Italian Heritage Month 2018

**Monday, October 15**
3 pm - 3:50 pm • Academic II, 2315

**Homo Sapiens Neanderthalis: The First Italians?**
The oldest Neanderthal DNA ever found was discovered in a skeleton in southern Italy. The fossilized hominin skeleton, which was in an excellent state of preservation, was discovered near the town of Altamura, in the region of Puglia.

Presenter: Prof. Janice Cori Cobb, Social and Behavioral Science

**Tuesday, October 16**
12:30 -1:30pm • Technology Center, Ellipse

**The Role of the Papacy during the Italian Renaissance**
Join Prof. Ritsatos for an overview of the development of the papacy and papal traditions during the Renaissance period. This includes a discussion of famous popes, their actions and legacies as well as their political and religious impact on Europe.

Presenter: K. Ritsatos, Social and Behavioral Science

**Thursday, October 18**
3 pm - 3:50pm • Academic II, 2315

**Giuseppe Verdi**
Giuseppe Verdi was one of the pre-eminent opera composers in history. He was admired and loved, not only for his amazing operatic compositions, but also for his support of the Risorgimento (reunification) of Italy. We’ll discuss his life and times and focus on four of his operas: Aida, Rigoletto, Il Trovatore, and La Traviata.

Presenter: Prof. Josephine Tarsia, Foreign Languages

**Tuesday, October 23**
3:00pm - 4:15pm • Technology Center, Ellipse

**Saintly Celebrities in Medieval Italy: An Illustrated Exploration**
Italy’s Middle Ages (circa 500 CE to 1500 CE) include the lively miracle-laced stories — and mysteries — of such famous figures as Francis of Assisi, Agatha of Sicily, Catherine of Siena, Rita of Cascia, and many others. Join us for this slide-illustrated lecture to learn about Italy’s saintly medieval celebrities and explore the challenges that face historians of medieval history.

Presenter: Dr. Christina Stern, Social and Behavioral Science

**Thursday, October 25**
12:30 pm - 1:30pm • Technology Center, 8322 (CETL)

**Book discussion: Essentials of Italian Cooking by Marcella Hazan**
Marcella Hazan has been called the godmother of authentic Italian cuisine. Her cookbook, Essentials of Italian Cooking, is a collection of almost 500 uncomplicated recipes that inspire the reader to prepare and enjoy her delicious dishes.

Presenter: Prof. Josephine Tarsia, Foreign Languages

**Tuesday, October 30**
3 pm - 4 pm • Academic II, Room 2315

**Assisi: City of Peace, Saints, and Art**
Join Prof. Liberace for an exploration of the history and art of this city, which is revered and held sacred by all denominations.

Presenter: Prof. Mairi Liberace, Social and Behavioral Science

**Thursday, November 1**
3 pm - 3:50 pm • Academic II, Room 2315

**Sicily: Land of a Rich and Unique Culture**
Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean, is an autonomous area of Italy. Its art, music, literature, cuisine, and architecture are unique, and it is the home of breathtaking landscapes and important archaeological sites.

Presenter: Joan Asch, Social and Behavioral Science

**Tuesday, November 6**
3 pm - 4 pm • Academic II, Room 2315

**Visions of Italy: Northern Style (a PBS video)**
Enjoy a breath-taking aerial view of the Italian Alps, Lake Como, Portofino, Pisa, Siena, Florence, Venice, and more. This grand tour was shot by a helicopter-mounted camera and is enhanced by an informative narrative and a score of evocative regional music.

Presenter: Prof. Josephine Tarsia, Foreign Languages

**Thursday, November 8**
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm • Technology Center, Ellipse

**The History of Venice from Ancient Times to the 1600’s**
Learn about the development of Venice from its early days as a refuge against foreign invaders to its emergence as a Mediterranean power that rivaled the other nations and empires of the 1500s and 1600s. The economic dominance of Venice during those centuries and its methods of ruling over its territories will be discussed in great length as well as its contributions during the Renaissance period.

Presenter: Prof. K. Ritsatos, Social and Behavioral Science

**Tuesday, November 13**
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm • Academic II, Room 2100

**The Vatican Museum in Rome**
The Vatican Museum in Rome is a large collection of over 54 galleries which contain 70,000 works. Join Prof. Ronald de Ramon as he provides a summary of the collection and the immense impact of Italian art on society over hundreds of years.

Presenter: Prof. Ronald de Ramon, Accounting

All events are free and open to the public.
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