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After visiting Italy, Jonathan Druker, associate professor of Italian, fell in love with the Italian language, culture and history.

Years later, he has brought his passion for all things Italian to ISU.

“I really like teaching at a public university because I think the students are very appreciative. And ISU students are just good people. I enjoy teaching language because it’s fun, Italian in particular,” Druker said.

Interestingly, Druker did not study the Italian language in college, and he does not stem from Italian roots.

Instead, he made the decision to learn Italian after experiencing Italy firsthand.

Realizing that teaching was something he does well, Druker began to share his knowledge with students.

“When I first started teaching, it was especially challenging because I didn’t have the experience of being on the other side of the table, of being a college student learning a language in the classroom. I didn’t learn Italian that way,” Druker said.

Despite having a different learning experience, Druker found a way to effectively convey his understanding of Italian to students.

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