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Thursday, March 26, 2015

12:00PM – Registration (Aspen Rooms)

1:00-2:15PM – First Round of Sessions

# 1:  
**Teaching Languages with Technology: Considerations for Redesigning Your Course (AV)**  
UMC 245  
Organizer and Chair: Giorgio Corda, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1. Patricia Mosele, University of Colorado, Boulder, “I flipped my class, now what?: The Virtual Immersion Experience”  
2. Courtney Paige Fell, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Affordances of Teaching Language with VoiceThread”

# 2:  
**More than Mere Playthings: The Minor Arts of Italy, Session I: Etruscan Italy (AV)**  
UMC 247  
Organizer: Italian Art Society  
Chair: Julia Fischer, Lamar University  
1. Melissa Hempel, Utah Valley University, “Ever-Present”  
2. Bridget Sandhoff, University of Nebraska Omaha, “Mirror, Mirror On the Wall: Reflections on Etruscan Bronze Mirrors”  
3. Katie Rask, University of Tennessee Knoxville, “Devotional Labor: Making Luxury Textiles and Dressing the Gods in Ancient Italy”

# 3:  
**Voices from the Balkans: Shaping Adriatic Narrative (AV)**  
UMC 382  
Organizers: Anita Pinzi, Graduate Center, CUNY, and Ashna Ali, Graduate Center, CUNY  
Chair: Anita Pinzi, Graduate Center, CUNY  
3. Áine O’Healy, Loyola Marymount University, “The Landscapes of Southeastern Europe in Italy’s Cinematic Imaginary: From *Il carniere* to *Venuto al mondo*”

# 4:  
**Scritture sperimentali**  
UMC 386  
Organizers: Beppe Cavatorta, University of Arizona, and Federica Santini, Kennesaw State University  
Chair: Gianluca Rizzo, Colby College  
1. Beppe Cavatorta, University of Arizona, ”Vasio e Niccolai. Due donne per il romanzo neoavanguardista”  
2. Giacomo Giuntoli, Università degli Studi di Pisa, ”‘Lettere a nessuno’: storia di un libro strano”  
3. Gianluca Rizzo, Colby College, ”Per una ‘letteratura della crudeltà’: Antonine Artaud e la Neovanguardia”  
4. Federica Santini, Kennesaw State University, ”Inettitudine espressionistica in ‘La cognizione del dolore’ di Gadda”
# 5:
**Italian Theater and Performance Studies:**
Technology, Experimentation, and the Human Body on Stage (AV) UMC 415
Organizer and Chair: Emiliano Guaraldo Rodriguez, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
1. Lorenzo Fabbri, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, “Pirandello and the Movies: From *Serafino Gubbio to Giuoca, Pietro*!”
2. Elizabeth Forgiel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Entering the Fourth Dimension of Performance. The Experimental Meta-adaptation of Pirandello’s “Six Characters” by Bill Bryden”
3. Alberto Iozzia, Rutgers University, “‘Un corpo d’armata è pur sempre un corpo.’ Prossemica e testimonianza ne Il sergente di Marco Paolini”

# 6:
**The “Other” in Medieval and Early Modern Italy (I) (AV)** UMC 425
Organizers: Roberto Pesce, Baylor University, and Paolo Pucci, University of Vermont
Chair: Paolo Pucci, University of Vermont
1. Roberto Pesce, Baylor University, “Venice: the Promised Land”
3. Taiko Haessler, University of Colorado, Boulder, “The Saint Queen’s Gift: The Arrival of the Franciscan Orders in Medieval Portugal”

# 7:
**Trouble Men: Masculinity and Italian Screen Studies (I) (AV)** Aspen Rms
Organizers: Catherine O’Rawe, University of Bristol, and Dana Renga, The Ohio State University
Chair: Dana Renga, The Ohio State University
1. Allison Cooper, Bowdoin College, “Rouguish Rome Revisited: Gender and Cultural Patrimony in Sorrentino’s ‘La grande bellezza’”
2. Amy Boylan, University of New Hampshire, “‘Il piccolo garibaldino’: Adolescence and Coming of Age on the Battlefield”
3. Paola Bonifazio, University of Texas at Austin, “‘I Can’t Live Without You, I Can’t Live Without a Job’: Photo-novels, Troubled Men”

2:30-3:45PM – Second Round of Sessions

# 8:
**Bridging Italian Studies and the Community:**
The Service-Learning Component (Roundtable) (AV) UMC 245
Organizer: Chiara De Santi, State University of New York at Fredonia
Chair: Carmela Scala, Rutgers University
1. Federico Pacchioni, Chapman University, “Seeking Meaningfulness: The Italian Studies Program as Cultural Center”
2. Francesca Seaman, DePauw University, “Community-based Service Learning: An Alternative Curriculum Model”
3. Carmela Scala, Rutgers University, “Reaching out to make a difference si può fare”
# 9:
**Unattended Figures:**
*Revisiting Figuration in Postwar Italian Art (1946-1980) (AV)*
Organizer: Italian Art Society
Chair: Tenley Bick, University of California, Los Angeles
1. Adrian R. Duran, University of Nebraska at Omaha, "Revolutionary Figures in Postwar Italian Painting: The *Fronte Nuovo delle Arti*"
2. Tenley Bick, University of California, Los Angeles, "Figure as Model: The Early Work of Michelangelo Pistoletto"
3. Ross K. Elfline Carleton College, ““The Only Architecture Will Be Our Lives’: Superstudio’s *Supersurface* and Architectural Embodiment”

# 10:
**Voyage to Italy: a Cinematic Journey on Contemporary Italian Cinema (AV)**
Organizer: Annunziata Pugliese, University of Colorado, Boulder
Chair: Vito Zagarrio, Università degli Studi Roma Tre
1. Vito Zagarrio, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, "Pasolini’s Legacy: eredità pasoliniane nel cinema contemporaneo”

# 11:
**New Directions in Dissertation Research (AV)**
Organizer: Sponsored by AAIS and the University of Colorado
Chair: Caroline Whiteman, University of Colorado, Boulder
1. Chiara Trebaiocchi, Harvard University, “The Italian/vernacular translation of Ptolemy’s *Geography* by Girolamo Ruscelli”
2. Paola D’amora, University of Texas at Austin, “Fantozzi’s Film Saga and Immaterial Labor in the Post-Fordist Era”

# 12:
**Italian Theater and Performance Studies:**
*Technology, Experimentation, and the Human Body on Stage (AV)*
Organizer: Emiliano Guaraldo Rodriguez, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chair: Elizabeth Forgiel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
1. Achille Castaldo, Duke University, “Un teatro sotterraneo, a Napoli, oggi”
2. Emiliano Guaraldo Rodriguez, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Matter, Animality, Cosmos. Performing the Non-human in the works of Societas Raffaello Sanzio”
3. Robert Noffsinger, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Transgressing the Corporeal: The Post-Human Aesthetic of *La Fura dels Baus*.”
# 13:

**John Fante, Italian-Americans and the Challenges of Identity (AV)**

Organizer: Valerio Ferme, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Chair: Angelo Castagnino, University of Denver

1. Alessia Martini, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Storie scolpite nella pietra: biografie/autobiografie scultoree degli italiani emigrati a Barre, Vermont"
2. Irene Hatzopoulos, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “Né carne né pesce: la non-assimilazione nella poesia di John Fante”
3. Tommasina Gabriele, Wheaton College, “John Fante’s *The Road to Los Angeles*: Power and Desire in a Writer on the Cusp of Manhood”

# 14:

**Roundtable: Teaching How to Write about Literature and Culture in an Advanced Italian Language Class (I) (AV)**

Organizer: Cosetta Seno, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Chair: Angelo Castagnino, University of Denver

1. Chiara Fabbian, University of Illinois at Chicago
2. Emanuela Zanotti Carney, University of Illinois at Chicago
3. Olga Vasile, Open University, UK
4. Cosetta Seno, University of Colorado, Boulder

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**4:00-5:15PM – Third Round of Sessions**

# 15:

**Articulating the Italian Curriculum (I) (AV)**

Organizer: Daniela Busciglio, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Chair: Daniela Busciglio, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1. Chiara Fabbian, University of Illinois at Chicago, “The Italian Language and Culture Curriculum: Practices of a top-down approach”
2. Emanuela Zanotti Carney, University of Illinois at Chicago, “The Italian Language and Culture Curriculum: Products of a top-down approach”

# 16:

**Literature, Cinema, and Ethics in the New Millennium:**

**A possible connection? (AV)**

Organizers: Raffaello Palumbo Mosca, University of Kent, and Valeria G. Castelli, New York University  
Chair: Raffaello Palumbo Mosca, University of Kent

1. Raffaello Palumbo Mosca, University of Kent, “Oltre l’etica del riconoscimento: *pietas* e romanzo: primi approcci”
3. Antonio Coiro, Università di Pisa, “*Mondoveneto e Città di Dio*: due osservatori dell’Italia contemporanea”
# 17:  
**Boccaccio’s Intertexts (AV)**  
Organizer and Chair: Valerio Ferme, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1. Michael Sherberg, Washington University, St. Louis, “A possible Augustinian Shadow in Boccaccio’s Self-Defense (Decameron IV. Intro.)”  
2. Valerio Ferme, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Filostrato’s End-Game: Death, Dismemberment and the Arthurian Tradition in the Tale of the Two Knights (Decameron, IV, 9)”  

# 18:  
**Anna Maria Ortese (AV)**  
Organizer and Chair: Cosetta Seno, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1. Matilde Accurso Liotta, Università di Pisa, “Costruire il racconto, decostruire la vita: sui limiti della narrazione autobiografica in Il porto di Toledo di Anna Maria Ortese”  
2. Di Lorenzo, Fiammetta, Duke University, “Dove le bussole impazziscono, la ragione tace e Il mare non bagna Napoli”  
3. Luigi Fontanella, SUNY Stony Brook, “I racconti visivi-visionari dell’Infanta sepolta: una rilettura”  

# 19:  
**Food Studies and Italian Studies – an Appetizing Possibility? (I) (AV)**  
Organizer and Chair: Christopher Renner, Kansas State University  
1. Carol Chiodo, Yale University, “Mangiarsi le parole: Cibo e letteratura nella cultura italiana”  
2. Teresa Lobaisamo, University of Toronto, Mississauga, and Joanne Granata, University of Toronto, “Cucina Italiana: Italian History and Culture through Food”  

# 20:  
**The “Other” in Medieval and Early Modern Italy (II) (AV)**  
Organizers: Roberto Pesce, Baylor University, and Paolo Pucci, University of Vermont  
Chair: Roberto Pesce, Baylor University  
1. Paolo Pucci, University of Vermont, “Come creta da plasmare: la XLVIII novella di Masuccio Salernitano”  
2. James Coleman, University of Pittsburgh, “Imagining the Turk in Fifteenth-Century Italian Letters”  
3. Renée Anne Poulin, Baylor University, “The ’Other’ as Threat to National Unity: Castelli’s La Sincerità trionfante (1640)”  

# 21:  
**Women Studies Caucus: Women in Theater (AV)**  
Organizer: Juliet Guzzetta, Michigan State University  
Chair: Nicoletta Marini-Maio, Dickinson College  
1. Lisa Sarti, BMCC, The City University of New York, “I am a piece of the stage’: Annie Vivanti and the Legitimization of the Female Performer’s Body”  
2. Monica Streifer, University of California, Los Angeles, “Women, Body, and the Soul on Stage: Amelia Pincherle Rosselli’s Anima (1901)”  
4. Francesca Spedalieri, The Ohio State University, “Seeing the Unseen: Contemporary Italian Theatre, Women Directors, and Emma Dante in the Berlusconi Era”
# 22:
**Queer Studies Caucus Panel: Masculinities (AV)**
UMC Gallery
Organizer and Panel Chair: Elena Dalla Torre, Saint Louis University
1. Alessio Ponzio, University of Michigan, “Before and after the ‘Balletti Verdi.’ Premises and Consequences of a Male Homosexual Scandal in 1960 Italy”
2. Matthew Rabatin, University of Texas, “What a Man, What a Mighty Good Man: Gianni Puccini’s I sette fratelli Cervi and Masculinity at the Cinema in the late 1960s”
3. Elena Dalla Torre, Saint Louis University “Transessualità Italian Style: Mario Mieli’s Male Femininity and 1970s Erotic Communism”

5:30-6:45PM – Fourth Round of Sessions

# 23:
**Learning by playing, a ludic approach to second language acquisition (AV)**
UMC 245
Organizer: Giorgio Corda, University of Colorado, Boulder
Chair: Silvia Dupont, Boston College
1. Silvia Dupont, Boston College, “Playing with grammars”
2. Giorgio Corda, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Games to consolidate grammar”
3. Carmen Grace, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Games to promote communicative competences”

# 24:
**Carlo Michelstaedter (I) (AV)**
UMC 247
Organizers: Mimmo Cangiano, Duke University, and Valerio Cappozzo, University of Mississippi
Chair: Mimmo Cangiano, Duke University
1. Thomas Harrison, University of California, Los Angeles, “Michelstaedter and Existentialist Authenticity, Avant le Mot”
2. Damiano Benvegnù, University of Virginia, “Per un Michelstaedter minore”
3. Daniele Taurino, Università di Roma La Sapienza, “Carlo Michelstaedter tra profetismo e nonviolenza”

# 25:
**Women Studies Caucus: Intersections of Race and Gender in Italy (AV)**
UMC 386
Organizer and Chair: Cristina Lombardi-Diop, Loyola University of Chicago
1. Melissa Coburn, Virginia Tech, “Gender as Metaphor for Race in Late 19th Century Italian Colonial Public Discourse”
2. Diana Garvin, Cornell University, “Black Milk: Consuming Africa in Italy”
3. Valerie McGuire, New York University, “‘Reflections on a Marine Venus’: Gender and Race in Fascism’s Mediterranean Empire”
4. SA Smythe, University of California, Santa Cruz, “L’Italia Mettica: Queering Mixed Identity in Postcolonial Italy”
# 26:  
**Food and Italian Studies – an Appetizing Possibility? (II) (AV)**  
Organizer: Christopher Renner, Kansas State University  
Chair: Elisa Magistro, Scripps College  
1. Elisa Magistro, Scripps College, Savoring The Past: Memory and Food in Sicilian Life and Literature”  
2. Christopher Renner, Kansas State University, “Italia in Bocca: The History and Culture of Food in Italy”  
3. Denise Caterinacci, Case Western Reserve University, “Special topics in Italian: The Slow Food Movement”

# 27:  
**What Print Made Possible (AV)**  
Organizer: Suzanne Magnanini, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Chair: Michael Sherberg, Washington University in St. Louis  

# 28:  
**More than Mere Playthings: The Minor Arts of Italy, Session II:**  
**Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Italy (AV)**  
Organizer: The Italian Art Society  
Chair: Julia C. Fischer, Lamar University  
Julia C. Fischer, Lamar University, “A Woman’s Weapon: Private Propaganda in the Gemma Augustea and Grand Camée de France”  
Ashley E. Jones, University of Florida, “The Monumental Minor Arts in Early Medieval Italy”  
Sarah M. Dillon, Kingsborough Community College, “Early Renaissance Glass Reliquaries”

# 29:  
**Lectura Boccaccii I (AV)**  
Organizer: American Boccaccio Association  
Chair: Jason Houston, University of Oklahoma  
1. Stefano Selenu, University of Oklahoma, “...corseggiaendo cominciò a costeggiare la Barberia': (Pre-postcolonial) Otherness and Mediterranean 'Adventure' in Decameron 5.2”  
2. Kathryn McKinley, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, “Decameron V.9: Falcon and Famine”  

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7:00-8:30PM – Welcome Reception  
University Memorial Center, Room 235  
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8:00AM – Registration (Aspen Rooms)

9:00-10:15AM – First Round of Sessions

# 30:
From Page to Screen: Is Something Lost or Found in Translation? (II) (AV) 
UMC 245
Organizer and Chair: Annunziata Pugliese, University of Colorado at Boulder
1. Virginia Picchietti, The University of Scranton, “Redefined Resistance: La Ciociara from Moravia to De Sica”
2. Thomas Cragin, Muhlenberg College, “Andremo in città: Edith Bruck’s Short Story and Nelo Risi’s Film”
3. Loredana Guerrieri, Fondazione Spirito di Roma, “‘Mio fratello è figlio unico’: The tale of the human development of a fascist-communist militant”

# 31:
Boccaccio and Dante I. Politics: Social and Sexual (AV) 
UMC 247
Organizers: James Kriesel, Wesleyan University, and David Lummus, Stanford University
Chair: David Lummus, Stanford University
1. Regina Psaki, University of Oregon, “A Canon of Women Revisited: Dante, Boccaccio, and Antonio Pucci”
2. Kristina Olson, George Mason University, “The Posterity of the Present: Boccaccio’s Social and Political History of Dante’s Florence”
3. Elsa Filosa, Vanderbilt University, “Boccaccio’s Exile and his Solitary Life”

# 32:
Giacomo Leopardi nel mondo 
UMC 382
Organizer and Chair: Irene Marchegiani, SUNY, Stony Brook
1. Daniela Bini, University of Texas at Austin, “Leopardi’s Foresight”
2. Rosa Mucignat, King’s College, London, “Between ‘noia’ and ‘passion’: Leopardi, Stendhal and the Italian Character”
3. Anna Palma, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brasil, and Andréia Guerini, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brasil, “Leopardi nel sistema letterario brasiliano”

# 33:
Migrant Bodies, Political Bodies (AV) 
UMC 386
Organizers: Ashna Ali, Graduate Center, CUNY and Anita Pinzi, Graduate Center, CUNY
Chair: Ashna Ali, Graduate Center, CUNY
2. Patrizia Comello Perry, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, “Italian Identity and Christian Solidarity in New Immigration Films”
# 34:
**Intermediality in Modern and Contemporary Italian Culture (I) (AV)**
UMC 415
Organizer: Bernhard Kuhn, Bucknell University
Chair: Margherita Heyer-Caput, University of California, Davis
1. Federico Pacchioni, Chapman University, “Il film e il burattino: dinamiche di rimediazione nel primo Novecento”
2. Jim Carter, University of Michigan, “Translating Temporality from Painting to Film: The Critofilms of Carlo Ludovico Ragghianti”
3. Bernhard Kuhn, Bucknell University, “The Incompleteness of the Arts: Intermedial reflections in Paolo and Vittorio Taviani’s Good Morning Babilonia”

# 35:
**Carlo Michelstaedter (II) (AV)**
UMC 425
Organizers: Mimmo Cangiano, Duke University, and Valerio Cappozzo, University of Mississippi
Chair: Valerio Cappozzo, University of Mississippi
1. Riccardo Spagnoli (Universität Zürich): “La Persuasione di Kirillov”
2. Andrew Hiltzik, University of California, Los Angeles, “The Persuasive Sea: The Paradox of Death in I figli del mare”
3. Claudia Zavaglini, Università “Palacký” di Olomouc, “Carlo Michelstaedter, Lev Tolstoj e il Vangelo”

# 36:
**Teaching Early Modern Texts In Lingua (AV)**
Aspen Rms
Organizers: Rachel Walsh, University of Denver, and Suzanne Magnanini, University of Colorado, Boulder
Chair: Suzanne Magnanini, University of Colorado, Boulder
1. Rachel A. Walsh, University of Denver, “Metastasio in 2015: Options for Teaching 18th-Century Cultural Literacy”
2. Vanessa DiMaggio, University of Pennsylvania, “The Divine Comedy and Pop Culture: A Pedagogical Approach”
3. Jennifer Haraguchi, Brigham Young University, “Poesia e Pittura: Teaching Torquato Tasso’s Gerusalemme Liberata with Images”

# 37:
**Gendered Others (AV)**
UMC Gallery
Organizers: Culture and Politics of Gender Research Group
Chair: Paola Bonifazio, University of Texas at Austin
1. Paola Bonifazio, University of Texas at Austin
2. Clarissa Clò, San Diego State University
3. Giovanna Faleschini Lerner, Franklin and Marshall College
4. Stefania Lucamante, Catholic University of America
5. Nicoletta Marini-Maio, Dickinson College
6. Kate Noson, University of California, Berkeley
7. Dana Renga, The Ohio State University
8. Cindy Stanphill, University of California, Los Angeles
10:30-11:45AM – Second Round of Sessions

# 38: Forward through the Rearview Mirror: Contemporary Meditations on Renaissance Innovation (AV)  UMC 245
Organizer and Chair: Anne-Marie Sorrenti, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto
1. Michele Rossi, The Pennsylvania State University, "New Visions on Female Education: Leonardo Bruni's The Study of Literature"
3. Teodoro Katinis, Johns Hopkins University, “Poetry, Sophistry and Skepticism in the Late Renaissance: Jacopo Mazzoni's Interpretation of Dante”

# 39: Boccaccio and Dante II. Poetics: Transformation and Representation (AV)  UMC 247
Organizers: James Kriesel, Wesleyan University, and David Lummus, Stanford University
Chair: James Kriesel, Wesleyan University
1. Martin Eisner, Duke University, “Mediating Dante: Boccaccio and the Transformation of a Modern Author”
2. Natalie Cleaver, University of Pittsburgh, “Boccaccio-Calandrino: The Dantean Art and Artifice of Bruno and Buffalmacco”
3. David Lummus, Stanford University, and James Kriesel, Wesleyan University, “Boccaccio and Dante: Politics, Poetics, Interpretation”

# 40: Contemporary Italian Poetry  UMC 382
Organizer and Chair: Luigi Fontanella, SUNY, Stony Brook
1. Francesco Brenna, Johns Hopkins University, "Cardarelli and the Classical-Inclusive Poetry of Baudelaire”
2. Alberto Comparini, Stanford University, “Clizia in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction: A Reading of Montale’s ‘L’angelo nero’”
3. Irene Marchegiani, SUNY, Stony Brook, “La poesia racconta la storia: il 'Gulag' di Mario Lucrezio Reali”

# 41: Rountable: Distant Reading, Digital Humanities, and Italian Studies (AV)  UMC 386
Organizer and Chair: Lorenzo Fabbri, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
1. Carol Chiodo, Yale University, “Distant Reading a Discipline. Dante in North America”
2. Selena Daly, University of California, Santa Barbara, “A Distant Reading of F.T. Marinetti's Writings (1909-1918)”
3. Crystal Hall, Bowdoin College, “Distant Reading Italian Film and Literature at a Liberal Arts College”
4. Guy Raffa, University of Texas at Austin, “Barking Up a Different Tree: A Digital Humanities Complement to Distant Reading”
# 42:  
**Intermediality in Modern and Contemporary Italian Culture II (AV)**  
Organizer and Chair: Bernhard Kuhn, Bucknell University  
1. Erika Marina Nadir, University of California, Los Angeles, “Finalmente Libero: Does Verdi’s opera La Traviata resolve Bellocchio's film I pugni in tasca?”  
2. Rachel Haworth, University of Hull, UK, “Intermediality in Italian Popular Music: Mina and Carosello”  
3. Margherita Heyer-Caput, University of California, Davis, “Ferzan Ozpetek’s Mine vaganti and Wandering Identities Inbetween”

# 43:  
**Italy in/and Portugal (AV)**  
Organizer: Liz Wren-Owens, University of Cardiff  
Chair: Taiko Haessler, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1. Daria Bozzato, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “L’erotismo e la macchina: il desiderio futurista in Marinetti e Álvaro de Campos”  
2. Liz Wren-Owens, University of Cardiff, “Translating the self and remembering fascism in Lisbon: Tabucchi and Mercier”  
3. Angelo Castagnino, University of Denver, “Injustice, memory and death in the novels of Antonio Tabucchi.”

# 44:  
**Performing Difference on the Early Modern Stage (AV)**  
Organizer: Suzanne Magnanini, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Chair: Rachel A. Walsh, University of Denver  
1. Nicla Riverso, University of Washington, “Isabella Andreini: Recasting the Early Modern Actress”  
2. Sara Diaz, Farfield University, “Marginal Authority in Margherita Costa’s Li buffoni (1641)”  
3. Aria Cabot, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “‘Neither holy nor royal’: Petronilla Paolini Massimi (1663-1726) Onstage in the Roman Monastery of Spirito Santo”

# 45:  
**WSC/QSC Joint Roundtable: Language and Sexism (AV)**  
Organizers: Chiara Fabbian, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Emanuela Zanotti Carney, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Chair: Emanuela Zanotti Carney, University of Illinois at Chicago  
1. Joseph Francese, Michigan State University, “Italian Culture’s ‘Guidelines for Gender-Sensitive Language’”  
2. Ombretta Frau, Mount Holyoke College  
3. Juliet Guzzetta, Michigan State University  
4. SA Smythe, University of California, Santa Cruz

**12:00-2:00PM – Lunch Break**

**12:00-1:00PM: Sponsored by MLA and AAIS:**  
**Open Forum on the Profession**  
**Special Contributor: Dennis Looney (MLA): “What the 2013 MLA Language Enrollment Survey Tells Us about the Study of Italian”**  
1. Carol Lazzaro-Weis, University of Missouri, Columbia  
2. Norma Bouchard, University of Connecticut  
3. Valerio Ferme, University of Colorado, Boulder
1:00-1:45PM
Jewish Studies’ Caucus Annual Meeting
Queer Studies’ Caucus Annual Meeting
Women Studies’ Caucus Annual Meeting

2:00-3:15PM – Third Round of Sessions

# 46:
**Italy between the Two World Wars: literature, culture, society (I) (AV)**
UMC 245
Organizers: Marco Marino, Sant’Anna Institute, and Brian Gilley, Indiana University
Chair: Guy Raffa, The University of Texas at Austin
1. Simone Castaldi, Hofstra University, “Mussolini, Hearst e Disney: Propaganda e censura nel fumetto del ventennio”
2. Guy Raffa, The University of Texas at Austin, “Dante’s Fascist Bones”

# 47:
**Naples in the Cultural Imaginary (I) (AV)**
UMC 247
Organizer: Ruth Glynn, University of Bristol
Chair: Alessandro Giardino, St. Lawrence University
1. Ruth Glynn, University of Bristol, “Producing Naples: Perspectives from Cultural Theory”

# 48:
**Ovid and Contemporary Italian Literature**
UMC 382
Organizer and Chair: Alberto Comparini, Stanford University
2. Barbara Olla, Oxford University, “L’arcano della favola splendida’: Gadda’s Re-writing of the Narcissus Myth”
4. Massimo Colella, Università degli Studi di Firenze, “Dovrei volare come Perseo in un altro spazio.” Italo Calvino, Ovidio e l’imminenza dell’antico”

# 49:
**The Epic Revisited**
UMC 386
Organizer and Chair: Andrea Gazzoni, University of Pennsylvania
2. Marta Celati Oxford University, “Epic and Politics in Italian Humanism: Orazio Romano’s Porcaria”
3. Tessa Bullington, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Reworking Marfisa: Character Appropriation in Giovanbattista Dragoncino’s Marfisa bizzara”
# 50:  
**Deterritorialized perspectives on unified Italy 1860-1936 (I) (AV)**  
UMC 415  
Organizers: Jennifer Burns, University of Warwick, and Gabriella Romani, Seton Hall University  
Chair: Gabriella Romani, Seton Hall University  
1. Morena Corradi, Queens College, CUNY, “Exiles, at home and abroad: paradigm cases in post-unification Italy”  
2. Jennifer Burns, University of Warwick, “Garibaldi, and the infant Samuel, and Queen Victoria, and other heroes of modern Italy: The impact of Italian political thought on the late C19th British imaginary”  
3. Ann Hallamore Caesar, University of Warwick, “Reading Italy Through a Melodramatic Lens”  
4. Kate Mitchell, University of Strathclyde, “Opera divas beyond borders: Ambassadors of Italianità”

# 51:  
**Roundtable: Technological Tools for Successful Teaching and Learning (I) (AV)**  
UMC 425  
Organizers: Deena R. Levy, The Pennsylvania State University, and Fiona M. Stewart, Pepperdine University  
1. Fiona M. Stewart, Pepperdine University  
2. Silvia Bernabei, Hockerill Anglo-European College, UK  
3. Fabrizio Fornara, Florida State University  
5. Metello Mugnai, Community College of Rhode Island

# 52:  
**Representation of Blackness in Italian Culture (AV)**  
Aspen Rms  
Organizers: Sara Marzioli, Guilford College, and Charles Leavitt, University of Reading  
Chair: Charles Leavitt, University of Reading  
1. Sara Marzioli, Guilford College, “Rhetorical Nations and the Fetish of Transnational Unity: The Lesson Silone Learned at the Second World Congress of Black Writers in Rome”  
2. Shelleen Greene, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, “Whither the Revolution?: Everson’s Rhinoceros – Reading the Italian-Libyan Political Constellation through the Afro Surrealist Imaginary”  
3. Federico Faloppa, University of Reading, “To Wash an Ethiopian White: The Changing Skin of an Enduring Tòpos”  
4. Tatjana Babic Williams, Purdue University, “‘Frammenti di Donna’: The Imagery of Black Women in Italian Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature”

# 53:  
**Women’s Studies Caucus Roundtable: Memory and Women’s Studies (AV)**  
UMC Gallery  
Organizers: Chiara Fabbian, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Emanuela Zanotti Carney, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Chair: Chiara Fabbian, University of Illinois at Chicago  
1. Daniela Bombara, Università di Messina, “Un inedito Risorgimento ‘al femminile’ nelle opere poetiche e narrative di letterate siciliane”  
2. Cristina Gragnani, Temple University, “La mia vita di Anna Franchi: memorie o amnesie di guerra?”  
3. Cristina Lombardi-Diop, Loyola University, Chicago, “Post-Impéro: Gendered Memories of Empire”  
4. Paola Nigro, Università degli Studi di Salerno, “Linguaggio e memoria”  
5. Anita Pinzi, Graduate Center, CUNY, “Shattered Subjects: Memories of Violence in Elvira Dones’s Narrative”
3:30-4:30PM – Fourth Round of Sessions (1 HOUR Panels)

# 54:  
**Italy between the Two World Wars: literature, culture, society (II) (AV)**  
UMC 245  
Organizers: Marco Marino, Sant’Anna Institute, and Brian Gilley, Indiana University  
Chair: Mary Migliozzi, Indiana University  
2. Margherita Ghetti, University of California, Berkeley, “The Serialized Woman in Fascist Italy”  

# 55:  
**Queer Studies Caucus: DeviAzioni: The Art of Italian Queer Imagination (AV)**  
UMC 247  
Organizer and Chair: Clarissa Clò, San Diego State University  
1. Andrea Righi, Colorado College, "Luciano Parinetto ’s Queer Thought and Italian Counter-Culture"  
2. Clarissa Clò, San Diego State University, "Queer as Fanfiction"  

# 56:  
**Lectura Boccaccii, II**  
UMC 382  
Organizer: American Boccaccio Association  
Chair: Kristina Olson, George Mason University  
2. David P. Bénéteau, Seton Hall University, “L’irreale in Boccaccio, IX, 6”  

# 57:  
**The Talented Mr. VoiceThread (AV)**  
UMC 386  
Organizer: Annunziata Pugliese, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Chair: Saskia Hintz, University of Colorado, Boulder  
3. Tiel Lundy, University of Colorado, Boulder, TBD  

# 58: SPECIAL SESSION: Blaxploitalian  
Fred Kuwornu speaks on his new documentary in connection with Session # 52  
UMC 415  

# 59:  
**Roundtable: Technological Tools for Successful Teaching and Learning (II) (AV)**  
UMC 425  
Organizers: Deena R. Levy, The Pennsylvania State University, and Fiona M. Stewart, Pepperdine University  
Chair: Deena R. Levy, The Pennsylvania State University  
1. Giorgio Corda, University of Colorado, Boulder  
2. Lorraine Denman, University of Pittsburgh  
3. Silvia Dupont, Boston College  
4. Camilla Zamboni, Wesleyan University
C'era una volta: *Women and the Italian Fairy Tale Tradition (AV)*
Organizer: Suzanne Magnanini, University of Colorado, Boulder
Chair: Sara Díaz, Fairfield University
1. Maria Rosa Truglio, The Pennsylvania State University, "A Talisman against Modernity: Gender and Progress in the Fairy Tales of Cordelia, 1905"
2. Chiara Mazzucchelli, University of Central Florida, "Once Upon a Place: Gioia Timpanelli and the Folk and Fairy Tale Traditions"

**Women's Studies Caucus: Maternità in migrazione (AV)**
Organizer and Chair: Giusy Di Filippo, University of New Hampshire, and Laura Lazzari, Franklin University, Switzerland
1. Annalisa Comes, Université de Lorraine-Università degli Studi di Verona, "La rappresentazione della maternità nella letteratura per l'infanzia delle autrici 'migranti' nella realtà italiana oggi. Testi e illustrazioni"
2. Laura Lazzari, Franklin University, Switzerland, "Mia figlia è italiana. Conflitti culturali e generazionali nella letteratura della migrazione"
3. Giusy Di Filippo, University of New Hampshire, "Maternità in migrazione in Madre Piccola di Cristina Ali Farah"

**4:45-6:00PM – Fifth Round of Sessions**

**Naples in the Cultural Imaginary (II) (AV)**
Organizer and Chair: Ruth Glynn, University of Bristol
1. Hanna Serkowska, University of Warsaw, "La città senza amore è una città ingiusta e crudele: il “corpo” di Napoli nelle opere di Elena Ferrante"
2. Alessandro Giardino, St Lawrence University, “Giuseppe Montesano’s Neo-baroque Naples: Rhetorical Strategies and the Literary Tradition”
3. Salvatore Giusto, University of Toronto, “Neomelodic Notes: Commodified Aesthetics and Naples’ Illicit Political Economy”
4. Carlo Baghetti, Université Aix-Marseille/Università degli studi di Roma, La Sapienza, “Rappresentazioni letterarie del mondo del lavoro napoletano”

**Animality in Italian Literature and Visual Arts (I) (AV)**
Organizers: Damiano Benvegnù, University of Virginia, Paola De Santo, University of Georgia, Caterina Mongiat Farina, DePaul University
Chair: Caterina Mongiat Farina, DePaul University
1. Chiara Cecchelli, University of California, Berkeley, “The Position of the Animal in *Bestie* by Federigo Tozzi”
4. Eloisa Morra, Harvard University, “‘Topo, topo senza scopo’: La rappresentazione degli animali nei nonsense di Toti Scialoja”
# 64:
Roundtable: Boccaccio and Dante
Organizers: James Kriesel, Wesleyan University, and David Lummus, Stanford University
1. Natalie Cleaver, University of Pittsburgh
2. Martin Eisner, Duke University
3. Elsa Filosa, Vanderbilt University
4. Kristina Olson, George Mason University
5. Regina Psaki, University of Oregon
6. David Lummus, Stanford University
7. James Kriesel, Wesleyan University

# 65:
Violence, Dialogue and Dispute:
From the Middle Ages to the Early Modern (I) (AV)
Organizer: Dino S. Cervigni, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chair: Jonathan White, University of Essex, UK
1. Dino S. Cervigni, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Italy’s Literary Culture: Corsi and Ricorsi of Violence?”
3. Gary Waters, University of Georgia, “Machiavellian Absence and Philological Redefinition in Beccaria’s Dei delitti e delle pene”

# 66:
Approaches to Elena Ferrante (I) (AV)
Organizer and chair: Stiliana Milkova (Oberlin College)
1. Carmela Pesca (Central Connecticut State University): “Rapporto madre-figlia e funzione narrativa dei vestiti nel romanzo L’amore molesto”
2. Stiliana Milkova, Oberlin College, “Ekphrasis in Elena Ferrante’s L’amore molesto”
3. Sara Mattavelli, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “La frantumaglia del corpo ne I giorni dell’abbandono di Elena Ferrante”
4. Gianna Albaum, New York University, “From Medea to Ariadne: Forgiveness and Abandonment in Elena Ferrante’s I giorni dell’abbandono”

# 67:
Intermediality in Modern and Contemporary Italian Culture (III) (AV)
Organizer: Bernhard Kuhn, Bucknell University
Chair: Federico Pacchioni, Chapman University
1. Scott Joseph Budzynski, Savannah College of Art and Design, “The City as Transformative Object of the New”
2. Emma Barron, University of Sydney/Università di Bologna, “A marriage of literature and television: I Promessi Sposi on the RAI in the 1960s”
# 68:

Religion and Politics in the Visual Arts (AV)  
Aspen Rms
Organizers: Mark Epstein, Princeton University, and Amanda Minervini, Colorado College  
Chair: Amanda Minervini, Colorado College
1. Mark Epstein, Princeton University, “Pasolini: Materialism and the Politics of the Sacred”

# 69:

Women Studies Caucus Panel: Trinkets, Knicknacks, Pens, Papers and More:  
Material Culture and Gendered Space in Italy (AV)  
UMC Gallery
Organizer: Women Studies’ Caucus  
Chair: Cristina Gragnani, Temple University
1. Ombretta Frau, Mount Holyoke College, “Pennini e aghi, ‘piccole armi domestiche lucide e fini’”
2. Cristina Gragnani, Temple University, “‘Lanam fecit’: penna, carta e ferri da calza per vincere la guerra”

6:15-8:30PM – Plenary Session/Keynote  
University Memorial Center, Room 235
Gaetana Marrone-Puglia, Princeton University, “Introduction to the Cinema of Edoardo Winspeare”

Edoardo Winspeare, Director, “Women, the Salento, and the Mediterranean: Filmic Representations of Womanhood in My Cinema”

Sponsored by the Department of French and Italian Lecturer Fund (Dr. John Sadler), the Center for Western Civilization, the Mediterranean Seminar, and the Women’s Caucus of the AAIS
Saturday, March 28, 2015

8:00AM – Registration (Aspen Rooms)

9:00-10:15AM – First Round of Sessions

# 70: **Italy in the Mediterranean I: Conflict (I)** (AV)  
**Sponsors:** The Mediterranean Seminar/CU Mediterranean Studies Group (CUMSG)  
**Organizer and Chair:** Brian A. Catlos, University of Colorado Boulder/University of California, Santa Cruz

1. Cristelle L. Baskins, Tufts University, "Drawing Connections between Hafsid Tunis and Medicean Florence"
2. Travis Bruce, Witchita State/IGAMWI, "Negotiating Conflict through a Shared Language of Trust in Thirteenth-Century Pisa and Tunis"
3. Céline Dauverd, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Easter Passion as arm against Islam in Viceregal Italy, 1442-1649"

# 71: **Trouble Men: Masculinity and Italian Screen Studies (II)** (AV)  
**Organizers:** Catherine O’Rawe, University of Bristol, and Dana Renga, The Ohio State University  
**Chair:** Catherine O’Rawe, University of Bristol

1. Kate Noson, University of California, Berkeley, "The Tease: Theorizing the 'Blind Gaze' in Dino Risi’s L’Allumeuse"
2. Stephanie Hotz, University of Texas at Austin, "Alternative Masculinities and Stardom in the 1960s Musicarello"
3. Giorgio Galbussera, Arcadia University, "Future Past: A Country For/As Old Men"

# 72: **Animality in Italian literature and the Visual Arts (II),** (AV)  
**Organizers:** Damiano Benvegnù, University of Virginia, Paola De Santo, University of Georgia, and Caterina Mongiat Farina, DePaul University  
**Chair:** Paola De Santo, University of Georgia

1. Claudia Romanelli, University of Alabama, “Il genere bestiario e la funzione degli animali in Groppi d’amore nella scuraglia di Tiziano Scarpa”
2. Gabriella Bellorio, Rutgers University, “The Turtle That Therefore I Am. Identity Formation in Ammaniti’s Ti prendo e ti porto via”
3. Elena Past, Wayne State University, "Acoustic Footprints and Canine Footfalls: Nonhuman Sound in Le quattro volte."

# 73: **Fascism in Italy and Abroad (I)**  
**Organizer:** Patrizia Stahle, College of Coastal Georgia  
**Chair:** Brian J. Griffith, University of California, Santa Barbara

1. Patrizia Stahle, College of Coastal Georgia, “Italian Emigration Policy, Mussolini’s Blackshirts and U.S. Immigration Restrictions”
2. Valeria Federici, Brown University, “Fascists in the United States and their Collaboration with the local Church in Rhode Island”
# 74: Ecocritical Approaches to Culture  
Organizer and Chair: Pasquale Verdicchio (University of California, San Diego)  
1. Stefania Nedderman (Gonzaga University): “Il bosco degli urogalli: il luogo della memoria”  
2. Marguerite Waller (UC Riverside): “Considering the Lobster: Environmental Aesthetics in Sabina Guzzanti’s documentaries”  
4. Pasquale Verdicchio (University of California, San Diego, “Disorder and Possibility: The View of the Land of Fires from the Phlegraean Fields.”

# 75: Neorealism at 70: Commemorating the legacy, pushing the boundaries  
Organizer and Chair: Sergio Rigoletto, University of Oregon  
1. Charles Leavitt, University of Reading, “What’s New About Neorealism?”  
2. Sergio Rigoletto, University of Oregon, “Neorealist Stardom, Anna Magnani and the Authentication of the Popolana Myth”  
3. Kathleen LaPenta, Fordham University, “Cronaca in the midst of Neorealism”  
4. Louis Bayman, University of Warwick, “The Popular as an Aesthetic Category”

# 76: Deterritorialized perspectives on unified Italy 1860-1936 (II) (AV)  
Organizers: Jennifer Burns, University of Warwick, and Gabriella Romani, Seton Hall University  
1. Stefano Giannini, Syracuse University, “Fascist Influence in Alexandria, Egypt. The Case of Ernesto Verrucci Bey’s Monument of Ismail Pasha (1934-1935)”  
3. Heather Sottong, University of California, Los Angeles, “Young Italy, Young Argentina”

10:30-11:45AM – Second Round of Sessions

# 77: Italy in the Mediterranean II: Images (AV)  
Sponsors: The Mediterranean Seminar/CU Mediterranean Studies Group (CUMSG)  
Organizer: Brian A. Catlos, University of Colorado, Boulder/University of California, Santa Cruz  
Chair/Commentator: Nuria Silleras-Fernandez, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1. Alison Perchuk, California State University Channel Islands, “Elijah East and West: From Mediterranean Prophet to Italian Saint”  

# 78: Italian Cinema in the Present Tense I: Emerging Talents and New Critical Approaches (AV)  
Organizer: Millicent Marcus, Yale University  
Chair: Elena Past, Wayne State University  
1. Christopher Kaiser, Yale University, “Fact and Fiction: The Visual Poetics of Andrea Segre”  
2. Mary Ann Carolan, Fairfield University, “A Sense of Place in Io sono Li (Segre, 2011)”  
3. Millicent Marcus, Yale University, “Revisiting Gomorra: A Neuro-aesthetic Approach”
Approaches to Elena Ferrante (II)  UMC 382
Organizer and chair: Stiliana Milkova, Oberlin College,
1. Anne-Marie Sorrenti, University of Toronto, "Ferrante’s Omissions: A Closer Look at La frantumaglia"
2. Leslie Elwell, University of California, Berkeley, "Breaking Bonds: the Refiguring of Maternity in Elena Ferrante’s La figlia oscura"
3. Francesca Parmeggiani, Fordham University, "Ritrovare il proprio Nome perduto: identità femminile tra dono e rinvenimento nell’opera narrativa di Elena Ferrante"
4. Sara Teardo, Princeton University, and Flora Ghezzo, Independent Scholar, "Legami di cuore, legami di sangue: infanzia, identità e violenza nella Napoli di Elena Ferrante"

La letteratura e il cinema di fabbrica (AV)  UMC 386
Organizer and Chair: Daniele Fioretti, Miami University, Ohio
1. Stephanie Jed, University of California, San Diego, "Teresa Noce: From Textile Worker to Socialist"
2. Mauro Resmini, University Of Maryland, "Operai, Capitale, Cinema: On Elio Petri’s Lulu the Tool"
3. Daniele Forlino (University of Wisconsin–Madison): “Ad un passo dalla macchina: Donnarumma all’assalto"

Fascism in Italy and Abroad (II) (AV)  UMC 415
Organizer and Chair: Patrizia Stahle, College of Coastal Georgia
1. Brian J. Griffith, University of California, Santa Barbara, “From New York City to Addis Ababa: Ruth Williams Ricci and Fascist Italy’s African Empire, 1935-1941”
2. Sylvia Hakopian, Cornell University, “Children’s Utopia/Fascist Utopia: An Analysis of Children’s Textbooks and Subjection under Italian Fascism”
3. Olga Casaretti, Utah State University, “Fascism and Culture in Sicily: The Centennial of Vincenzo Bellini’s Death, 1935”

Diaries, Notebooks and Journals in the Italian Literary Landscape (AV)  UMC 425
Organizer: Saskia Ziolkowski, Duke University
Chair: Kathleen LaPenta, Fordham University

Articulating the Italian Curriculum 2: Alternative Approaches to Language Teaching (AV)  Aspen Rms
Organizers: Daniela Busciglio, University of Alabama, and Fabrizio Fornara, Florida State University
Chair: Sara Mattavelli, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1. Daniela Busciglio, University of Alabama, “Not Covering, But Discovering: Agency and Autonomy in Student-Centered Project-Based Italian Language Learning”
2. Fabrizio Fornara, Florida State University, “Exploring the intercomprehension approach: The case of a multilevel Italian course”
3. Louise Hipwell and Donatella Melucci, Georgetown University, “Designing a hybrid format for third semester Italian: methods and outcomes”
# 84:
Violence in the Middle Ages and Renaissance (II) (AV) 
Organizer and Chair: Dino S. Cervigni, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
1. Brenda Deen Schildgen, University of California, Davis, “Women and Men: Domestic Violence in Dante’s Commedia”
2. Leonardo Giorgetti, University of California, Davis, “Beauty, the Gardener and the Groom: Three Cases of Violence and Silence in the Decameron”
3. Paola De Santo, University of Georgia, “Death and the Ambassador: The Body Politic and the Body Natural, from the Maraviglia Affair to Holbein’s The Ambassadors”

12:00-2:00PM – Lunch Break

12:00-1:00PM – Plenary Session/Keynote
University Memorial Center, Gallery
Carlo Spartaco Capogreco, Università della Calabria, “I campi di concentramento in Italia durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale”

1:00-1:30 PM – Plenary Session/Respondent
Davide Stimilli, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Better to Die on One’s Feet than Live on One’s Knees: Life and Times of Michel Fingesten”

Sponsored by the CU Art Museum, the Ida Fund at the Community Foundation of Boulder, the Program in Jewish Studies, and the Centro Primo Levi of New York

1:30-2:00PM
AAIS Business Meeting 

2:00-3:15 PM – Third Round of Sessions

# 85:
The Place of Film in the Italian Language & Culture Classroom (AV) 
Organizers and Chairs: Patrizia Comello Perry, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY and Roberta K. Waldbaum, University of Denver
1. Saniye Deniz Gokcora, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY “Teaching Argumentative Rhetorical Style Using a Documentary Film: Devil’s Playground”
2. Josué Alberto Santos, Dalarna University, “La Grande Guerra: Uno strumento di analisi storica, sociologica e linguistica sull’Italia del ’900”
3. Fabiana Viglione, University of Connecticut, “The Versatility of Cinema as a Tool in the Language Classroom”
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3. Tatiana Zavodny, University of California, San Diego, “(Dis)Unity in the Risorgimento: Kidnapping Italo-Judaic Identity”

# 92: Violence in the 19th and 20th centuries (III) (AV) UMC Gallery
Organizer: Dino Cervigni, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chair: Brenda Deen Schildgen, University of California, Davis
3. Franco Baldasso, Bard College, “Curzio Malaparte and the Tragic Understanding of Modern History”

3:30-4:45 PM, 4th Round of Sessions

# 93: Italy in the Mediterranean III: Identities (AV) UMC 245
Sponsors: The Mediterranean Seminar/CU Mediterranean Studies Group (CUMSG)
Organizer: Brian A. Catlos, University of Colorado, Boulder/University of California, Santa Cruz
Chair/Commentator: Norma Bouchard, University of Connecticut
1. Brian A. Catlos, University of Colorado, Boulder/Humanities, UC Santa Cruz “Was Norman Sicily Italian or Mediterranean?”
2. Claudio Fogu (UC Santa Barbara) “From Center to South: The Geography of Repression in Making Italians”

# 94: Italian Cinema in the Present Tense III: Old Stories, New Tellings (AV) UMC 247
Organizer: Millicent Marcus, Yale University
Chair: Giovanna Faleschini Lerner, Franklin and Marshall College
1. Letizia Bellocchio, Wesleyan University, “Le generazioni allo specchio di Cristina Comencini”
2. Silvia Carlorosi, CUNY City College, “It’s Still a Question of Identity: New Roles in Daniele Luchetti’s Anni felici”
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Organizer: L. Scott Lerner, Franklin & Marshall College
Chair and Respondent: David Shneer, University of Colorado, Boulder
2. Gabriella Romani, Seton Hall University "Speaking to a National Body of Readers: Italian Jewish Writers in Post-Unification Italy"

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Organizer: Cosetta Seno, University of Colorado, Boulder
1. Andrea Dini, Montclair State University
2. Daniela F. Busciglio, University of Alabama
3. Marie Bertola, Santa Clara University
4. Cinzia Donatelli Noble, Brigham Young University

### 97: Matters of Entanglement: Human, Nonhuman, More-Than-Human (II) (AV)
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Chair: Deborah Amberson, University of Florida
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2. Robin Pickering-Iazzi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, "The Echogeography of the Nonhuman in Silvana La Spina’s L’ultimo treno da Catania"
3. Vincenzo Salvatore, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, "Debt to Future: the Web of Economical, Ecological and Ontological Entanglements in the Ilva Steel Plant of Taranto, Italy"

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Organizer: Dino Cervigni, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Chair: Chiara Ferrari, College of Staten Island

1. Fiona M. Stewart, Pepperdine University, “‘Libera nos a malo’: Violence and Hope in Italian Representations of WWII”
2. Luca Pocci, Western University, Ontario, "Violenza e potere in Italo Calvino: la ‘Decapitazione dei capi’"
3. Lisa Dolasinski, Indiana University “*Terraferma*: Emanuele Crialese’s Criticism of Violence in the Name of Sovereignty”

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UMC 235

8:30-10:00PM: Performance by Jewlia Eisenberg and Charming Hostess, “The Ginzburg Geography”  
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