

## *Authors*

**Marie Volpe** is currently adjunct professor of Adult Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, after having completed a successful 35-year career at Exxon Corporation. She earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Psychology, and a doctorate in Education, both at Teachers College, Columbia University and completed her Post-Doctoral work at Harvard University.

**Paolo Raviolo** is PhD, part of the research team of technology and training in the context of the project Sonna (Social Network and New Learnings: models and experiments), at the Department of History-Social Science, Philosophy and Education, University of Siena. He has been visiting researcher at Kingston University (UK).

**Michela Mancini** studies the relationship between images and narrative within a research on visual culture as key-element of cultural processes and of those analysis that, taking the theory of culture and literature as a starting point, lead to the study of arts' history as an indicator of groups' and European nations' identity. She collaborated to Project Sonna: Social Networks and New Learning, at the Department of Education, Humanities and Intercultural Communication Sciences.

**Claudio Melacarne** is researcher of Social Pedagogy at the University of Siena. His research activities is focused on educational research methodology, reflective approach in adult education and organizational development. He works as consultant with private and public organizations. His research interests is actually focused on the conditions to promote transformative learning and to plan educational setting in formal and informal contexts.

**Valentina Mucciarelli** is PhD in 'Conflict analysis and resolution in interpersonal and intercultural relations' at the University of Siena. Her research is focused on Gender studies in the workplace, educational

methodology and the relationship between organizational learning and conflicts in the workplace. Actually, she works as researcher in the Social Network and New Learnings project at the Department of History-Social Science, Philosophy and Education, University of Siena.

**Monica Fedeli**, PhD, is an assistant and aggregate professor at University of Padua. Her research focuses on adult learning methodologies and human development. She serves as Board Member of the International Society for Comparative Adult Education, E-mail: [monica.fedeli@unipd.it](mailto:monica.fedeli@unipd.it)

**Mario Giampaolo** M. A. in Psychological Sciences, is a student in the Doctoral School of Educational Sciences at University of Padua. His research focuses on adult and higher education and the personalization of educational services. E-mail: [mario.giampaolo@studenti.unipd.it](mailto:mario.giampaolo@studenti.unipd.it)

**Marcie Boucouvalas**, Ph.D., is Professor and Program Director of Adult Learning and HRD at the Graduate Center of Virginia Tech/National Capital Region, USA. She serves as Director of the Commission for International Adult Education & on the Board of the International Adult & Continuing Education Hall of Fame into which she was inducted in 2003. E-mail: [marcie@vt.edu](mailto:marcie@vt.edu)

**Lucia Zannini** is an Associate Professor of Pedagogy. She teaches “Introduction to the Medical Profession” at the International Medical School of Milan, and in many other degrees of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Milan. Her research interests are focused on innovative healthcare professionals’ training, narrative-based medicine and patient education.

**Vanna Boffo** is tenured researcher and adjunct professor of general pedagogy at the University of Florence. She deals with care and interpersonal relations in school and work contexts. Among her latest publications: *Relazioni educative: tra comunicazione cura* (2011), *A Glance at Work. Educational Perspectives* (ed. 2012).

**Sabina Falconi** is post-doctoral researcher at the University of Florence. She deals with pedagogy and didactics for the inclusion of people with disabilities in work and schools. As well as essays in collective volumes and articles in journals, she has edited, with Vanna Boffo and Tamara Zappaterra, *Per una formazione al lavoro. Le sfide della disabilità adulta* (eds 2012).

**Vasco d'Agnese** is Associate professor of General and Social Pedagogy at Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli (Department of Psychology). Current research interests: Philosophy of Education, Pedagogical Epistemology, Adult Learning.