ITALIAN AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 7–9, 2010

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute
Queens College, CUNY
25 West 43rd Street, 17th floor
New York, NY 10036
The John D. Calandra Italian American Institute's first mental health and wellness conference is dedicated to the counseling profession and psychological issues in the Italian American community.

The conference will examine topics concerning ethnic identity development, grief and loss, personal narratives, women and family issues, and Italian Americans as consumers of mental health services.

Ultimately, the conference will focus on the development and changing nature of psychological and familial structures in the Italian American community.
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010
6:00 PM–8:00 PM

WELCOME

Anthony Julian Tamburri, PhD
Dean, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, CUNY

James Muyskens, PhD
President, Queens College, CUNY

The Honorable Diane Savino
New York State Senator (D–Staten Island/Brooklyn)

Dominick Carielli, PhD
Counselor, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, CUNY

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Cultural Authenticity and Personality Development: The Italian American Example

Richard Gambino, PhD
Professor Emeritus, Queens College, CUNY

RECEPTION
9:00 AM–9:30 AM
Coffee and Pastries

9:30 AM–10:45 AM  CONFERENCE ROOM

AN INTERVIEW WITH PIONEERS IN ETHNIC PARADIGMS

Chairs: Maria grace LaRusso, EdD, Calandra Institute
Nancy Ziehler, PhD, Calandra Institute

Joseph Giordano, MSW, Family Therapist and Consultant
Jerry Krase, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Brooklyn College
James Perrone, PhD, University of Connecticut
Aileen Riotto Sirey, PhD, NOIAW

11:00 AM–12:15 PM  CONFERENCE ROOM

PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM: PSYCHOTHERAPY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND PSYCHIATRY

Chair: Dominick Carielli, PhD, Calandra Institute

Struggle and Treatment Issues with Schizophrenia
Christina Bruni, MLS, SchizophreniaConnection.com

Treatment for Heroin Addiction in the South Bronx
Gil Fagiani, LCSW, CASAC, Project Renewal

Experiences with Psychotherapy
Fred Gardaphé, PhD, Distinguished Professor of English and Italian American Studies, Queens College, CUNY

12:15 PM–1:30 PM
Lunch on your own

1:30 PM–2:45 PM  CONFERENCE ROOM

STIGMA, SHAME, SENSE OF SELF, AND FAMILY

Chair: Pierre Tribaudi, LCSW, Calandra Institute
Nella Mia Famiglia: The Hidden and not so Hidden Consequence of Being an Outsider
Ann D’Ercole, PhD, ABPP, NYU Postdoctoral Program

Esaurimento Nervoso: Fiction or Fact
Silvia Fiammenghi, MA, MS, LIU/C.W. Post

Conversations with My Mother: Towards the Process of Differentiation
John Russotto, PhD, LCSW, Virginia Commonwealth University

3:00 PM–4:30 PM       CONFERENCE ROOM
ETHNOTHERAPY:
ITALIAN AMERICAN IDENTITY AND SELF-ESTEEM
Chair: Anthony Julian Tamburri, PhD, Calandra Institute
Aileen Riotto Sirey, PhD, NOIAW

4:45 PM–5:15 PM       CONFERENCE ROOM
ITALIAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Chair: Donna M. Chirico, PhD, York College, CUNY
Ennio Ammendola, MA, National Institute for People with Disabilities
Christine Gambino, MA, U.S. Census Bureau
Vincenzo Milione, PhD, Calandra Institute
Itala Pelizzoli, MA, Calandra Institute

5:30 PM–6:30 PM       CONFERENCE ROOM
WHERE DID THE HUMOR GO? Comedy Stylings of “Chicago” Fred
Fred Gardaphé, PhD, Distinguished Professor of English and Italian American Studies, Queens College, CUNY
MC: Dominick Carielli, PhD, Calandra Institute
THE USE OF POETRY IN IDENTITY FORMATION IN ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN
Chair: Donna M. Chirico, PhD, York College, CUNY
Lorraine Mangione, PhD, Antioch University New England
Rachel Urbano, MA, Antioch University New England

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT WITHIN THE ITALIAN AMERICAN POPULATION
Chair: Christine Gambino, MA, U.S. Census Bureau
Dana Kaspereen-Guidicipietro, PhD, LPC, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Anthony F. Tasso, PhD, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Jennifer L. Tursi, MA Candidate, Fairleigh Dickinson University

NAVIGATING GRIEF AND LOSS IN THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURE
Chair: Nancy Ziehler, PhD, Calandra Institute
Donna H. DiCello, PsyD, University of Hartford
Lorraine Mangione, PhD, Antioch University New England
IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT AND BELONGING

Chair: Maria grace LaRusso, EdD, Calandra Institute

Italian-American Ethnic Identity: Predictors of Development and Persistence
Kathryn P. (Tina) Alessandria, PhD, LPCMH, West Chester University, PA
Ola (Maria A.) Kopacz, PhD, West Chester University, PA

Being White, Feeling Black, Acting Out: Identity Development Among Italian American Youth
Donna M. Chirico, PhD, York College/CUNY

What Am I? Where is my Home? Cultural Identity and the Sense of Home and Belonging in Post-War Italian Immigrants
Lucia Imbesi, MA, LCSW, Postgraduate Center Psychoanalytic Institute, NYC

Film: CANVAS
Discussion to follow.

Moderator: Anthony Julian Tamburri, PhD, Calandra Institute
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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