



Cynthia Laura Vialle-Giancotti

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Bio

BIO

Cynthia is a Lecturer for the Civic, Liberal, and Global Education Program in Undergraduate Education.

Her research encompasses 17th and 18th century French literary forms, with a focus on novels, literary portraits, gendered and ageist representations.

Her dissertation titled: "Framing Portraits in 18th-Century French Novels" focuses on the portrayal of the body in French fiction of the 17th and 18th centuries. Its principal aim is to show the import of 17th century female authors in shaping 18th century descriptive practices. It also reveals the functions that descriptions of the body serve in the 18th century: instructing and guiding the reader, as well as entertaining her. Lastly, it underlines how descriptive practices offered a medium for female authors to assert their cultural primacy, against male narrative traditions.

Teaching is my greatest passion. At Stanford I have taught and TA'd classes on various subjects (French language, European History, Italian literature, German Culture, English Gothic Novels, Autobiographies and History of Revolutions) using innovative methods and assignments. My whole teaching approach is oriented toward one goal: to make students perceive the real-life impact of literary studies in particular and the humanities more in general. I am committed to rendering the study of the humanities and the apprenticeship of languages accessible to our diverse community. Having been a FLI (First Generation College) student I understand the difficulties that students from this community encounter and I am happy to support them in their learning needs.

Research Interests: the novel and novel theory, gender studies, life-writing genres, the body and issues of corporality (death, sickness, aging), supernatural genres, violence against women, history and art history.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Stanford Introductory Studies - Civic, Liberal, and Global Education

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Stanford University , French and Italian (2022)

LINKS

- Portfolio: <https://www.cynthiavialle.com/>

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Preventing Human Extinction: COLLEGE 107 (Spr)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2022-23

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Preventing Human Extinction: COLLEGE 107 (Spr)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2021-22

- Comics: More than Words: DLCL 238, ENGLISH 1C, FILMEDIA 38 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- The Art of Self-Portraits: COMPLIT 186A, FEMGEN 186, FRENCH 186, ITALIAN 186 (Win)

2020-21

- First-Year French, First Quarter: FRENLANG 1 (Aut, Win)
- The Gothic: Transcultural, Multilingual, and Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Genre: ENGLISH 1G (Aut, Win, Spr)