



**ITALIAN CHAIRS AND
FELLOWSHIP
CAMPAIGNS**
Established 1986

UNICO has been active in the establishment of chairs in Italian Studies at various colleges and universities.

In 1984 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 listing all UNICO Chapters that 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 resulted in the establishment of the George L. Graziadio Chair in Italian Studies at the University of California, Long Beach. The lead position was taken by UNICO and \$100,000 of the \$500,000 needed for the Chair was raised through UNICO's efforts.

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

Next came Montclair State University in New Jersey. This Chair was established in 2008 through 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.