



NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION
Anniversary Gala Weekend

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Exhibit Hall A)

Italian American Studies Association (IASA) Registration
IASA Registration and Information center

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Roosevelt 1)

IASA Executive Council Meeting

6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
(Maryland Room B & C)

IASA Graduate Student Meet & Greet

6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
(Maryland Room B & C)

**Opening Remarks and IASA Keynote Speaker Robert Orsi
Craddock Nagle, Chair in Catholic Studies,
Northwestern University: The Dangers of Italian
Americans Reading (Besides Going Blind)**

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
(Maryland Room B & C)

IASA Reception

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3



8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Convention Registration Desk)

the **WISHWALL**
FOUNDATION

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

(Exhibit Hall A)

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

(Exhibit Hall A)

NIAF University

Dig deeper into your Italian heritage and uncover what you may have forgotten with NIAF University! Learn the basics of 'la bella lingua' with the Italian Cultural Society of Washington, DC; enjoy a delicious cooking demonstration showcasing the best traditional recipes; take in a history lesson on gelato and learn all there is to know of the delicious Italian delicacy from recently crowned World Gelato Champion Gianluigi Dellacio of DC-based Dolci-Gelati; and discuss various topics led by the Italian American Studies Association (IASA). All of the NIAF University & IASA sessions are free and open to the public, and a way for Italians and those with a love for Italy to connect with the heritage.

Check www.niaf.org/gala for scheduling updates.

NIAF & IASA Registration and Information Center

Information center for IASA and NIAF events throughout the weekend. And while registering, MAKE A WISH at the WISHWALL. The WISHWALL will be set up all weekend long, so don't miss it! The Wishwall Foundation and its project The Wishwall in Washington will be announced during the Gala Dinner. The leadership of the Foundation, president Raphael Amabile, vice president Simonetta Lein and secretary Gaia Ceccaroli will be present throughout the weekend. Learn more about the initiative at

www.thewishwall.org

IASA Session

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- ***Session 1: Ethnographic Studies*** (Roosevelt Room 1) Michele Deramo, Joanne Milner, Maria Giovanna Cassa and Rose De Angelis (Chair)
- ***Session 2: Historical and Political Examinations of Immigration/Emigration of the Italian Diaspora*** (Roosevelt Room 2) Michael Buonanno (Chair), Patrizia Fama Stahle, Frank Salamone, Laura Buonanno
- ***Session 3: Revisiting John Fante and Italian Women in Film*** (Roosevelt Room 3) Dennis Barone (Chair), Francesco Chianese, Giulana Muscio

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- **Session 4: Devotional Aids, Letters and Religious Ideology** (Roosevelt Room 1) Alexandra de Luise (Chair), Janet Michello, Lisa Ferrante - Perrone
- **Session 5: Memoir: Multi-Ethnic Coalitions and the Italian American Experience** (Roosevelt Room 2) Rose De Angelis (Chair), Kathy Curto and Cinzia Marongiu
- **Session 6: Canadian Italian Experience from WWII and Internment to Muslim Canadians** (Roosevelt Room 3) Joanne DeTore (Chair), Jan Marta, Jessica Leonora Whitehead
- **Session 7: Religions of the Self in Italian American Narrative** (Roosevelt Room 4) George Guida (Chair), Marie D'Amico, Joanna Clapps Herman

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
(Washington Room 3)

Learn Italian with the Italian Cultural Society of Washington D.C.

Learn the basics of 'la bella lingua' with the Italian Cultural Society of Washington, D.C. **This event is FREE and open to the public, but limited seating; for more information, please email Stephanie Gordon at sgordon@niaf.org*

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(Roosevelt Room 4)

Cooking Demonstration with Domenica Marchetti

Domenica Marchetti is the author of seven books on Italian cooking, including Williams-Sonoma Rustic Italian and her most recent work, Preserving Italy: Canning, Curing, Infusing, and Bottling Italian Flavors and Traditions. Her recipes and articles on Italian home cooking have been widely published in national publications. Domenica also leads culinary tours in Abruzzo and is organizing a new tour in Liguria. www.domenicacooks.com
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- ***Session 8: Italy: from the Veneto to Firenze to Napoli*** (Roosevelt Room 1) Alexandra de Luise (Chair), Gloria Nardini, Teresa Fava Thomas and Lawrence Squeri
- ***Session 9: What Ever Happened to Little Italy: Part I*** (Roosevelt Room 2) Jerry Krase (Chair), Dominic Candeloro, Jerry Krase and Sal LaGumina
- ***Session 10: This Panel Is Brought to You by the Number 13 and the Letter M (for Malocchio): Religion, Superstition, and Magic in Italian America*** (Roosevelt Room 3) Fred Misurella (Chair), Sarah Annunziato, Francesco Fiumara and Lucia G. Harrison

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Washington Room 3)

Dr. Gaetano Cipolla, Sicilian History Expert

Join Dr. Cipolla, the foremost Sicilian-American historian in the United States, a St. John's University professor at the Languages and Literatures Department as he hosts a unique lector promoting the language and culture of Sicily.

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12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

(Roosevelt Room 1)

IASA Screening

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Documentary of Frank Serpico with an introduction by Antonino D'Ambrosio, Director & Stanislao G. Pugliese, Hofstra University

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Washington Room 3)

Gelato 101 with Gianluigi Dellaccio

Enjoy a demonstration and tasting by Gianluigi Dellaccio, owner of Dolci Gelati. Gianluigi's rich experience in pastry allows him to make creative magic in his "Laboratorio del Gelato" or gelato laboratory that lead him to earn honors at the Gelato World Tour in 2016. *This event is **FREE and open to the public**, but limited seating; for more information, please email Stephanie Gordon at sgordon@niaf.org

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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- ***Session 11: Pasolini, Fellini, and The Sopranos*** (Roosevelt Room 1) Jonathan Cavallero (Chair), Pietro Bocchia and Claude Barbre
- ***Session 12: Creative Writing: Poetry, Fiction, and Memoir*** (Roosevelt Room 2) Joanne DeTore (Chair), Steve Villano and Fred Gardaphé

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- **Session 13: Dagoes, Darkies, and 20th Century Modernity: Two Encounters** (Roosevelt Room 3)
Thomas J. Ferraro (Chair & Moderator), John Gennari (Presenter) and Samuele F. S. Pardini (Presenter)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Roosevelt Room 4)

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.
*** *By invitation only*; for more information email Julia Streisfeld at jstreisfeld@niaf.org

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
(Exhibit Hall A)

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- **Session 14: Newspapers, Inter-Colonialism, and Globalism in Italian American Studies** (Roosevelt Room 1) Courtney Ruffner Grieneisen (Chair), Sarah Salter, and Rocco Mesiti
- **Session 15: What Ever Happened to Little Italy: Part II** (Roosevelt Room 2) Jerome Kruse (Chair), Salvatore LaGumina, Anthony Mitzel and Daniele Oteri
- **Session 16: (Ir)Reverent in More Ways than One: Narrators Navigating the Perils of Being Italian American, Catholic, and Female** (Roosevelt Room 3) Maria Giura (Chair), Brenda DeMartini-Squires, and Kathleen Zamboni McCormick

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
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- **Session 17: Page, Stage, and Screen in Italian American Studies** (Roosevelt Room 1) Colleen Ryan (Chair), Ryan Calabretta-Sajder and Maria Protti
- **Session 18: Writing Faith and the Italian American Writer's Irreverence** (Roosevelt Room 2) Jessica Femiani (Chair & Moderator), Susan Scutti and Robert Viscusi
- **Session 19: Psychology to Psychological: Faith to Daughters and Fathers** (Roosevelt Room 3) John Gennari (Chair), Karen DeLuca and Lorraine Mangione

7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
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- **Session 20: Orsi Roundtable and Keynote** Samuele F. S. Pardini (Chair), Thomas J. Ferraro, Kristy Nabhan-Warren and Susan Ridgely

8:30 p.m.

(Omni Shoreham Hotel)

IASA Farewell Banquet

For more information, please email

lasa.conference.dc.2017@gmail.com

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/gala

9:30 p.m. till morning

(Marriott Ballroom)

NIAF 42nd Anniversary Kick-off Celebration!

Join NIAF for an unforgettable evening with Lena Prima, Carmelo Sorce, ALFIO and friends. Experience the 2017 Region of Honor, Sicily and 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 visit www.niaf.org/gala

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Convention Registration Desk)

NIAF & IASA Registration and Information Center

NIAF opens from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and IASA opens from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

(Roosevelt Room 1)

IASA Session

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- **Session 21: The Routledge History of Italian Americans: A Roundtable** William J. Connell, Joseph M. and Geraldine C. La Motta and Stanislao G. Pugliese (Chairs), Peter Carravetta, John Gennari, Jerome Krase, Giuliana Muscio, James Periconi and Robert Viscusi

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Showcasing the best of Sicily! Enjoy the familiar tastes, sights and sounds of Italian American life and mingle amongst the Sicilian 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

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the day, discover exhibitors who have traveled from Italy, learn about Italian dual citizenship, genealogy, language, traditional Sicilian attire and travel programs. Visit the NIAF Exhibit of Italian American Culture, watch a very special Sicilian Marionette presentation by Tony De Nonno, listen to the Sicilian Duo, *Villa Palagonia*, and view NIAF's Photo Contest Winners. Don't forget to play bocce ball with Pinstripes of Georgetown and stop by the photo booth! Expo Siciliana is the place to meet, mingle and feel at home during the NIAF Gala Weekend! **This event is FREE and open to the public; for more information please email Stephanie Gordon at sgordon@niaf.org*

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

(Roosevelt Room 2)

Medical Conference: Mediterranean Diet, Human Health and Longevity

While several investigations have focused on the association between individual foods and nutrients upon the development of chronic diseases, few have examined the role that entire dietary patterns may play in health and disease. A dietary pattern generally considered to have beneficial health effects is that of the so-called Mediterranean diet. It is not yet clear which components in the Mediterranean diet are more important for its apparent health effects, but olive oil, tomatoes and moderate wine consumption are likely candidates. Numerous studies have suggested that tomatoes have anticancer properties and a new important study provides further evidence of this, finding that the whole tomato extract has the potential to treat gastric cancer cell growth and malignant features, paving the way for future studies aimed at implementing lifestyle habits not only for prevention, potentially as a support to conventional therapies. This section of the conference, "Mediterranean diet, human health and longevity", will presents further assessment of the potential use of specific nutrients not only in the cancer prevention setting but also as a supportive strategy along with conventional therapies. The conference will culminate in the presentation of the 2017 7th Giovan Giacomo Giordano NIAF Achievement Award for Ethics and Creativity in Medical Research. **This event is FREE and open to the public; for more information email tuc64806@temple.edu*

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

(Roosevelt Room 3)

Italian American Leadership Council: Community Outreach Projects

NIAF Leadership and IALC Members will discuss five community projects and the priorities needed for implementation. The presentation will invite the audience to participate with their ideas and thoughts. **By invitation only; for more information, please email Ana Elisa at ahuser@niaf.org*

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- **Session 22: “Teaching The Godfather Films** Alan J. Gravano (Chair & Respondent), Benjamin Lawton (Presenter) and Ryan Calabretta-Sadger (Respondent)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Roosevelt Room 3)

NIAF – Ieri, Oggi, Domani: Young Italian American Leaders on the Future of our Community

Bring your thoughts and opinions to this lively annual “State of the Community” discussion with NIAF President & COO John M. Viola as he is joined by Anthony Fasano and Dolores Alfieri of the Italian American Podcast, Cassandra Santoro of Travel Italian Style and Rossella Rago of Cooking with Nonna to discuss the future of our community and what these passionate young Italian Americans are doing to evolve our Italian heritage for the next generation.

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- **Session 23: Teaching Italian American Studies: A Roundtable Approach** Ryan Calabretta – Sadger (Moderator), Laurie Buonanno, Peter Cavallero, Lina Insana and Stanislao G. Pugliese

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Washington Room 3)

Sicilian Marionette Show with Tony De Nonno

From the beginning to the end of his presentation, with one of Papa Miguel Manteo’s authentic hand-carved, Orlando Furioso marionettes in hand, Mr. De Nonno’s engages “people of all ages” in attendance to be active participants. Interacting directly with the ‘live marionette’ they will share their thoughts, insights, knowledge and experiences as this exciting 1,000 year-old, journey into the origins and artistry of this century-old Papa Manteo tradition unfolds before their eyes. **This event is FREE and open to the public, but limited seating; for more information, please email Stephanie Gordon at sgordon@niaf.org*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
(Exhibit Hall A)

Special Lunch served by Mike’s Deli & Wine Tasting Pavilion

Join NIAF for a complimentary, old fashioned sandwich boxed lunch (while it lasts) provided by our partners at the world-famous Mike’s Deli, direct from Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, N.Y.! If you want to pair your sandwich with an incredible tasting of Italian

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wines, stop by the pavilion to purchase your wine tasting tickets in person, right next to Mike's Deli!

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Roosevelt Room 4)



The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and the Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA) are excited to present the top three grant finalists for The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum, an initiative to fund films depicting and exploring the Italian American experience for the benefit of future generations. Join us in viewing all three film projects. The winner will be announced during the gala dinner.

This event is **FREE and open to the public, but limited seating; for more information, please email Gabriella Mileti at gmileti@niaf.org*

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Roosevelt Room 3)

Book Presentation and signing by "Black Hand" author Stephan Talty

Join award-winning author Stephan Talty as he talks about his new and gripping book, "The Black Hand: The Epic War Between A Brilliant Detective and the Deadliest Secret Society in American History." The early 1900s witnessed a concerted crime wave that first terrorized the public in New York City, and then spread its intimidation and panic nationwide, with death threats, child kidnappings, bombings, execution-style murders of innocent victims. These deadly acts of violence and destruction were the despicable acts of a secret society of criminal Italian immigrants whose calling card was the symbol of a black hand print. Fighting to stop the Black Hand organization's lurid crimes that stoked ethnic animosities toward Italian immigrants was one fearless New York cop, the nation's first Italian American police detective, who made bringing Black Hand members to justice his mission. Paramount Pictures has acquired the rights to the book with plans for Leonardo DiCaprio to star and produce this historic thriller. Talty, who has studied Petrosino and The Black Hand for years, will sign books and answer questions.

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- ***Session 24: Bridging the Gaps: From Teaching 'Commercial Italian' to Living It: A Roundtable***

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(Roosevelt Room 1) Ryan Calabretta – Sadjer (Chair), Enza Antenos, Lyn Scolaro and Gabriella Mileti

- **Session 25: Reflections on the Calabria Symposium and the Diaspora Summer Program**

(Roosevelt Room 2) Robert Oppedisano (Chair), Alexandra de Luise, Anthony Mitzel, Colleen Ryan, Francesco Chianese, Fred Gardaphé, Jessica Femiani, Patrizia Stahl, and Rocco Mesiti

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- **Session 26: Past IASA (AIHA) Presidents Panel**
Michele Fazio (Chair & Moderator), Salvatore LaGumina, Dominic Candeloro, Jerry Krase, Fred L. Gardaphé, Josephine Gattuso Hendin, George Guida and Alan J. Gravano

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

(Marriott Mezzanine)

NIAF Gala Receptions

7:00p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

(Marriott Ballroom)

NIAF 42nd Anniversary Awards Gala

10:00 p.m. till morning

(Marriott Mezzanine)

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 with your fellow Italian Americans. This is an after party NOT to be missed!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Holy Rosary Church, 595 3rd St NW)
Metro stop: Judiciary Square on the Red line

Mass in Italian

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. The mass will be honoring the Italian fallen soldiers of war. Reception in Casa Italiana following the Mass. *This event is **FREE and open to the public.**