

Maria Falco, Ph.D., Honored for Excellence in Political Science & Education

Dr. Maria Falco recently received the 2016 Louisiana American Italian Woman of the Year Award

METAIRIE, LA, August 15, 2016, Dr. Maria Falco has been included in Marquis Who's Who. As in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process.

Dr. Falco received the 2016 Louisiana American Italian Woman of the Year Award at the AIRF Sports Hall of Fame Banquet, which honors national and local Italian Americans in the sports, entertainment, medical and civic fields. This is the most recent of many honors that Dr. Falco has received over the course of her career in political science and education. Until her formal retirement in 1993, she was a professor of political science and university administrator at a number of schools, including Le Moyne College, Stockton State College, the University of Tulsa, Loyola University, Immaculata University and Washington College. Dr. Falco is now a professor emerita of De Pauw University, where she was vice president of academy affairs from 1986 to 1988. Earlier in her career, she was a research assistant to the American politician and attorney Genevieve Blatt.

Dr. Falco's impressive professional history begins with her strong academic foundation. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts from Immaculata University in 1954, she became a Fulbright Scholar studying political theory at the University of Florence. She went on to earn a Master of Arts from Fordham University and a Ph.D. in political science from Bryn Mawr College. Dr. Falco was also a recipient of a postdoctoral research fellowship by Yale University and a summer research grant from the National Science Foundation, which she used to study quantitative data analysis at the University of Michigan.

Since embarking upon her career, Dr. Falco has been active with numerous professional and civic organizations. She has held leadership positions with the Le Moyne chapter of the American Association of University Professors, the Women's Caucus for Political Science, the American Political Science Association, the Midwestern Political Science Association, and the Great Lakes College Association, among many other organizations. Dr. Falco has also contributed a number of articles and book reviews to professional journals. Her publications include "Italy Celebrates the 150th Anniversary of its Unification," published in 2011, "Feminist Interpretations of Niccolo Machiavelli," published in 2004, "Feminist Interpretations of Mary Wollstonecraft," published in 1996, and "Feminism and Epistemology: Approaches to Women and Politics," published in 1987.

Since 2003, Dr. Falco has written four times a year for The Italian American Digest. In addition to the Louisiana American Italian Woman of the Year Award, she was also recently honored by being asked to present the Panzeca Scholarship at Loyola University on January 25, 2015. Dr. Falco was chosen to be featured in the 44th through 70th editions of Who's Who in America, the 23rd edition of Who's Who in the Midwest, and the 38th through 42nd editions of Who's Who in the South and Southwest. She has also appeared in several editions of Who's Who in American Politics, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who in the World.

For more information about Dr. Falco's life and accomplishments, please visit <http://www.falcosaerie.me>.



