



**ITALIAN CHAIRS &
FELLOWSHIP
CAMPAIGNS
ESTABLISHED 1984**

In the spring of 1986 UNICO National was approached by the University of Connecticut to participate in the first permanently endowed chair on Modern Italian History. Named after a prominent History Professor, The Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair was officially launched in June, 1986.

A plaque was placed in the College of Arts & Science building (on the Storrs Campus) which listed all the UNICO Chapters who had contributed. Doctorates have been conferred and over 250 students have received instruction on Modern Italian History at the University of Connecticut.

New Jersey's Seton Hall University came next in 1994. It was through the generosity of Joseph and Geraldine LaMotta, that the Chair received its largest single contribution. Thereafter this campaign was identified as The Joseph & Geraldine LaMotta Chair for Italian Studies.

In California, a scholarship campaign was turned into the establishment of the George L. Graziadio Chair in Italian Studies at the University of California Long Beach. Again, the lead position was taken by UNICO and \$100,000 of the \$500,000 needed for the chair to become a reality was raised through UNICO's efforts.

UNICO's members then moved on to establish the Alphonse M. D'Amato Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies at New York University—Stonybrook.

Next came Montclair State University in New Jersey; this chair was established in 2008 due to the generous naming gift from the Inserra Family Foundation in honor of their parents. The chair is now known as the Theresa and Lawrence F. Inserra, Sr. Italian and Italian American Studies Chair.

Additionally, the Queensboro, New York Chapter of UNICO National worked diligently to establish the Queensboro UNICO Italian and Italian American Studies Chair at Hofstra University.