**Renata Ricci**

Renata Ricci received her bachelors degree in pharmacy in 2001 from PUCCAMP-Brasil and then  moved to the USA in 2002 to get married. Even though it wasn't in her plans to move out of Brasil while attending school she met her husband on vacation and life happened. In 2004 she decided she wasn't ready to give up her passion for the profession and decided to battle 5 foreign exams which she happily succeeded in 2007. Since then Renata has worked in several roles to expand her practice. A strong advocate in helping others she has tried over the years to reach out to the different communities offering her translation skills at churches and community based services including Brown Bag Program through URI.
In 2014 she participated at healthcare meetings with the Brazilian Consulate in Boston and urged the importance of translation services for healthcare after hearing many stories of OTC misuse including a brazilian senior that accidentally ingested a OTC product for dentures and ended up with a severe ulcer.
Her professional interests focus on communicative approaches to better serve the community. Her mission is to unite the profession and help advance it.
In 2015 she became a member of RIPA to better understand and find support in her career and has been actively participating in their monthly meetings and recently joined the Events Team. Renata hopes to engage even further with the Association which is a great venue for career development, network, community outreach and fellowship which she greatly misses from college back home.
Renata is also working at 2 lovely independent pharmacies in Pawtucket, RI.