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Il programma mira ad introdurre i partecipanti allo studio della diaspora italiana dal punto di vista culturale e seguendo varie prospettive accademiche. Il corso estivo prevede una serie di seminari in ambito letterario, cinematografico e delle scienze sociali. Inoltre, e' previsto che tutti i partecipanti saranno coinvolti in uno specifico progetto di ricerca.

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Mi complimento per la splendida iniziativa volta a promuovere, in collaborazione con il John D. Calandra Italian American Institute del Queens College della City University of New York, lo studio della diaspora italiana, che risulta fondamentale specialmente nell'Italia meridionale, in cui il Consolato opera.

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The Italian Diaspora Studies Summer Seminar is a three-week summer program at the University of Calabria (Arcavacata di Rende) that takes place June 13th through July 1st. The Summer Seminar is designed to introduce participants to cultural studies of the Italian Diaspora from a variety of academic perspectives and to foster development of individual projects responding to the materials covered in the series of seminars in literature, film, and the social sciences.

All of the courses are taught by leading scholars in the field. Faculty includes: Mary Jo Bona, Margherita Ganeri, Fred Gardaphé, Donato Santeramo, Joan Saverino, Anthony Julian Tamburri, and Maddalena Tirabassi.

Lectures will be offered by leading scholars from a variety of disciplines.

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We wish to thank the many organizations that have contributed to making this workshop possible. First, our two home institutions, the University of Calabria and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, The City University of New York, have made it possible for us to work on the notion of an Italian diaspora summer seminar and put it into effect.

Of course, none of this could be possible without substantial support. The various Italian American organizations and colleges and universities have offered the opportunity in the form of fellowships for sixteen participants to attend. This is no small deed, to be sure. Thus, we offer a heart-felt thanks to the following organizations: National Italian American Foundation; Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance; Italian American Studies Association; and Order Sons of Italy, NY.

Queens College President Felix Matos and the University of Calabria Rector Gino Mirocle Crisci immediately signed on to this project, an historical understanding within the greater realm of Italian Americana and Italian Dispoara studies. Our teaching staff, further still, agreed to participate in the Summer School more for the spirit of it than for the compensation.

Un caloroso grazie a tutti quanti!

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WEEK ONE

	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
8,00 — 10,00	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR
10,00 - 11,00	Italian- American Film Lecture & discussion Prof. Tamburri	Italian- American History Lecture & discussion Prof. Tirabassi	Italian- American Film Lecture & discussion Prof. Tamburri	Italian- American History Lecture & discussion Prof. Tirabassi	Day-trip to Sila
11,30 — 12,30	Italian- American Literature Lecture & discussion Prof. Bona	Vernacular Culture Lecture & discussion Prof. Saverino	Italian- American Literature Lecture & discussion Prof. Bona	Vernacular Culture Lecture & discussion Prof. Saverino	
12,30 – 14,30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
14,30 – 15,30	Italian- Canadian Culture Lecture & discussion Prof. Santeramo	Workshop Discussion of possible projects Prof. Gardaphé	Italian- Canadian Culture Lecture & discussion Prof. Santeramo	Workshop Discussion of possible projects Prof. Gardaphé	
16,00 — 17,00	Diaspora in Italian and Italian- American Literature Lecture & discussion Prof. Ganeri	Consultation with professors: students meet individually or in small groups with professors.	Diaspora in Italian and Italian- American Literature Lecture & discussion Prof. Ganeri	Consultation with professors: students meet individually or in small groups with professors.	
18,00	Aperitivo or Guest Lecture	Short film & Aperitivo	Short film & Aperitivo		
20,00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	

Week Two

	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
8,00 — 10,00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfas
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10,00 - 11,00	Italian-	Italian-	Italian-	Italian-	Day-trip
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	Lecture &	History	Lecture &	History	Castella
	discussion	Lec. & discussion	discussion	Lec. & discussion	and S. Giovanni
	Prof. Tamburri	Prof. Tirabassi	Prof. Tamburri	Prof. Tirabassi	in Fiore
11,30 —	Italian-	Vernacular	Italian-	Vernacular	
12,30	American	Culture	American	Culture	
	Literature	Lecture &	Literature	Lecture &	
	Lecture &	discussion	Lecture &	discussion	
	discussion	Prof. Saverino	discussion	Prof. Saverino	
	Prof. Bona		Prof. Bona		
12,30 - 14,30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
14,30 - 15,30	Italian-	Workshop	Italian-	Workshop	
	Canadian	Discussion of	Canadian	Discussion of	
	Culture	possible projects	Culture	possible projects	
	Lecture &	Prof. Gardaphé	Lecture &	Prof. Gardaphé	
	discussion	1101. Gardapiic	discussion	Tion. Gardapine	
	Prof. Santeramo		Prof. Santeramo		
16,00 – 17,00	Diaspora in	Consultation with	Diaspora in	Consultation with	
	Italian and	professors:	Italian &	<i>professors</i> : students	
	Italian-	students meet	Italian-	meet individually	
	American	individually or in	American	or in small groups	
	Literature	small groups with	Literature	with professors.	
	Lec. & discussion	professors.	Lec. & discussion		
	Prof. Ganeri		Prof. Ganeri		
18,00	Awarding of	Peter Carravetta	Film / Lecture	Aperitivo or	
	UniCal	"Contested Begin-	Bruno Roberti	Guest Lecture	
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		Immigrants to the US, 1880s-1914"			
20,00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	

WEEK THREE

	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
8,00 — 10,00	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR	BREAKFAST AL BAR
10,00 - 11,00	Italian- American Film Lecture & discussion Prof. Tamburri	Italian- American History Lecture & discussion Prof. Tirabassi	Italian- American Film Lecture & discussion Prof. Tamburri	Italian- American History Lecture & discussion Prof. Tirabassi	Day-trip for Friday June 17 and June 24
11,30 — 12,30 12,30 — 14,30	Italian- American Literature Lecture & discussion Prof. Bona LUNCH	Vernacular Culture Lecture & discussion Prof. Saverino	Italian- American Literature Lecture & discussion Prof. Bona LUNCH	Vernacular Culture Lecture & discussion Prof. Saverino	Friday July 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm: final discussion
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20,00	Rosemary Serra "Italian American Identity: Generations' Passages" Dinner	Short film & Aperitivo Dinner	Short film & Aperitivo Dinner	Alessandra Di Maio "From Lampe- dusa to Ellis Island: Diaspora Stories" Dinner	

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GUEST LECTURERS

June 21 • Peter Carravetta, "Contested Beginnings. Social and Existential Conditions of the Early Italian Immigrants to the US, 1880s-1914"

When the Italian immigrants started arriving in the United States in ever growing numbers between the 1880s and World War One, they entered a country itself as complex and contradictory as their home land, but with a different twist. America was a place where you could survive, even against incredible odds. Yet the encounters between world-views and cultural memories were not always peaceful or noble, though they were multiple and replete with added and often mysterious meanings. This paper presents a sketch of the founding generation of Italian Americans from the point of view of the mainstream press (blatant racism), scholars of immigration (was it economic forces only that drove the exodus?), government documents (2011 Dillingham Commission on Immigration) on institutional racial profiling (The series of immigration laws passed between 1882 and 1924.). But it dwells as well into the existential second separation immigrants had to make from their own children born the US if they wanted to assure them a certain success in life.

PETER CARRAVETTA is the Alfonse M. D'Amato Professor of Italian Studies at SUNY/Stony Brook. Cultural historian and poet, he has published on critical theory, postmodernism, migration, rhetoric, and phenomenological hermeneutics; on authors such as Plato, Vico, Nietzsche, Pasolini, Lyotard, Eco; and various topics in Italian, American, and Italian-American culture. He has authored several books, including: *Prefaces to the Diaphora. Rhetorics, Allegory and the Interpretation of Postmodernity* (Purdue 1991); *The Elusive Hermes. Method, Discourse, Interpreting* (Davies Group 2013); and *La funzione Proteo. Ragioni della poesia e poetiche della fine* (Aracne 2014). His book, *After Identity. Migration, Critique, Italian American Culture* is forthcoming from Bordighera Press in 2016.

June 27 • Rosemary Serra, "Italian American Identity: Generations' Passages"

Italian American identity across the generations has gone through conflicts, breaks, ambivalence and losses; across the generations obstacles also prevented the development of the sense of tradition (loss of the primary language, lack of shared environments).

The standard narrative is that Italian Americans have "faded to whiteness" as a result of their dispersal from geographically-bound neighborhoods, and their economic success, political power, and social integration. Yet expressions of Italian American identity persist, not only as a nostalgic cultural memory but also as emerging and dynamic forms.

My lecture will focus on changes that have occurred in the ways people identify with their Italian background and heritages and how the meaning of being Italian American changes over time. It will cover the main historical passages that have caractherized the manner in which the Italian heritage has been interpretated and represented starting from the first generation of immigrants, during the time of the great migration, until today by the present generations of young Italian Americans.

As for them, I will refer to the results of a survey I have conducted during the 2013 on a sample of young Italian Americans living in the greater New York City area. Specifically, I will present some identities' models and some profiles of the young Italian Americans, in

relation with their Italian background. My research deepens the understanding of individual and social factors that influence Italian American identity and examines the ways in which Italian American identity affects individuals' daily lives. Analysing subjects' self-representations and self-perceptions of representations suggested by others of the Italian American community helps us to determine the meaning that Italian heritage has in the daily lives of the younger generations.

The study gives a picture to help clarify, define and better understand how to maintain and develop the feeling of belonging to the Italian American culture.

ROSEMARY SERRA is a University Researcher in General Sociology and Professor at the University of Trieste in Italy. In 2012 and 2013, she was a Visiting Research Scholar at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute (Queens College – CUNY). Her recent publications include: "The American Reaction to the Great War: The Academic and Cultural Contribution of George Herbert Mead," in Cipolla C., Ardissone A. (eds.), in Major Sociologists on The Great War, Franco Angeli, Milano, 2015; (ed.), "Fiori di Campus". Writings in Sociology and Social Work, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2013; "Dark Desire: Addictive Sexuality between the Pathological and the Normal," in B. Cattarinussi (ed.), I can't help myself. Social Aspects of Addictions, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2013; "The Poisoned Apple. Eating addictions and Disorders," in B. Cattarinussi (ed.), I can't help myself. Social Aspects of Addictions, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2013; "Italy: An Overview of Criminology," in Cindy J. Smith, Sheldon X. Zhang, Rosemary Barberet (eds.), Routledge Handbook of International Criminology, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, London and New York, 2011.

June 30 • Alessandra Di Maio, "From Lampedusa to Ellis Island: Diaspora Stories"

In the past years, the small island of Lampedusa has become a symbol for immigration to Italy, similarly to what Ellis Island was for the Italians who emigrated to the New World. However, although both islands have assumed a significant symbolic role in the Italian imagery, the history of Italian emigration and that of recent immigration to Italy are usually considered disconnected in the dominant national discourse. By providing a panorama of the social, political, cultural implications of mass-migration to Italy through an array of texts, this lecture will elicit connections with the Italian American experience, suggesting that Italy's national identity remains marked by its multi-directional migratory history.

ALESSANDRA DI MAIO is Associate Professor of English and Postcolonial Studies at the University of Palermo, Italy. She divides her time between Italy and the U.S., where she taught Italian, Comparative Literature, and Women's Studies at several universities after earning her PhD in Comparative Literature at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her research includes postcolonial, black, diasporic, migratory, gender studies and transnational cultural identities. She is currently working on a project on African Italian literature and the Black Mediterranean. She has been the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship, a UCLA Mellon postdoctoral fellowship, and a MacArthur Research and Writing Grant. Among her publications are *Tutuola at the University. The Italian Voice of a Yoruba Ancestor* (2000); *An African Renaissance* (2006); *Wor(l)ds in Progress. A Study of Contemporary Migrant Writings* (2008); and *Dedica a Wole Soyinka* (2012). She has translated into Italian Nuruddin Farah, Chris Abani, Caryl Phillips, and Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka.

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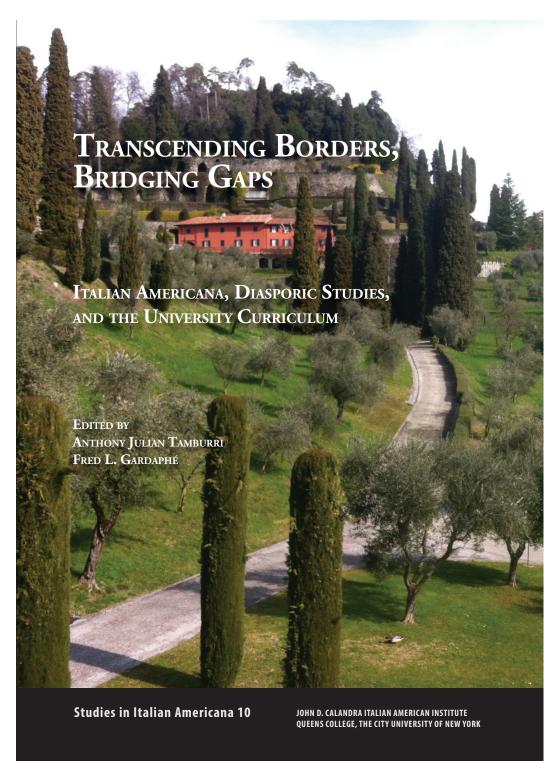
also co-founder of the Toronto Italian Outdoor Film Festival and was member of the Advisory Board of the Toronto Festival of Italian Cinema. He served on the jury of the *Arlecchino d'Oro* European Acting Prize and was President of the "Teatro Scuola" Adjudicating Committee for best play for the *Centro nazionale di studi pirandelliani*. He is presently working on the Italian Immigrant experience shaping the Canadian Political scene. In 2004 Dr. Santeramo was awarded the prestigious Queen's University Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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