

Cultural activities organized

April 2013. **Postcolonial Italy: Challenging National Homogeneity.** A lecture by Professor Cristina Lombardi-Diop, Loyola University. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, and the Office of International Affairs at UIC.

April 2013. **Italian Americans, the United States and Chicago.** A public lecture by Chiara Fabbian, Clinical Assistant Professor of Italian at UIC. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling.

April 2013. **Italy: overview on a Unique Country.** A lecture by Roberto Pennazzato, Director of the Education office at the Italian Consulate General, Chicago. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, and the Italian Consulate at Chicago.

February 2013. **Murder and Media in the New Rome. The Fadda Affair.** A lecture by T. Simpson, Distinguished Senior Lecturer at Northwestern University. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling.

October 2012. **Teaching Language Trough Culture. Professional Development Workshop for Teachers of Italian.** The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, the Italian Consulate at Chicago, the Italian Cultural Institute and CPS.

October 2012: **The Pantheon: Ancient Building and Modern Legacy.** A lecture by JENNIFER TOBIN, Associate Professor of Classics, Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies at UIC.

October 2012. **Italian Companies and the US market. A Testimonial from Within.** A lecture by Fulvio calcinardi, Executive Director, Italian American Chamber of Commerce at Chicago.

March 2012. **Free Italian Cooking Class: the North (Risotto and Bagna Cauda).** The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, the Italian Consulate at Chicago and the Jane Addams Hull House Museum.

February 2012. **Antonio Fava Lecture/Demonstration on Commedia dell'Arte at the UIC Theatre.** The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, the Italian Cultural Institute and the Department of Performing Arts at UIC.

February 2012. **Looking for the Laugh: Humor and The Future of Being Italian American** By Fred Gardaphe, Distinguished Professor of English and Italian American Studies (Queens College, CUNY and John D. Calandra Italian American Institute). The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Literatures, Languages and Linguistics

November 2011. **Hidden Treasures in Puglia.** A lecture by Marielle Molon, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs ' Lecturer at UIC. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, the Italian Consulate at Chicago and the Office of International Affairs at UIC.

October 2011: **Insegnare l'italiano. Un gioco di parole.** A workshop on the teaching of Italian language with Professor Anthony Mollica, Emeritus, Brock University, Canada. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, the Italian Consulate at Chicago, the Italian Cultural Institute and Italidea-Midwest.

September 2011: **Free Italian Cooking Class.** The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling, the Italian Consulate at Chicago and the Jane Addams Hull House Museum.

September 2011: Italian artist Stefano Cossu. *The Science of Fiction Entertainment Technologies*. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling

September 2011. *Planning to Study Abroad? Come and Learn about Magic Siena, Italy!* UIC students Rossie Rangel and David Baeza illustrate their experience, summer 2011. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling and Study Abroad Office.

March 2011: Dr Louis Hamilton, Drew University. *Mapping the Infernal City*. Co-sponsored with The Department of French and the School of Lit, Cult & Ling.

March 2011. *Suoni, sapori, immagini e profumi di Siena. An illustrated presentation by Professor Luca Bonomi* (Director, Dante Alighieri School, Siena, Italy). The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling and Study Abroad Office.

March 2011. *Celebrating Italy's 150th Anniversary...Verdi: solo Risorgimento? Lecture by Professor Luca Bonomi* (Director, Dante Alighieri School, Siena, Italy). The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling and Study Abroad Office.

February 2011. *How (and Why) the Italians Invented Opera: and What the French and Germans Did to It*. A lecture by Professor David Weible, Head of the Department of Germanic Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the Department of Germanic Studies and The School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics at UIC present:

February 2011. *Elegance and Artificiality: the Art of Italian Mannerism. A lecture by Professor Robert Munman*, Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Art History. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Art History and The School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics at UIC

January 2011. *The Italian Club's Welcoming Party*, in coordination with the Office of Meetings.

December 2010. *Italian End of the Year celebration* with an illustrated presentation on Italian Holiday Traditions

November 2010. *Chicago's Italian American legacy. A lecture by Dominic Candeloro*. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the School of Lit, Cult & Ling and Casa Italia, Chicago.

October 2010. *All the Colours of Race: The Consumption of Blackness in Post-racial Italy*. A lecture by Cristina Lombardi Diop, Associate Professor and former Chair of Italian Studies at the American University of Rome

October 2010: *Meet the Author: Elizabet Bettina, It happened in Italy*. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute at Chicago and the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics at UIC.

October 2010: *Columbus Day Gala Dinner with Mayor Richard Daley* and UIC Italian faculty/Club (we received free tickets for 20 people)

October 2010. X Settimana della lingua italiana nel mondo. Una lingua per amica. L'italiano nostro e degli altri. UIC celebrates with the **screening of Brusati's Bread and Chocolate**.

October 2010. **Summer Study Abroad: Siena 2010**. An illustrated presentation by Italian Club President and Siena alum Edgar Rafael Tovar.

September 2010: *Teaching the Analysis of a Literary Text: a Methodological Approach through Unusual Texts*. A workshop by Prof. Paolo Balboni, Ca' Foscari University of Venice. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the Consulate General of Italy in Chicago, the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics at the University of Illinois (Chicago), the Italian Cultural Institute and Italidea

September 2010: The UIC Italian Club presents: *Italian Opera*. An illustrated presentation

April 2010. *Creaturing*. Poetry by Italian author Tiziano Fratus.

April 2010. *Regional Influences on Italian Cuisine*, with Nancy Brussat (Convito Italiano owner).

March 2010. *Marketing Your Italian*. A roundtable presentation with William Biancucci (Italian Club) and Jorgena Kosti (Italian Minor).

March 2010. *From Pyramids to Spacecraft* with architects Arturo Vittori and Andreas Vogler. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute

March 2010. *Architecture and Planning in Modern Rome* with Jonathan Mekinda, lecturer at UIC. The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies in collaboration with the College of Architecture and the Arts, UIC.

February 2010. *The City of Siena and its Hidden Beauties* with Luca Bonomi, Director, DA Siena

February 2010. *From Emigration to Immigration* with Prof. Laura Sanfelici, University of Genova (invited by Prof. Potowski);

February 2010. *Linguine and Lust: Stereotypes in Italian American Culture* by Prof. Fred Gardaphe', Distinguished Professor of English and Italian American Studies at Queen's College, City University of New York/Cuny.

November 2009. *Rituals and Traditions in Contemporary Italy* with Francesca Puggioni, lecturer designated by the Italian ministry of Foreign Affairs, in service at the University of Chicago.

October 2009. *Ancient Cosmologies, Hell and Paradise* with Professor Nanno Marinatos, Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies at UIC.

October 2009. *Italian Contributions to Medicine* with Prof. Enrico Benedetti, the Warren H. Cole Chair in Surgery and head of the Department of Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Field trip to the exhibit *Italics* at the MCA.

April 2009. *Joe the Plumber and the Italian cuisine. With* Gaetano di Benedetto, owner and chef of Gaetano's

April 2009. *Public Spaces in Italian Culture and History*. With Martha Pollack, Professor of Architectural History, Univ. Of Illinois at Chicago.

November 2008. *Slavery, Immigration, Colonial Memories* with Cristina Lombardi Diop, Associate Professor and Chair of the Italian Studies Department at the American university of Rome.

Other activities:

Field Trips to local museums and exhibits.

Italian Yoga, with yoga instructor Antonella Bonfiglio

Italian Karaoke

Columbus Day Parade

Christmas Traditions in Italy

Italian Club Halloween parties

Carnevale traditions in Italy
Weekly conversation hour, and Italian Film Club