

SAVE THE DATE

Teaching Italian Symposium XIX

Friday, October 16, 2026

MILLE GRAZIE!



The Judges Panel for the Coccia-Inserra Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Teaching of Italian (K-12):

Dr. Andrea Baldi - Professor of Italian,
Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ)

Maria Gloria Borsa - Bellaire High School (Houston, TX);
Recipient of the 2020 Coccia-Inserra Teaching Award

Gina Gallo - Bristol Central High School (Bristol, CT);
Recipient of the 2016 Coccia-Inserra Teaching Award

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TEACHING ITALIAN MEETING XVIII

Toolkit italiano: Building Innovative Pathways to Success

Symposium/Workshops for Instructional Materials



Friday, October 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

University Hall ■ 7th Floor Conference Center ■ Montclair State University

TEACHING ITALIAN XVIII

Toolkit italiano: Building Innovative Pathways to Success

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Registration/Iscrizione

9:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction/Discorsi di benvenuto

Enza Antenos

Symposium Chair

Italian Program, Department of World Languages & Cultures

Mark Rotella

Director, The Joseph and Elda Coccia Institute

for the Italian Experience in America

Fatma Mili

Interim Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Kathleen Loysen

Chair, Department of World Languages & Cultures

Daniele Castellani

Dirigente, Ufficio scuola del Consolato Generale di New York

Margaret Fontana

Executive Director, New Jersey Italian Heritage Commission

10:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Conferral of Awards/Conferimento del premio al merito

The Coccia-Inserra Award for Excellence and

Innovation in the Teaching of Italian (K-12)

Andrea Baldi

Panel Chair; Professor of Italian, Rutgers University

Elisa Coccia

President, Coccia Foundation

Lawrence R. Inserra

CEO, Inserra Supermarkets

10:40 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Workshop Session I/Seminario I

Valeria Luppino

Offering AP Italian: A Natural Pathway for

Student Growth and Opportunity

University Hall - President's Dining Room

Elda Buonanno Foley & Daniela Bisello Antonucci

Planning the Best Italian Class

University Hall - Workshop Room A

Diana Maria Zoino & Alessandra Savarese

Inspiring Students Beyond the Classroom:

Empowering Italian Learners through Real-

World Engagement and Digital Literacy

University Hall - Workshop Room B

11:55 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Lunch/Pranzo

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Workshop Session II/Seminario II

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2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Panel Discussion/Tavola rotonda

Connecting Practice, Programs, and Community

L'Italofonia che creiamo

Enza Antenos

Panel Moderator, Montclair State University

Valeria Luppino

Millburn High School (Millburn, NJ)

Diana Maria Zoino

Cresskill High School (Cresskill, NJ)

Alessandra Savarese

Arthur L. Johnson High School (Clark, NJ)

Elda Buonanno Foley

Bruswick School (Greenwich, CT)/St. John's University

Daniela Bisello Antonucci

Independent Scholar

3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Farewell/Chiusura

Enza Antenos

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Cristina Latino

Program Coordinator, The Joseph and Elda Coccia Institute
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