

La Vendemmia

THE NEWSLETTER OF ITALIAN STUDIES STUDIES AT UVA

BELLO, NO?

- Ten undergraduates will receive BA degrees in Italian Studies.
- Two graduate students have earned their MA in Italian Language and Literature.
- Many students will put their degrees in Italian Studies to good use next year.

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AUGURI CLASS OF 2013!

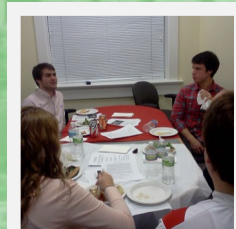
As another May nears its end, the UVA community once again meets to celebrate the achievements of its many graduates. The Italian Studies program always looks forward to commencement, and this year is no exception.

On May 19th, ten undergraduates will receive their diplomas in Italian Studies, along with two graduate students, who will be awarded MA degrees from the University of Virginia.

Although these twelve students will soon say goodbye to UVA, they are about to embark on new adventures around the world.

Nick Carullo's postgraduate plans will not take him too far away: he will enroll this fall in

law school at the University of Virginia. Meanwhile, Nick's classmate, Christopher Banks heads off to Rockville, MD,



Nick Carullo, '13 and Emanuel Grant, '13.

where he will work for Choice Hotels International. Chris also plans to attend Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course in Arizona this December. Nick and Chris are not the only ones with exciting future plans. Emanuel Grant will spend some time in Italy this

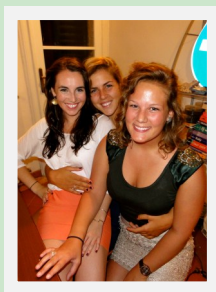
summer, before beginning work on applying to medical school. Rachel Midura and Rachel Robinson plan to join Emanuel in Italy when they head to the boot-shaped nation to intern at the Gori Collection in Tuscany.

Meanwhile, MA graduate Alessandro De Stefanis will continue his studies this fall in a doctoral program at Columbia University.

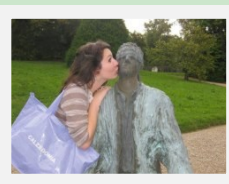
The Italian Studies program is extremely proud of all its graduates and wishes them a hearty in bocca al lupo for the years to come.

-Sarah Annunziato

CI VEDIAMO!



Molly Frear, '13, Zoe Kemp, '14, and Stefani Bell, '14



Rachel Perry, '13



Gnocchi Night!



Prof.ssa Parker talks to students.

VIVA ITALIAN GARDEN PARTY!

On April 17th, the Italian Studies Program at UVA celebrated another year of student accomplishments with the annual Garden Party. Held in honor of former lecturer of Italian, Lola Pelliccia, the Garden Party recognizes high achievement in Italian Studies at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

This year, three fourth-year students received the Giuliano Prize for demonstrating excellence in Italian Studies throughout their undergraduate careers: Nick Carullo, Molly Frear, and Rachel Midura. In addition to Nick, Molly, and Rachel, two students, Naz Tanoglu and Siobhan Perks, received the Lola Pelliccia Essay Prize for written work in Italian.

Following the awarding of the prizes, guests listened to an episode of the original radio series *Le Voci del Mistero*, which has been written, produced and performed for the syndicated show *Caffè Italia* by students enrolled in *Mysteries Italian-Style*. Guests also enjoyed a variety of snacks and sweets provided by UVA catering.

The event, as well as the essay prizes, are made possible by the generous donations of the Pelliccia family, several of whom attended this year's party.

Congratulations to all the award-winners! -The Editors



Prof.ssa Ward and Prof. Cesaretti award the prizes.



Lacey Prestipino samples the Garden Party treats.



MA students attend the Garden Party.



The Pelliccia sisters, Charlotte and Emily.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF HIGH
STAKES BOCCIE.

On April 13, the Italian Club at UVA invited students, faculty and friends of the Italian Studies program to participate in its first annual Bocce tournament. The event took place behind Pavillion 8 on the lawn on a sun-drenched Saturday afternoon. Players formed teams of two and squared off in a series of games throughout the day. For many, such as third-year Zoe Kemp, it was the first time playing Bocce. Still, others were veterans of the pastime.

Following the tournament, players enjoyed pizza and beverages provided by local eatery, Slice.

The event was organized by second-year students Alyssa Florence D'Angelo and Chris Collins. It was one of several activities that the Italian Club at UVA sponsored throughout the 2012-2013 academic year.

In the fall, the Italian Club at UVA hopes to return even stronger than before with brand new events for lovers of Italian to attend, and of course, there will be more Bocce.

-The Editors



Prof.ssa Ward explains bocce to undergraduates on April 13th.

DISTINCTIVE!

Fourth-year students Molly Frear and Rachel Midura joined the ranks of many illustrious UVA graduates on April 26th, when they presented their Distinguished Majors Theses to their classmates and professors in the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

For her project, Molly studied the representation of women in Paul Gustave Doré's illustrations of *The Divine Comedy*, while Rachel opted to research the effect of post-modernism on Italian historical fiction. Molly and Rachel both spent the 2012-13 school year working on their theses alongside prof.sse Deborah Parker and Adrienne Ward. Friends, family, and professors were lucky enough to see the fruits of their efforts pay off at the annual Distinguished Majors Symposium.

Both of their theses will now be deposited at the UVA library, where they may be accessed and read in their entirety by curious patrons.

Congratulations to Molly and Rachel on a job well-done! -The Editors.

**BRAND NEW
MAJORS!**



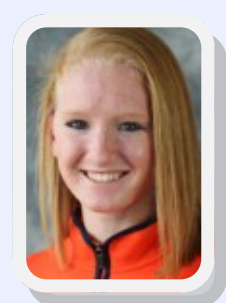
Carolina de Olazarra, '15



Alessandra Di Giacomo, '15



Casey O'Reilly, '15



Sarah DeVita, '15

The Italian Studies Program simply cannot wait to welcome four new majors into its ranks. Carolina de Olazarra, '15, Alessandra Di Giacomo, '15, Casey O'Reilly, '15, and Sarah DeVita, '15, have all declared majors this spring.

Our four new students know that being an Italian Studies major is both a fun and a rewarding experience. Plus, it enables you to study a new language with some of the best students around.

If interested, please contact Prof.sse Ward or Annunziato for more information. -The Editors.

**LIFE AT THE GORI
COLLECTION**

Fourth year students Rachel Midura and Rachel Robinson have exciting news to share with *La Vendemmia*: in addition to their imminent graduations from the University of Virginia, the Rachels plan to spend the fall in Tuscany interning at The Gori Collection.

Patron of the arts, Giuliano Gori, boasts the largest collection of site-specific art in Italy. Each year, at least one student from UVA wins an internship there, and in 2013 three students are lucky enough to partake in this exciting experience.

In addition to the Rachels, third-year student Zoe Kemp is currently in Tuscany hard at work. For more information on how to follow in their footsteps, and apply to intern at the Gori Collection, please contact Prof.ssa Adrienne Ward.

-Sarah Annunziato

AUGURI TO THE CLASS OF 2013!

2013 ITALIAN STUDIES MAJORS

Randy Alston, Italian and Foreign Affairs

Christopher R. Banks, Italian

Nick Carullo, Italian and Foreign Affairs

Molly Frear, Italian

Erin Friedlander, Italian and English

Emanuel Grant, Italian

Rachel Midura, Italian and History

Emily Schreiber, Italian and Psychology

Brittany Smith, Italian and Government

Filadelfia Soto, Italian and Spanish

2013 ITALIAN STUDIES MINORS

Annice Borroughs, Rebecca Fielding,

Evan Metz, Carrie Roberts, and Rachel Robinson

2013 MA IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

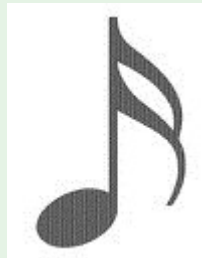
Alessandro De Stefanis and Alicia Persson

YEAR IN REVIEW...

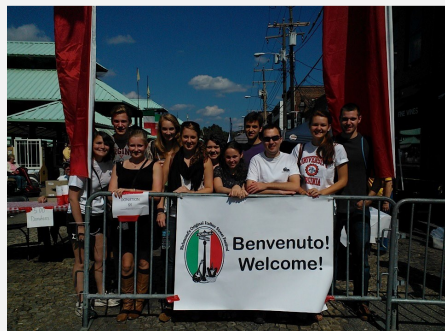
October... Ottobre



In October, students saw an opera at the Paramount Theater in downtown Charlottesville.



Anche...Also



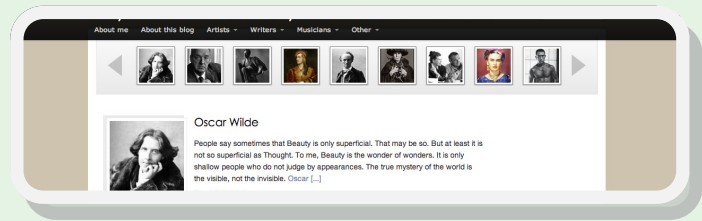
Also in October, the Italian Club at UVA was founded.

November... Novembre



In November, the annual majors and minors dinner took place.

December...Dicembre



In December, Prof.ssa Parker founded her new blog, *A Hymn to Intellectual Beauty*.



Also in December, Silvia Dupont received her second MA from Università Ca' Foscari in Venice.



January...Gennaio



Also in January, Prof. Cesaretti led a J-term course in Tuscany.



In January, students visited the Second Street Art Gallery....



Where they learned about contemporary Italian art.

The winter of 2013 was an especially busy time for Italian Studies at UVA...

February...Febbraio



Students posed for a picture during intermission of *Rigoletto*, which they saw in February.



Also in February, students learned to make gnocchi.

March...Marzo



In March, students saw a dramatic reading of *Pinocchio* at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC.





April...Aprile



Everyone was playing bocce in April...

...while wearing their new UVA Italian shirts.



MA students celebrate at the Garden Party.



Italian Studies faculty and the Pelliccia family enjoy the Garden Party.

Ciao!

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