

## **Nominated as candidate for DA Italy Vice-Chair:**

### **Bob Vallier – Florence**



Between now and November 2020, DA Italy has one single task : to motivate a maximum number of Americans living in Italy to vote -- in not one, but two elections: First, in the Global Presidential Primary in March, which will help select the nominee who will be the next President, and then in the General Election to remove the malignancy that is destroying and destabilizing the US and the world.

To accomplish these tasks, we have a considerable amount of teamwork to do, including cleaning up the database, recruiting new members (especially those willing to volunteer a few hours of their time to register voters), establishing Primary voting centers in chapters and precincts, raising money, and promoting our presence here in Italy. The successful realization of this project will take time, energy, and leadership.

I'm a lifelong and very active democrat from Flint (yes, \*that\* Flint, and yes, I know him), and have worked on multiple local, state, and national campaigns, for both candidates and issues; although I'm new to Italy (because of a change in my professional life), I lived for fifteen years in Paris, where I served for six years as the Secretary of DAF and in that capacity helped to increase our membership by 60%, modernize our strategies, streamline operations, and hold a very successful Primary in 2016.

I'm also very active at the international level, having served as the Deputy Regional Vice Chair for the last two years, previously as co-chair of the LGBT Caucus, and on the Global Communication Team--so I'm very informed about what's happening in the organization and what resources are available for a country committee to tap.

Professionally, I work in the study abroad field and as such am well connected to networks that will help us help students vote. I want to make sure that the Primary in Italy is open, fair, transparent, and accessible to all, and I want to do everything I can to get out the vote in November in order to restore sane, sober, coherent, and cogent leadership in Washington, which is why I'm running for Vice Chair: Together, we will make this happen.