

Who Am I?



I am the granddaughter of Italian immigrants, the daughter of a woman who worked all her life as a tailor/baster in a sweatshop who never made more than \$3,600 a year in her lifetime and completed her eighth grade education in night school. My father was out of work during most of the Great Depression and because of it, divorced my mother at the outbreak of World War II. (Please see biography for more details). I worked myself through college, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Florence and eventually received my PhD from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. I was a College Professor and University Administrator until I retired in 1993. I have been involved in community/professional organizations most of my life.

The short version of my bio is appended, as is my Curriculum Vitae.

Maria J. Falco, PhD

Maria Falco received her Ph. D. in Political Science from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania in 1963. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Florence in Italy from 1954-55, where she studied Political Theory including Machiavelli and the Anti-Machiavellists.

In 1964 she served as a research assistant to Genevieve Blatt, the first woman to run for the US Senate from the state of Pennsylvania, while a recipient of a Fellowship in State and Local Politics from the National Center for Education in Politics. In 1965-66 she was granted a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship by Yale University, and in the summer of 1968, a summer research grant from the National Science Foundation to study Quantitative Data Analysis at the University of Michigan. She taught political science at several colleges and universities, and eventually became a university administrator in Syracuse, NY and Tulsa, OK.

She has been a member of the American Political Science Association since 1958, became Program Chair of the Epistemology and Methodology Section in 1975, was subsequently invited to become President of the Women's Caucus for Political Science in 1976, and was voted Mentor of Distinction in 1989 by that group.

In 1979 she became the first and only woman Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University in New Orleans and in 1986 was invited to become Academic Vice President at DePauw University in Indiana.

When she retired in 1993 she returned to the New Orleans area and taught part-time at Tulane University for a year, then originated courses for the Rosa Keller Campus at UNO in "Politics and Art of the Italian Renaissance", "Regions of Italy" and other related topics. She led tours to Italy for students and later for retirees, including lectures on the art and politics of different regions of the country. She became involved in civic activities locally through the League of Women Voters (President, 2001-2) and the Business and Professional Women of Jefferson Parish (President, 2004-5).

In 2004 she joined the East Jefferson Italian American Society, and has served as its Recording Secretary since 2005. In 2007 she was elected Secretary of the American Italian Federation of the South East. In the past six months she successfully constructed two

websites for the EJIAS and the AIFEDSE: www.ejiasociety.org, and www.aifedse.org, and remains webmaster for both organizations. She is also the creator and webmaster for the website of the Country Club Estates Civic Association of Metairie: www.cceca.org. In 2006 she joined the Women for a Better Louisiana and was elected Secretary in 2007. In 2008 she was recognized as the “Woman of the Year” by the East Jefferson Italian American Society for her service to the organization.

Since 2004 she has been an Extraordinary Minister of Communion (Eucharistic Minister) at St. Ann Church in Metairie, and in 2007 was appointed Chairperson of the New Parishioners Committee for the St. Ann Church Capital Campaign.

Overall, she has published six books, including one on Machiavelli by Penn State Press in 2004, as well as a number of articles in scholarly journals and editorials and opinion pieces in newspapers and weekly periodicals, including one on Italy and the war in Iraq in the National Catholic Reporter in May of 2003. Her biography has been published in “Who’s Who in America” since 1978, and was recently added to the roster of Who’s Who in the World.

Maria J. Falco, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

Education:

- 1993: Summer: College Management Program, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1968: Summer: Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Survey Research Center
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Topic: Quantitative Data Analysis
- 1965-1966: Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Topic: Behavioralism in American Political Science
- 1957-1963: Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Ph.D.: Political Theory and American Politics
Dissertation: *Inquisition: An Historical Analysis of the Inquisitorial Judicial Procedure
From Ancient Rome to the Modern Grand Jury.*
- 1955-1958: Fordham University, New York, New York
M.A.: Political Philosophy
- 1954-1955: Fulbright Scholarship, University of Florence, Italy
Corsi Singoli in Dottrina Delle Scienze Politiche: Machiavelli e gli Anti-Machiavellisti
- 1950-1954: Immacolata College, Immacolata, Pennsylvania
B.A.: Major: History; Minors: Physical Science, Mathematics

Employment:

- 1996-1997: Adjunct Professor, Political Science, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1993-----: Professor Emerita, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana
- 1988-1993: Professor, Political Science, DePauw University
- 1986-1988: Academic Vice President and Dean of the Faculty, DePauw University
- 1985-1986: Professor, Political Science, Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1979-1985: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1976-1979: Chair, Faculty of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 1973-1976: Professor of Political Science, Stockton State College, Pomona, New Jersey
- 1966-1973: Assistant and Associate Professor of Political Science, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, New York
Chair, Department of Political Science, 1967-1973

- 1964-1965: Research Assistant, Genevieve Blatt, Candidate for US Senate from Pennsylvania, while on Faculty Fellowship in State and Local Politics, awarded by the National Center for Education in Politics
- 1963-1964: Assistant Professor of Political Science, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland
- 1957-1963: Instructor and Assistant Professor of History and Political Science, Immaculata College, PA

Honors and Fellowships

- 1989: Honor Roll of Mentors of Distinction, Women's Caucus For Political Science: "...in recognition of past and present efforts encouraging and assisting women to enter the profession of Political Science..."
- 1968: National Science Foundation Summer Research Grant, University of Michigan
- 1965: Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Yale University
- 1964: Faculty Fellowship in State and Local Politics, National Center for Education in Politics
- 1959: Tuition Grant, Bryn Mawr College
- 1954: Fulbright Scholarship, University of Florence, Italy
Assistantship, Georgetown University (Declined)
- 1950: Honorable Mention, Westinghouse National Science Talent Search
Full Tuition Scholarship, Immaculata College

Publications and Related Activities

Books:

Truth and Meaning in Political Science: An Introduction to Political Inquiry, Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Publishing Co., 1973; republished, University Press of America, Washington, D.C., 1982.

Through the Looking-Glass: Epistemology and the Conduct of Political Inquiry: an Anthology, ed., Washington, D.C., University Press of America, 1979.

"Bigotry!": Ethnic, Machine and Sexual Politics in a Senatorial Election, New York, Greenwood Press, 1980.

Feminism and Epistemology: Approaches to Research on Women and Politics; ed., New York, Haworth Press, *Women & Politics*, Volume 7, Issue 3, Fall, 1987.

Feminist Interpretations of Mary Wollstonecraft, ed., University Park, Pennsylvania State University Press, 1996.

Feminist Interpretations of Niccolo` Machiavelli, ed., University Park, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004.

Articles:

"The Day the Bosses Fumbled", *Cases in American National Government and Politics*, Tresolini and Frost, eds., Englewood Cliffs, NJ, Prentics-Hall, 1966, pp. 62-74.

"Surveys, Sophomores and Shoestrings," *Teaching Political Science*, vol. 1, no. 1, (October, 1973), pp. 59-77.

Consultant Editor

Political Parties and Civic Action Groups, as part of Reference Series, *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Institutions*, New York: Greenwood Press, 1978.

Book Reviews

Fortune is a Woman, second edition, by Hannah Pitkin, *Hypatia*, Summer, 2002.

Human Inquiry: A Sourcebook of New Paradigm Research, by Peter Reason and John Rowan, *American Political Science Review*, June, 1983, pp. 559-560.

The Modern Liberal Theory of Man, by Gerald F. Gaus, *The Journal of Politics*, Winter 1984-85.

Refereed Works

Books

F. L. Rusciano, *Doxa and Paradox: An Inquiry into Public Opinion and Public Choice*, Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut, 1988.

T. Ball, *Idioms of Inquiry*, SUNY Press, Albany, NY, 1985.

T. Nelson, *What Should Political Theory Be Now?*, SUNY Press, Albany, NY, 1982

NSF Projects

Research in Undergraduate institutions

Two grant proposals for personal computers and research support from Northern Kentucky University, 1984.

One grant proposal for research support from Jackson State University, 1985.

Journal Articles

2000: *Women & Politics*

2000: *Hypatia*

1999: *Polity*

1987-1992: *Women & Politics*

1985: *American Political Science Review*

1978: *Western Political Quarterly*

1976: *Political Methodology*

1974: *American Journal of Political Science*

Participation at Professional Conferences and Conventions

2006: Discussant: Panel on Niccolò Machiavelli (critiqued 5 papers), APSA Convention, Philadelphia, August.

1993: President and Program Chair: Indiana Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April.

1993: Chair and Organizer, Symposium in celebration of the bicentennial of the publication of Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, DePauw University, February.

1992: Chair, Roundtable Discussion on Bicentennial of publication of Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August.

1991: Chair, Panel, "Frontiers of Research on Women and Politics," Indiana Political Science Association, April.

- 1990-1991: Chair, Outstanding Convention Paper Award Committee, Women and Politics Research Section, APSA.
- 1990: Discussant, Panel on Political Theory, Indiana Political Science Association, Purdue, University, April.
- 1990: Chair, Roundtable Discussion on “Ethics, The Media and Political Campaigns”, with Ken Bode, Chris Arterton, Doris Graber, David Axelrod and others, MidWest Political Science Association, April.
- 1989: Chair, Panel, “Democracy, Liberalism and Community”, Foundations of Political Theory Group, American Political Science Association, September.
- 1988: Chair, Panel, “The Interaction of Gender, Party and Governmental Structures”, Southern Political Science Association, November.
- 1988: Discussant, Panel, “Using Computers for Classroom and Professional Analysis”, APSA, September.
- 1988: Discussant, Panel, “Ideology, Rhetoric and Post-Modernism”, Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, March.
- 1987: Workshop: “Using Microcomputers for Political Science Methods and Substance”, Participant, APSA, September.
- 1986: Paper: “‘Family’ as a Political Concept: Mario Cuomo and the Pursuit of the Presidency”, Louisiana Political Science Association, March.
- 1985: Chair, Panel, “Epistemological Foundations of Research on Women and Politics”, Women’s Caucus for Political Science, APSA, August.
- 1985: Chair, Roundtable Discussion, “Presidential Politics after Geraldine Ferraro”, Louisiana-Mississippi Associations, Joint Annual Meeting, March.
- 1984: Chair, Panel, “The Angst of Teaching Research Methods to Undergraduates”, APSA, August.
- 1984: Chair, Panel, “Truth and Meaning, Constructed or Discovered?” SouthWest Political Science Association, March.
- 1984-1985: Member, Board of Directors, Committee on the Enhancement and Support of the Liberal Arts, American Conference of Academic Deans.
- 1983: Participant, Roundtable Discussion, “Women in Academic Administration,” Women’s Caucus for Political Science, APSA, September.
- 1982: Chair, Panel, “Foundations of Explanation in Political Science”, Foundations of Political Theory Group, APSA, September.
- 1982: Participant, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities-National Endowment for the Humanities Conference on International Studies, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, PA, June.
- 1979-1980: Member, Outstanding Convention Paper Award Committee, SWPSA.
- 1979: Facilitator, Workshop Session on Personnel Management and Evaluation, ConnectionsII, Statewide Conference for Louisiana Women in Higher Education Administration, American Council on Education-National Identification Program, Baton Rouge, LA, November.

- 1978: Chair, Panel, "Multiple Perspectives on the Fact/Value Dichotomy", Foundations of Political Theory Group, APSA, September.
- 1978: Participant, Roundtable Discussion, "On Becoming Full Members of the Profession", MWPSA, April.
- 1978: Paper, "Hermeneutical and Behavioral Methodologies: Confrontation or Reconciliation?", SWPSA, April.
- 1977-1978: Member, Committee on the Status of Women, MWPSA.
- 1977-1980: Member, Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee, APSA, (three year term).
- 1977: Chair, Panel, "The Evaluation of Empirical Theory in Political Science since World War II", Paper, "Empirical Theory and the Behavioral Movement in Political Science: An Overview and Appraisal", APSA, September.
- 1976: Member, Benjamin Evans Lippincott Award Committee, APSA; presented award for best work in Political Theory fifteen years old or older, to Karl Popper.
- 1975: Program Section Chairperson for seven panels on Epistemology and Methodology, APSA; participant in Panel, "Ways of Seeing and Ways of Knowing Democracy", chaired by Thomas L Thorson (Indiana University); participant in Foundations of Political Theory Group panel, "Action Theory and Political Inquiry", organized by George Graham (Vanderbilt University), August.
- 1975: Paper, "Setups: The Use of Data Bases in the Teaching of American Government", Second New Jersey Conference on the Uses of the Computer in Political Science, April.
- 1974: Discussant, Roundtable on "Teaching Research Methods to Undergraduates", chaired by Ruth Jones, (University of Missouri, St. Louis), APSA, September.
- 1974: Paper, "The Uses of Data in the Teaching of Political Science: A Case Study", First New Jersey Conference on the Uses of the Computer in Political Science, April.
- 1973: Participant, Panel, "Methods of Teaching Political Science", APSA Conference on the Small College, French Lick, Indiana, June.
- 1973: Paper, "Surveys, Sophomores and Shoestrings", panel, "Teaching Political Science", New York Political Science Association, March.
- 1970: Discussant, Workshop on "Women in Political Science", APSA, September.
- 1968: Discussant, Panel on Political Theory, critique of paper on African Socialism, NYPSA, March.

Speeches, Community Activities, etc.

- 2008--- Member, Board of Directors, and Webmaster, Country Club Estates Civic Association, Metairie, LA
- 2006--- Secretary, Women for a Better Louisiana
- 2007--- Corresponding Secretary, and Webmaster, American Italian Federation of the South East
- 2005 -- Recording Secretary, and Webmaster, East Jefferson Italian American Society
- 2003 "The War in Iraq Through European Eyes", National Catholic Reporter, May 16.
- 2003 President, Business and Professional Women of Jefferson Parish

- 2002 First Vice President, Business and Professional Women of Jefferson Parish
- 2001 President, League of Women Voters of Jefferson Parish
- 1999-2000: Member, Board of Directors, Jefferson Parish League of Women Voters
- 1997-2000: Member, President's Council, Loyola University new Orleans (three year term).
- 1996: Keynote Speaker, Annual Luncheon, Joint Meeting of the New Orleans-Metairie AAUW, "Who Was Mary Wollstonecraft?"; May 19.
- 1996: Women's History Month Lecture, "Who Was Mary Wollstonecraft?" Women's Center, Loyola University, March 20.
- 1993: Editorial, "Christie (Whitman) Should Be Campaigning as a Woman", *Bridgewater (NJ) Sunday Courier News*, October 17, 1993.
- 1992: Editorial, "Wollstonecraft Was Murphy Brown of 18th Century England", *South Bend Tribune*, November 16.
- 1992: Editorial, "Defining Moments in an Election", *The Banner Graphic*, Greencastle, IN, August 22.
- 1992: Editorial, "Defining Moments' Rally Many Women to Political Involvement", *Journal and Courier*, Lafayette, IN, August 17.
- 1992: Editorial, "Defining Moments for Women, 1992 Holds Promise as Their Issues Rise to the Surface", *Tribune-Star*, Terre Haute, IN, August 16.
- 1990: Editorial, "Political Hurricane: Abortion, Race Issues Likely at Eye of Storm During the '90s", *The Banner Graphic*, Greencastle, IN, January 12.
- 1989: Editorial, "Improbable Politics of 1989 Will Shape the 1990s", *Indianapolis Business Journal*, December 25-31.
- 1986: Speaker, "Women in Administration", Community Day Breakfast, Greencastle, IN, October 30.
- 1985-1986: Member, Board of Directors, Chair, Committee for Personnel Management, Institute for Human Understanding, New Orleans, LA.
- 1984-1986: Member, Board of Directors, Urban Partners, Institute for Human Relations, Loyola University New Orleans.
- 1984: Moderator, 19th Metropolitan Leadership Forum, "Energy and the Future of New Orleans," Murphy Institute of Political Economy, Tulane University, December.
- 1984: Keynote Address, "The Future of Liberal Education", Annual Workshop, Association for Women in Science, Baton Rouge Chapter, Louisiana State University, November.
- 1984: Speaker, "Women in Administration", New Orleans Credit Women's Group, June.
- 1983-1985: Member, Mayor's Task Force on the Future of New Orleans, Moderator of Panel on "Education", Tulane University, March, 1984.
- 1983: Moderator, 18th Metropolitan Leadership Forum, "Energy and the Future of New Orleans", Murphy Institute of Political Economy, Tulane University, December.
- 1982: Speaker, "Why Go To College?" Ursuline Academy, New Orleans, LA, October 22..

1981: Speaker, "The Liberal Arts and the Future", Career Awareness Day of Greater New Orleans, Tulane University, November.

Professional Memberships

Deans' Council, Great Lakes Colleges Association, 1986-1988.

Deans' Council, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, 1979-1985.

Council for Liberal Learning, Association of American Colleges, 1985-1987.

Western Political Science Association, 1988-1990.

Women and Politics Research Section, American Political Science Association, 1987----

Computer Users Section, American Political Science Association, 1987-1993.

Indiana Political Science Association, 1988-1993.

Indiana Social Science Association, 1988-1993.

Louisiana Political Science Association, 1983-1986.

American Conference of Academic Deans, 1979-1985.

American Council on Education, 1979-1985.

Association of American Colleges, 1979-1985.

Midwest Political Science Association, 1976-1979; 1987-1983.

Southern Political Science Association, 1988-1990.

Southwest Political Science Association, 1976-1986.

Foundations of Political Theory Group, American Political Science Association, 1973-1993.

Women's Caucus for Political Science, 1969----

Northeastern Political Science Association, 1969-1976.

New York Political Science Association, 1967-1973.

American Association of University Professors, 1966-1993.

American Political Science Association, 1958----

Pennsylvania Political Science and Public Administration Association, 1958-1966.

Related Memberships

Committee of Twenty-One, 1984-1986; 1997----

Emily's List, 1995-1997.

Mayor's Task Force on the Future of New Orleans, 1986-1985.

Women's Equity Action League, 1979-1981.

American Association of University Women, 1973-1974; 1996-1998.

Syracuse, New York Chapter, New Democratic Coalition, 1969-1973.

League of Women Voters, 1960-1963; 1982-1984, 1999-2004

Business and Professional Women of Jefferson Parish, 1999-2004.

Women for a Better Louisiana, 2005----

East Jefferson Italian American Society, 2005---

American Italian Federation of the South East, 2006---

Country Club Estates Civic Association, 2006---

Offices Held

President, Business and Professional Women's Association, 2000-2004.

Secretary, Women for a Better Louisiana, 2007---

Recording Secretary and Webmaster, East Jefferson Italian American Society, 2004---

Corresponding Secretary and Webmaster, American Italian Federation of the South East, 2007—

Member, Board of Directors and Webmaster, Country Club Estates Civic Association, 2008---

Member, Board of Directors, Jefferson Parish League of Women Voters, 1999—2004 , President, 2001-2004.

Member, Curriculum Committee, President's Council, Loyola University New Orleans, 1997-2000.

President, Indiana Political Science Association, 1992-1993.

Member, Board of Directors, Urban Partners, Institute for Human Relations, Loyola Yniversity New Orleans, 1984-1986.

Member, Board of Directors, Chair, Personnel Management Committee, Institute of Human Understanding, New Orleans, LA, 1985-1986.

Member, Board of Directors, American Conference of Academic Deans, 1984-1985.

President, Women's Caucus for Political Science, 1976-1977.

President-Elect and Vice President, Chair, Progran Committee, Women's Caucus for Political Science, 1975-1976.

Vice President, LeMoyne College Chapter, American Association of University Professors, 1971-1972.

President, Syracuse, New York Chapter, New Democratic Coalition, 1970-1971.

Biographical Listings

Who's Who in America, 1978----

International Who's Who of Women.

Who's Who of American Women.

Who's Who in the World, 2008--

Contemporary Authors.

American Men and Women of Science.

Community Leaders of America.

Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Who's Who in the Midwest.