diplomazia (1721 - 1749): i rapporti del Sovrano Militare Ordine di Malta con la Santa Sede nei documenti degli Archivi Magistrali*, (Thirty year of diplomatic activity, 1721-1749: The relations between the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the Holy See as referred in the documents of the Magistral Archive) (Prof Marina Raffaeli, Prof Francesca Santoni).

2008 – 2011

**Bachelor's degree (final grade: 110/110 cum laude)**

Salento University, 7, Piazza Tancredi, Lecce, Italy, 73100  
Department of Cultural Heritage – Archival and Library Science

History, Art History, History of Architecture, Archival and Library Science, Codicology, Latin and Italian Literature.

Dissertation: *Le delibere preunitarie del Comune di Maglie dal 1805 al 1821* (The deliberations of the Commune of Maglie before Italian unification, 1805-1821) (Prof Francesco de Luca).

## Other Training Activities

- 06/2016            **European Research Funds Course**  
                      Tor Vergata University in Rome
- 01-02/2016        **Academic English Course**  
                      Tor Vergata University in Rome
- 16-17/11/2015     **Archival Descriptions Tools Course** (La descrizione degli Archivi. Conoscere ed utilizzare i software di descrizione)
- 27/01/2015        **Digital Archives Course** (Archivi Digitali 2015 - Accreditamento dei conservatori e certificazione dei processi di conservazione)  
                      ANAI - National Association of Italian Archivists. Management and preservation of digital archives in public administration.
- 13-14/11/2014     **Clavius on the web project (Workshop)**  
                      Pontificia Università Gregoriana in Rome. Digitization project and creation of a platform for the correspondence of Christophorus Clavius, German Jesuit mathematician (16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century).
- 24/06/2014        **MOVIO software Course**  
                      Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Central Institute for the Italian Library Information Catalogue. Course on Movio, an open source kit for staging virtual online exhibitions.
- 18/06/2014        **Cost saving. Workflow Management, Digital Preservation Course**  
                      CODEX Data Elaboration System – Rome. Management and preservation of digital archives.
- 17/04/2014        **Genealogy and Archival Sources Course** (La ricerca delle radici. Le fonti tra demografia storica e alberi genealogici)  
                      ANAI - National Association of Italian Archivists. Genealogical research in public, private and ecclesiastical archival contexts.

11-12/2013           **Archival Description Tool Course *Archimista***  
ICAR (Central Italian Institute of Archives)

## **Professional Experience**

- 07/2018 →       **Archivist for the Malta Study Center**  
Malta Study Center - Hill Museum and Manuscript Library  
St. Benedict College  
Collegeville, Minnesota, USA
- 06/2014-07/2017   **Archivist – Project leader**  
SMOM – Sovereign Military Order of Malta  
68, Via dei Condotti, Rome, Italy, 00187  
Reconstruction and reorganization of the historical archival fonds of the Magistral Archives.
- 01/2015           **Collaboration with the Jewish Museum in Rome**  
Museo Ebraico  
Lungotevere de' Cenci, Rome, Italy, 00186  
Transcription of Jewish wedding records (Ketubot) of the Porto family preserved in the State Archive of Rome.
- 05-12/2012       **Collaboration with Sapienza University**  
Department of Philosophy  
Assistance and help desk for students.

## **Teaching Activities and Seminars**

SAPIENZA University of Rome

Study-unit: guest lecturer in Archival Research Methodology (*Strumenti e metodi per la ricerca archivistica*), co-ordinated by Prof Francesca Nemore. Subject: ‘The Magistral Archives’ (*Gli Archivi Magistrali. Viaggi, percorsi e suggestioni di ricerca*), academic year 2016-2017.

Study-unit: guest lecturer in Methodology for medieval history (*Discipline per la storia della civiltà medievale*), co-ordinated by Prof Francesca Santoni. Subject: ‘Genealogies of the Knights. Archival procedure’ (*Genealogie malitensi. Iter documentario per la genesi di un cavaliere*), academic year 2016-2017.

Study-unit: guest lecturer in Archival Studies (*Archivistica generale*), co-ordinated by Prof Giovanni Paoloni. Lecture themes includes ‘The documentary heritage of the Knights of St John’ (*Il patrimonio documentario dei Cavalieri di San Giovanni. Primi lineamenti per una storia archivistica*), and ‘The archive of the Hospitaller Langue of Italy’ (*Una memoria dormiente: l'archivio giovannita della Lingua d'Italia*), academic year 2017-2018.

Study-unit: guest lecturer in Archival Studies (*Archivistica generale*), co-ordinated by Prof Giovanni Paoloni. Subject: ‘The Auberge of the Langue of Italy in Malta’ (*L'albergia della Lingua d'Italia a Malta. L'avventurosa storia di un palazzo e delle sue carte* (secoli XVI-XIX), academic year 2018-2019.

### Medici Archive Project

Seminar: guest lecturer at the Winter Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies 2019. Subject: ‘The Archives of the Order of St. John. The case of the Priory of Pisa’ (2019 January 17).

### **Research experiences abroad**

Malta Study Center, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library - Heckman Stipend. St. John University, Collegeville MN USA. (04/2017).

National Library of Malta, Valletta, Malta (10/2013; 05/2016; 10/2016; 2017; 2018)

### **Research projects and agreements**

RENOM - (Réseaux, Espaces, NOblesse en Méditerranée) directed by professors Anne Brogini, Germain Butaud and Charles Bouveyron.

International agreement for scientific collaboration (Sapienza, EPHE-Paris, Malta University)

## **Publications**

### **Papers**

‘Studying historical landscapes: the cabreo and related archival sources from Italy and Malta (XVI-XIX Century)’, ‘*Arkivju*’, 8 (2017) [with Valentina Burgassi, Daniel Borg, Mevrick Spiteri]

‘L’Albergia della Lingua d’Italia a Malta. L’avventurosa storia di un palazzo e delle sue carte (secoli XVI-XIX)’, ‘*Nuovi Annali della scuola speciale per archivisti e bibliotecari*’, vol. 31(2017), pp. 163-190 [with Valentina Burgassi]

‘Gli Alberi genealogici e le prove di nobiltà dell’Ordine di Malta. Note metodologiche per la valorizzazione’, ‘*Nobiltà*’, 24 (2017), n.137

‘I processi nobiliari del Sovrano Militare Ordine di Malta: un’istituzione internazionale attraverso le sue carte’, ‘*Nobiltà*’, 22 (2015), n.125

‘Il valore inestimabile delle carte. L’Archivio del Sovrano Militare Ordine di Malta e la sua storia: un primo esperimento di ricostruzione’, ‘*Collectanea Bibliothecae Magistralis*’, II (2014)

### **Conference Proceedings**

‘La città fortificata di Arezzo nei Cabrei del Priorato di Pisa’, ‘*Defensive Architecture of the Mediterranean: XV to XVIII centuries*’, Alicante, Editorial Publicacions Universitat d’Alacant, 2017, pp. 85-91 [with Valentina Burgassi]

‘Documenta, Monumenta. Le Commende e i Baliaggi dell’Ordine di Malta in Puglia come sistema culturale territoriale dal Medioevo a oggi’, in *Conversano nel Medioevo. Storia, arte e cultura del territorio tra IX e XIV secolo*. Edited by Gaetano Curzi, Maria Antonella Madonna, Stefania Paone, Maria Cristina Ricci. Campisano, 2018, pp. 155-172 [with Valentina Burgassi]

‘Genealogical Trees and Coats of Arms in the Proofs of Nobility of the Order of Malta: Origin and Evolution of an Archival Practice’, XXXII International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences – Origins and evolution, Glasgow, 10-12 agosto 2016 (forthcoming)

### **Books**

‘L’Archivio dell’Ambasciata dell’Ordine di Malta. Trent’anni di diplomazia della Santa Sede (1721-1749)’, Cargeghe, Documenta (forthcoming).

## Interventions at Conferences

*Modern Age fortifications of the Mediterranean Coast - International Conference*, Turin, 18-20/10/2018:

*I gerosolimitani in Toscana e lungo la Via Francigena. Ospedali, commende e fortificazioni* [with Valentina Burgassi]

*Military Orders International Conference - Property, Piety, Pugnacity*, London, 7-10/09/2017: *Between Rules and Procedure. The Italian Modern Commanderies of the Order of Malta in Archival and Architectural Sources* [with Valentina Burgassi] (with bursary)

*Conversano nel Medioevo. Storia, arte e cultura del territorio tra IX e XIV secolo*, Conversano, 02/2017. Intervention: *Documenta, Monumenta. Le Commende e i Baliaggi dell’Ordine di Malta in Puglia come sistema culturale territoriale dal Medioevo ad oggi* [with Valentina Burgassi]

*XXXII International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences – Origins and evolution*, Glasgow, 10-12/08/2016. Intervention: *Genealogical Trees and Coats of Arms in Proofs of Nobility of the Order of Malta: Origin and Evolution of an Archival Practice* (with bursary)

*I Coloquio Internacional sobre la nobleza*, Madrid, 21-24/10/ 2015. Intervention: *La Conservatoria Magistrale dell’Ordine di Malta: patrimonio documentario tra genealogia, araldica e prove nobiliari dal XVI al XIX sec* (II part).

## Awards and qualifications

Award *Best Student Paper FortMed 2017*, paper *La città fortificata di Arezzo nei Cabrei del Priorato di Pisa* (with Valentina Burgassi), International Conference *Modern Age Fortifications of Mediterranean Coast*, Alicante, 26-28/10/2017.

Academic qualification of *cultore della materia in Diplomatica e Paleografia latina* (expert in Latin Diplomatic and Paleography) at Sapienza University of Rome (2017).

Award *Premio Bibliographica 2016 – VIII edizione*. Publication of Master Dissertation, title: *L’Archivio dell’Ambasciata dell’Ordine di Malta. Trent’anni di diplomazia con la Santa Sede (1721-1749)*.

Award *Laureato Eccellente Sapienza – 2014* (Sapienza Excellent Graduated - 2014)

## **Linguistic skills**

Italian: Advanced reading, writing and verbal knowledge.

English: Advanced reading and writing; intermediate verbal knowledge (Academic English course)

Latin: Advanced reading knowledge.

French: Basic reading knowledge.

Spanish: Basic reading knowledge.

## **Acquired Skills**

Archimista (app open source for describing archival sources)

X – Dams (open source platform for archival sources)

vHMM (online platform for libraries, museums, and archives developed by the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library that follows international and American description standards)

MS Office

## **Memberships:**

ANAI – Associazione Nazionale Archivistica Italiana (National Association of Italian Archivists)

IAGI - Istituto Araldico Genealogico Italiano (Italian Institute for the Study of Heraldry and Genealogy)

RSA - Renaissance Society of America

SOS - Archivi e Biblioteche (Preservation of Archives and Libraries)