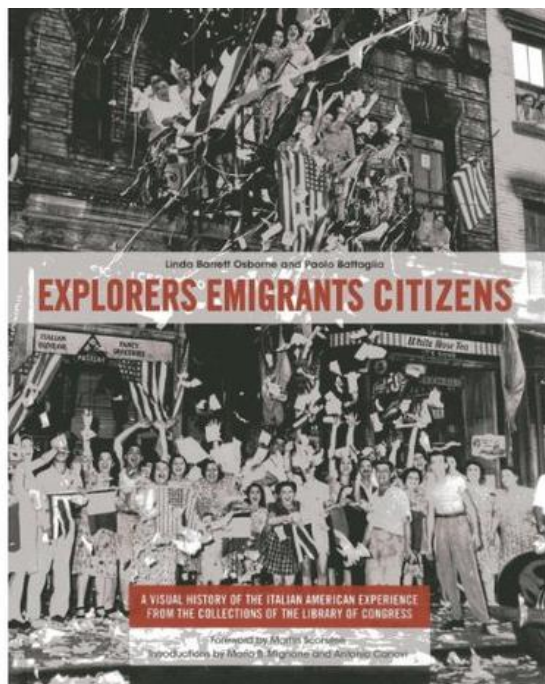


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New! Explorers Emigrants Citizens A Visual History of the Italian American Experience from the Library of Congress

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Explorers Emigrants Citizens A Visual History of the Italian American Experience from the Collections of

the Library of Congress, published this week by Anniversary Books with the Library of Congress, features 500 images related to the rich history of Italian Americans from the Library of Congress' holdings of photographs, maps, posters, letters, films, and sound recordings. Some of these, used to enhance the book's narration, have never been seen before, offering a fresh and original perspective on the Italian American experience from Columbus to today.

The images show the accomplishments of well-remembered individuals such as Fiorello LaGuardia, Vince Lombardi, and Martin Scorsese; but the book goes deeper to rediscover people like Giacomo Beltrani, who reached the sources of the Mississippi River in 1823, and Joe Petrosino, the first Italian American police officer to lose his life fighting organized crime. We see how Italians lived through the work of many photographers, including Lewis Hine, who portrayed life in the slums of eastern cities, in fields, and in the mines of rural America; and the way Italians captured America in images like those of Carlo Gentile, who photographed southwestern Native Americans in the 1870s. And we also discover the contributions of artists like Athos Casarini, futurist painter and illustrator for *Harper's Weekly*.

Authors Linda Barrett Osborne and Paolo Battaglia have selected images from the Library's holdings of photographs, maps, posters, letters, films,

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and sound recordings. With a foreword by director Martin Scorsese, the book includes essays by Mario B. Mignone and Antonio Canovi.

Explorers Emigrants Citizens will be the subject of a Books & Beyond discussion and book-signing by the authors at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 30 in the Montpelier Room, located on the sixth floor of the James Madison Building at 101 Independence Ave. S.E, Washington, D.C. The event, which is sponsored jointly by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Library's Publishing Office, is free and open to the public; tickets are not required.

Linda Barrett Osborne is a fourth-generation Italian-American. A former senior writer and editor with the Library of Congress's Publishing Office, her latest book is *Miles to Go for Freedom: Segregation and Civil Rights in the Jim Crow Years*.

Paolo Battaglia is an Italian author of illustrated history books, including *New York In & Out* (2008), a 1912 photographic journey to New York.

Antonio Canovi has written on Italian emigration to Northern Europe and America in books such as *Altri Modenesi* and *Planure Migranti* (2009).

Mario B. Mignone is a professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and the founder and director of the Center for Italian Studies. He also co-founded the Association of Italian American Educators. Among his many publications is *Italy Today: Facing the Challenges of the New Millennium* (2008).

Explorers Emigrants Citizens: A Visual History of the Italian-American Experience from the Collections of the Library of Congress, a 320-page hardcover book with more than 500 images, will be sold for \$55 at booksellers nationwide and through the Library of Congress Shop, 10 First St. S.E., Washington, D.C., 20540-4985. Credit-card orders are taken at (888) 682-3557 or www.loc.gov/shop/. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the Oct. 30 event.

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