

GUEST SPEAKERS 2022

Tuesday, July 5th (with workshop)

An MSU alumna now an award-winning cheesemonger discusses her career from an MSU student to an Eataly intern/events manager and her present role in the cheese and charcuterie sector



Emilia D'Albero majored in Italian at Montclair State where she was the recipient of multiple Italian scholarships. Following an internship at EATALY Flatiron in New York City she was hired as an Education and Events Coordinator. Her love of hands-on culinary experiences motivated her to become a certified cheesemonger who has won multiple national competitions. She is currently responsible for the cheese and charcuterie counter at a speciality grocery in Brooklyn, *The Greene Grape*. In addition, she boasts more than 150,000 followers on her TikTok account [@punkrockparmigiano](https://www.tiktok.com/@punkrockparmigiano) where she answers users' burning questions on all things cheese.

To learn more: <https://greengrape.com/>

Wednesday, July 6th (with campus tour)

Professor of Italian and Inserra Endowed Chair at Montclair State University introduces the Italian and LBC programs, and offers a campus tour



Teresa Fiore holds the Inserra Endowed Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies, and serves as Full Professor in the Italian Program, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Fiore's teaching and research interests include 19th-, 20th-, and 21st-century Italian literature,

Italian cinema, Italian American culture, and immigration in contemporary Italy, with a theoretical focus on space. She is the Co-Founder of the Early College Italian Summer Program and has served as its Director since its inception in 2017.

To learn more: https://www.montclair.edu/profilepages/view_profile.php?username=fiorete

Thursday, July 7th: Field Trip I

Friday, July 8th (with workshop)

Political activist, actor, singer, US Navy veteran discusses the Black Italy Movement in Italy

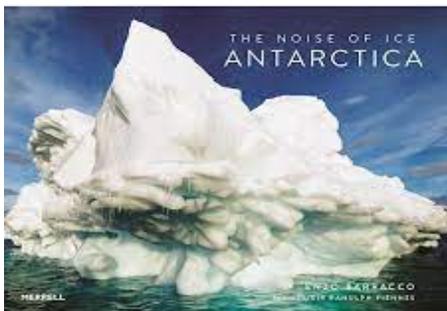


Valentino Agunu is recognized as being a prominent activist voice in the Black Italy movement, as well as being an established actor, known for his role in the film *Le Nozze di Laura* (2015). He is also a recording artist, holds a BS in biotechnology and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

To learn more:

Monday, July 11th (with workshop)

An Italian Emmy-nominated photographer living in Montclair talks about environmental justice through art



Enzo Barracco is an Italian Emmy-nominated photographer and author of *The Noise of Ice: Antarctica*. After years as a highly successful fashion photographer, Barracco's trip to Antarctica changed his life and he is now dedicated to creating climate art to raise consciousness about climate change and sustainability. His new book *Galapagos: The Skin of Rock* is due for release in late 2022.

To learn more: www.enzobaracco.com

Tuesday, July 12th: Field Trip II

Wednesday, July 13th (with workshop)

A field marketing specialist for Adidas soccer talks about his passion and expertise: Italian soccer culture



Julian Mossuto has extensive knowledge of Italian soccer in terms of both its social significance and its history. Born in Italy where he lived for the first eight years of his life, he subsequently moved to the U.S. for the remainder of his childhood and schooling. He holds an A.A. degree from City College of Portland, Oregon, the city where he worked as Team Sales Manager for Far Post Soccer Supply Company for three years. He is currently living in New Jersey and is an Adidas Soccer Brand Marketing Specialist for the Northeastern Region covering New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

Thursday, July 14th (with workshop)

NY-based Italian Brazilian journalist recounts her personal voyage from student to model to fashion blogger



Giulia Baldini is an Italian-Brazilian journalist based in New York City. During her college years at Hofstra University, she came across both the fashion industry and the world of journalism. Currently, she's completing a Master's degree in Africana and African American Studies at

Lehman College, while keeping the legacy of her first book (*Fashion On The Beat: The Melodies and Rhythms in Fashion journalism*, 2020) through her brand's magazine dedicated to emergent creatives and young journalists interested in covering fashion: *Fashion On The Beat* by *The Curly Flower*.

To learn more: <https://thecurlyflower.wordpress.com/writing/>

Monday, July 18th

Yoga expert leads breathing exercises and explains the practice of yoga in Italy



Rossana Dall'Armellina, after graduating with a degree in languages from Pavia University, began studying Hatha Yoga in 2007 in Milan, Italy. In 2017 she opened her own studio and began leading intensive yoga retreats in natural settings with a focus on Aryurveda. Over her many years of teaching, she has expanded her practice with research and knowledge of Sanskrit, Indian Art History, Human Anatomy, and Psychic Activity Fundamentals. She follows in the deeply traditional footsteps of Yogi masters Sivananda, Deskacar and Yogananda.

To learn more: <https://www.yogacinisello.it/?lang=en>
<https://www.montallegroyogaretreats.com/>

Monday, July 18th (afternoon workshop)



Megan Biondi, MA, DML, RYT 200 began practicing yoga at Be Well in Morristown upon moving to New Jersey for a professor position at County College of Morris. As her practice advanced,

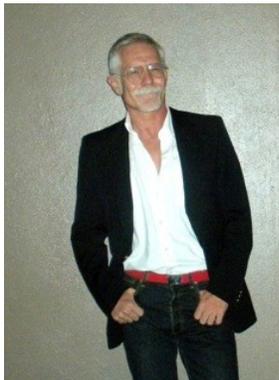
she became more aware not only of the physical benefits of yoga, but also of the spiritual and psychological aspects of the practice. A few months after completing her 200 hour certification at Be Well, she became certified in Yin Yoga, which she now teaches weekly at Be Well. She is grateful for the opportunity to share the profound effects of this practice of stillness with students of all ages, sizes, colors, genders, abilities, and linguistic backgrounds. It is easy to see that her commitment to inclusion as a professor of world languages seamlessly transfers to her yoga practice. She also teaches bilingual donation yoga classes in English and Spanish to benefit the Hispanic Scholarship Fund at Be Well and the Morristown and Long Hill libraries.

To learn more: bewellihs.com
<https://www.ccm.edu/k-Teacher/biondi-megan/>

Tuesday, July 19th: Field Trip III

Wednesday, July 20th (with workshop)

An American architect once active in Italy talks about the Italian immigrant and Italian-American experience in Montclair and beyond



Born in Montclair, NJ, Frank Gerard Godlewski worked on a Doctor of Research in Architectural Composition at the Institute of Architecture in Venice, Italy. Frank lived in Italy for 23 years where he worked in the Milan Architecture Studio of Master Italian Architect, Aldo Rossi. Back in the United States, Frank's renaissance personality engages him in various ventures in Architecture, Design, History & Restoration, Event Planning and Property Management.

To learn more: <https://fellsbridgestudio.com/artwork/2812479-About.html>