

Italian Heritage Month 2018

Italian Heritage Committee Members: Chair: Josephine Tarsia, Joan Asch,

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

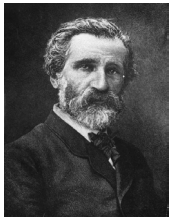
Join Prof. Ritsatos for an overview of the development of the papacy and papal traditions during the Renaissance period. This includes a discussion of famous popes, their actions and legacies as well as their political and religious impact on Europe.

Presenter: Prof. 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)

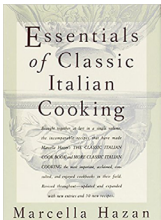
Book discussion:

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. Maire Liberace, Social and Behavioral Science

Thursday, November 1

3 pm - 3:50 pm • Academic II, Room 2315

Sicily:

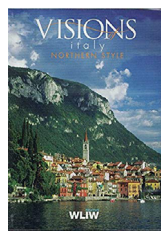
Land of a Rich and Unique Culture

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