

Carmen De Lorenzo is an accomplished educator, currently serving as an Instructor, Coordinator of the Italian Program, and Director of the Education Abroad Program “Italian Language, Literature, and Culture in Ferrara” at Michigan State University (MSU). She teaches various Italian language, literature, and culture courses and has been a critical figure in MSU’s Italian program for many years.

Since 2003, Carmen has also taught non-credit Italian courses at the MSU Evening College and the MSU Community Language School, sharing her love for the Italian language with adult learners. Her innovative teaching approach, particularly in integrating technology, has earned her several awards, including the MSU AT&T Award in Instructional Technology and the Georges J. Joyaux Post-Secondary Educator Award.



Carmen’s research interests include Second Language Acquisition, teaching languages with technology, online testing, and community-based language teaching for adults. She also strongly advocates diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in education, continually striving to create inclusive and accessible learning environments.

Beyond academia, Carmen is an active and proud member of the Italian American community in Lansing and East Lansing. She organizes numerous free events to celebrate and share Italian culture, most notably the annual Italian Film Festival USA at MSU, which brings contemporary Italian cinema to the community each spring.

As the Director of the Ferrara Education Abroad Program, Carmen also provides MSU students with immersive experiences in Italian culture, helping them develop both language proficiency and a deeper appreciation for Italy’s rich heritage.

Carmen’s dedication to teaching, research, and community engagement makes her a vital contributor to MSU and the greater East Lansing area.