

Presentation of Awards

New executive board officers

President: Alexis A. Ventre
Vice-President: Cristina M. Latino
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Treasurer: Christopher A. Boncimino

New Members

Rosanna Coviello
Marco Collucci
Ashly M. Espinoza
Francisco J. Gonzalez
Teresa M. LeDonne
JonLuca Morzetta
Federica Piccitto
Damien B. Piñero
Claudia M. Orozco
Adriana P. Parodi
Daniella Rodas
Joanna Zaccardi

Advisor

Dr. Teresa Fiore, Inserra Endowed Chair in
Italian and Italian American Studies

Cover art:

Michelangelo Pistoletto, *Stracci Italiani* (2007), Magazzino, Cold
Spring, NY – *An ironic take on the image of the flag*



Gamma Kappa Alpha- Italian Honor Society Montclair State University Chapter

In recognition of student excellence
in Italian Language and Culture

2019 Induction Ceremony

Wed. May 1, 2019 1:30-2:30pm
Conrad Schmitt Hall, Lounge 2nd floor

Sponsored by the Inserra Endowment

Introductory remarks

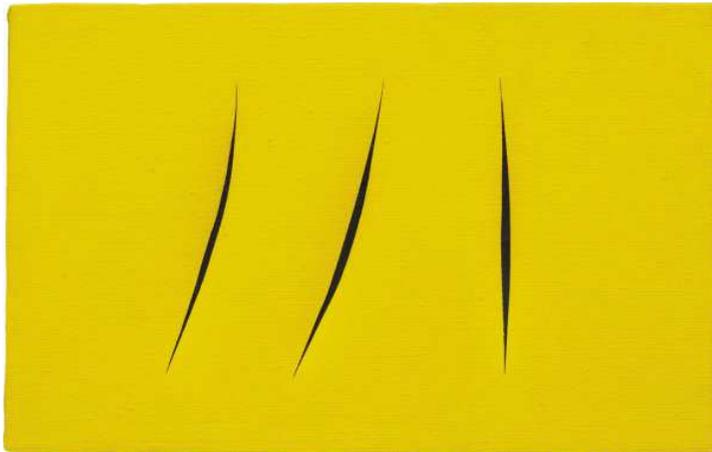
Dr. Teresa Fiore (Inserra Endowed Chair)

Pledge and distribution of certificates and cords

Come soci della Società onoraria italiana Gamma Kappa Alpha, ci impegnamo a mantenere e arricchire la lingua e cultura italiana. Promettiamo di prestar fede ai principi essenziali della Società – “Conoscenza e virtù” – e a seguire sempre i nostri sogni, restando legati ai nostri valori.

*"Fatti non foste a viver come bruti,
ma per seguir virtute e canoscenza"*

(Dante, *Inferno* 26; also quoted in Primo Levi's Holocaust memoir *If This Is a Man*, "The Canto of Ulysses")



Lucio Fontana, Italian-Argentinian artist
Concetto spaziale, Attese (1962), NYC collection

Guest speakers

Dr. Antoinette Pole (Associate Professor, Political Science, MSU)

Chiara Pierangelo (Manager, Safilo Group USA, Secaucus)

Entertainment

“Il Canto delle lavandaie del Vomero” (Neapolitan protest song)
performed by Sandro Naglia (musical artist)

Light refreshments will follow
(kindly offered by *Aromi di Napoli Bakery* in Nutley)



Benedetta Capa, Futurist artist
Sintesi delle comunicazioni marittime (1933-34), Palermo, Central
Post Office (on display at the Guggenheim Museum in NYC in 2014)

Italian Honor Society members' plans for the future

Christopher A. Boncimino (Major: Filmmaking; Minor: Italian)

"The study of Italian has aided my film education by promoting views of world cinema. I hope to continue connecting my cultural and language studies to my film work by directing bilingual films in both the United States and Italy."

Marco Collucci (Major: Filmmaking; Minor: Italian)

"I plan on living a nomadic life by working/volunteering at film festivals for a couple of years. After taking the LSAT, I will apply to law schools to become an entertainment lawyer."

Rosanna Coviello (Majors: Jurisprudence, Law and Society / Italian)

"I am going to pursue law school, and later wish to connect this path to my knowledge of Italian by working in an international law firm. The opera subtitling internship at the Sferisterio in Macerata, Italy, gave me valuable insight into cultural translation at large."

Ashly M. Espinoza (Majors: Italian / Spanish)

"This semester I had the opportunity to work with La Freccia Azzurra which has given me important insights into teaching as my future profession, one that places value on learning new languages."

Francisco J. Gonzalez (Major: Political Science; Minor: Italian)

"I am going to be either joining the Marines as an Officer or applying to become a Foreign Service Officer through the U.S. State Department. I hope to be stationed in Italy or its surrounding countries to make use of the language."

Julia Guerra (Major: Communication Studies; Minor: Italian)

"I hope to work at an Italian media company, maybe even in Italy after advancing my knowledge of the industry and the language."

Cristina M. Latino (Majors: Language, Business, and Culture / Fashion Studies)

"I hope to obtain a position within an Italian company that specializes in promoting a Made-in-Italy product/brand in the United States."

Teresa M. LeDonne (Major: Italian)

"With my background in business and tourism, along with fluency in the Italian language, my future goal is to work either in education or business."

JonLuca Morzetta (Major: Justice Studies; Minor: Italian)

Adriana P. Parodi (Major: Language, Business, and Culture; Minor: Business)

"As the only person in my family who has decided to learn Italian, I want to make this background meaningful. In the future I would like to use my Italian and Business degrees to work for an Italy-based fashion company."

Federica Piccitto (Major: Italian; Minor: Arabic Studies)

"I am currently teaching Italian for an after-school program created by La Freccia Azzurra, and I am also working for United Airlines as a customer service representative. I plan on becoming a flight attendant and then further pursuing my studies to obtain a Master's degree."

Damien B. Piñero (Major: Religious Studies; Minors: Italian / Classics)

Claudia M. Orozco (Major: Music Therapy; Minor: Italian)

Daniella Rodas (Major: Italian Studies)

"I plan on pursuing a Master's Degree in Pedagogy. It is my dream to teach ESL abroad, as I would like to live abroad in the future and leverage my Italian."

Alexis A. Ventre (Major: Language, Business, and Culture; Minor: Anthropology)

"I plan on pursuing a Master's Degree in Italian and Business in order to work in marketing/translation, ideally with a U.S.-based Italian company."

Joanna Zaccardi (Major: Public Relations / Italian)

"As I consider options for the future, I am trying to identify a job career that allows me to incorporate my interest in languages."