



THE NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Gala Weekend Schedule

OCTOBER 15-18, 2015

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
(Marriott)

Italian American Studies Association (IASA)

Registration

For more information, please email webmaster@italianamericanstudies.net

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
(Marriott)

IASA Executive Council Meeting

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6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
(Marriott)

IASA Sessions: Diaspora or Migration? The Italian Diaspora Institute's Project Proposals

**These events are FREE and open to the public; for more information, please email webmaster@italianamericanstudies.net*

- ***Negotiating Transnational Identity*** Jessica Femiani, SUNY Binghamton
- ***Discovering Italian Canadian Literature*** Anna Ciamparella, Louisiana State University (Chair)
- ***Memorializing Sacco and Vanzetti in the U.S. and Italy*** Michelle Fazio, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(Marriott)

IASA Keynote Speaker Robert Cohen

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8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
(Marriott)

IASA Reception

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6:00 p.m.
(Cafè Milano,
3251 Prospect St NW)

The National Italian American Foundation and Italian American Leadership Council VIP Dinner

Join NIAF and IALC members as we kick off the 40th Anniversary Gala Weekend in style.

*** This event is open to IALC members or by invitation only; for more information call Stephanie Gordon at (202) 939-3107 ***

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

(Exhibition Hall C)

IASA Sessions

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- ***1A: Added Value: Food as Symbol in Italian American Writing*** Reading and discussion with Chloe Yelena Miller, Rose Palazzolo and Rose Solari (Chair)
- ***1B: Institutionalized Italian-Language Book Reading Values & Copyright Law*** Alexandra de Luise, James J. Periconi, Maria Protti and Robert Viscusi (Chair)
- ***1C: Italian American Histories: Pride, Politics & the Protection of Labor*** Teresa Fava Thomas, Sal La Gumina (Chair), Mia Protti, and Patrizia Stahle

10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

(Exhibition Hall C)

IASA Sessions

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- ***2A: Death: Italian American Style*** Joseph Bathanti, Rita Ciresi (Chair), Marisa Labozzetta and Lisa Romeo
- ***2B: Italian American Cinema I: Food as Agent in Italian American Culture*** Ryan Calabretta-Sajder (Chair), Chiara De Santi, Alessandra Galassi and Alan Gravano
- ***2C: Italian American Literary Significance in Children's Literature, Creative Non-fiction and Contemporary Fiction*** Rose De Angelis (Chair), Lisa Paolucci and Caroline Pari-Pfisterer,

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(Exhibition Hall C)

IASA Featured Presentation 1: Changes in Italian-American Ancestry from 1980 to 2012

Vincenzo Milione, Itala Pelizzoli, and Carmine Pizzirusso

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(Exhibition Hall C)

"The Tale of the Other Italy" Documentary Screening

Produced by Rai Italia and directed by Luigi Maria Perotti, this documentary tells the Italian emigration through its most popular destination countries and local Italian Emigration Museums. It's a journey through entry ports which become memorial sites. The Italian Emigration Museums around the world, their objects, pictures and documents have a central role in creating and preserving a collective imagination shared by Italian expatriates, their descendants and Italians living in Italy. They help to understand the past and new Italian emigration in the world. The documentary witnesses the most important emigration waves and makes us reflect on the great influence of Italians and Italian spirit, yesterday like today, on the life of host countries.* This event is **FREE and open to the public**, but limited seating; for more information, please call Stephanie Gordon at (202) 939-3107

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- **3A: *Memoir in Contemporary Italian American Poetry: Balancing Family and Values*** Reading and discussion with Rachel Guido DeVries (Chair), Chloe Yelena Miller, and Joey Nicoletti
- **3B: *Youngstown Italian American Values*** Carla Simonini (Chair), Paula Schaefer, Ryan Antonucci, and Chris Rutushin
- **3C: *The Risk of Sentimentality in Literature and Performance*** Joseph Tumolo, Dennis Barone, and Roseanne Giannini Quinn (Chair)

3 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

IASA Sessions

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- **4A: *The Next Generation of Italian American Poets*** Jessica Femiani (Chair), Nicole Santalucia, Dante DiStefano, and Brian Fanelli
- **4B: *The End of Italian-American Culture: Costs and Consequences*** Margherita Ganeri (Chair), Donna Chirico, Fred Gardaphe, and Anthony Tamburri
- **4C: *Writers Read Memoir, Poetry*** Dennis Barone, Nancy Caronia (Chair), and Amy Riolo (“The Role of Food in Italian American Culture and Identity”).

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

NIAF on Campus Conference

NIAF and IALC Leadership, industry experts, and the 30 Italian American college students and professors selected as Italian American fellows will meet to discuss best practices and future strategies in bringing NIAF to college campuses across the Nation. * This event is **FREE and open to the public**, but limited seating; for more information, please call Stephanie Gordon at (202) 939-3107

4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
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- **5A: *Family Relations, Motherhood, Death, Catholicism and Immigration*** Joelle Biele (Chair), B.K. Fischer, Jennifer Militello, and Katherine Ossip
- **5B: *Creating Italian Diaspora Studies Programs: A Case History*** Anthony Tamburri (Chair), Margherita Ganeri, Gianpiero Barbuto, and Marcella Bencivenni
- **5C: *Caricatures of Italian Americans in Literature, Labor History, & New Media*** Michelle Rodino-Colocino, Eva P. Sañudo (Chair)

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6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
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IASA Graduate Fellowship & Travel Stipend Awards
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Before the show...

NIAF Dine Around

Support NIAF's friends and enjoy a special priced, pre-fix menu to kick off the night! For a listing of participating restaurants, visit www.niaf.org/40

9:30 p.m. till morning
(Marriott Ballroom)

Joe Piscopo and Friends Celebrate Frank Sinatra's 100th Birthday

Join NIAF for an unforgettable evening with Joe Piscopo and friends. Experience the spirit of the Rat Pack with comedy legend Joe Piscopo as he's joined by Giada Valenti and other special musical guests. Dance the night away and partake in our open bar with custom Italian cocktails. Don't forget to check out the evening's selection of amazing silent auction items and bid on once in a lifetime live auction opportunities! This is one evening you definitely don't want to miss! We're expecting a full house, so make your reservations now! ****Doors open at 9 p.m. *This is a TICKETED EVENT; for more information call Xavier Atizol at (202) 939-3100.***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

IASA Sessions

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- ***6A: Crafting Truth: Challenging the Stereotypes of Working-Class Italian American Women Through Creative Writing*** Olivia Kate Cerrone, Vanessa Blakeslee and Lachrista Greco (Chair), Michelle Messina Reale
- ***6B: Italian American Cinema II: Place, Space, and Food in Italian American Cinema*** Ryan Calabretta-Sajder (Chair), Peter Carravetta, and Mary Ann McDonald Carolan
- ***6C: The Power of Image, Figure, and Performance in Italian American Cinema*** Anthony Cavaluzzi, Vincent Piturro and Courtney Ruffner Grieneisen (Chair)

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expo Italiana

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

Expo Italiana

Showcasing the best of Italy! Enjoy the familiar tastes, sights and sounds of Italian American life and mingle amongst the Italian and Italian American exhibitors. Enjoy food and drink, coffee and sweets provided by our premier partners and spend your time visiting the brands you love or discover new ones. Throughout the day, we will have live music by singer/songwriter *Ciro Di Lorenzo*, face painting, and a performance at 2 p.m. by *La Fata Italiana, The Italian Fairy®*, an Italian educational program that expose children to the beauty of Italian language and culture all around the world. Play bocce ball; learn about Italian dual citizenship, genealogy, language and travel programs and visit the NIAF Exhibit of Italian American Culture and view NIAF's Photo Contest Winners. Expo Italiana is the place to meet, mingle and feel at home during the NIAF Gala Weekend!

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9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

“All About the Eyes” (Medical Conference)

NIAF Board of Director, Dr. Antonio Giordano presents his latest research and will discuss common eye conditions and how to manage them with current medical, surgical and the newest “cutting edge” technologies that are offered at the Scheie Eye Institute (University of Pennsylvania). **This event is **FREE and open to the public**; for more information email marinelad92@gmail.com*

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

NIAF – Ieri, Oggi, Domani Breakfast with Special Guests

Bring your thoughts and opinions to this lively annual “State of the Community” discussion with NIAF leaders and special guests. Complimentary continental breakfast provided.

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- ***7A: Celebrating Italian American Values in Literature*** Rachel Guido De Vries (Chair), Susan Lembo Balik, Grace Cavalieri, Maria Mazziotti Gillan and George Guida
- ***7B: The Logic of Art and Identity: The Poetics of Maria Mazziotti Gillan*** Nicole Santalucia (Chair), Jessica Femiani, Anthony Tamburri, and Dante DiStefano
- ***7C: Proceedings From Italian America’s Historical Remnants*** Lulu Lolo Pascale (Chair), Christine Scodari, and Vince Romano

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NIAF – IALC Leadership Forum

The struggle for Columbus Day. Join NIAF and IALC leadership and participants from various Italian American organizations as we discuss potential strategies to address the contentious issues surrounding Columbus Day.

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IASA Featured Presentation 2: Frank Lentricchia

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expo 
Italiana

Special Lunch served by Mike's Deli

Join NIAF for an old fashioned sandwich lunch provided by our partners at the world famous Mike's Deli, direct from Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, N.Y.! As a way of saying *grazie* to our supporters and friends, NIAF guests are invited to join us for a complimentary lunch at Expo Italiana.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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- ***8A: Babbo: Creative Writers on Italian American Fathers*** Vittoria Repetto, Joey Nicoletti, Edvige Giunta, Joseph Ricapito and Fred Misurella (Chair)
- ***8B: Subjective Manifestations of Ethnicity in Americana*** Anthony Mitzel (Chair), Amy Riolo ("Beyond Pizza"), and Michael J. Agovino
- ***8C: The Complexity of Influence: Italian Americans on Jazz and Literature*** David Witter/Bill Del Cerro, Samuele Pardini (Chair), and Anna Ciamparella

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
(Exhibition Hall C)

NIAF Wine Tasting & Antipasti

Join us for a special tasting as a knowledgeable sommelier leads you through a spectrum of traditional and modern wines from across Italy. * This is a **TICKETED EVENT**; for more information, call Xavier Atizol at (202) 939-3100

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- ***9A: Family and Inter-generational Juxtapositions*** William Egelman and Laurence Basirico (Chair)
- ***9B: Italian American Daughters and Dads: Love and Loss*** B Amore, Karen DeLuca (Chair) and Laura Mangione
- ***9C: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory's Place in Italian-American Studies*** Edvige Giunta (Chair), Marcella Bencivenni, Nancy Caronia, Phyllis Capello, Cassandra Casella, Lulu Lolo, Circe Sturm, and Mary Ann Trasciatti

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

(Marriott Foyer)

NIAF Gala Receptions

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

(Marriott Ballroom)

NIAF 40th Anniversary Awards Gala

10 p.m. till morning

(Marriott Lounge Bar)

NIAF After Hours Celebration

Untie your bowtie after the Gala and join in the most famous Italian party in America, featuring live music and spirited sing-alongs. This is an after party NOT to be missed!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Holy Rosary Church
595 3rd St NW)

Solemn Mass in Italian celebrated by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.

Conclude Gala Weekend at Holy Rosary Church, the Italian National Parish of Washington. Holy Rosary Church was established in 1913 to serve the Italian immigrants who first lived in its immediate neighborhood.

*Shuttle service provided from the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. *This event is **FREE and open to the public**, for more information or to reserve a seat on the shuttle, please call Stephanie Gordon at (202) 939-3107.