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## **IAPS Annual Pre-APA Convention Dinner!**

**Denver, Colorado**

Wednesday August 3rd, 2016

The annual meeting of the American Psychological Association is August 4 – 7th, 2016.

Our annual IAPS dinner will be held on Wednesday night, August 3rd. Our venue will be Maggiano's Little Italy on 500 16th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

Maggiano's is 0.4 miles from the Colorado Convention Center (2 min ride or 9 min walk).

General Website: <http://www.maggianos.com/>  
Denver Location Phone: (303) 260 – 7708

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## **Joseph R. Ferrari to be honored by IAPS**

**Joseph R. Ferrari** Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and “St. Vincent DePaul” Professor of Psychology at DePaul University will be the recipient of the 2016 IAPS Distinguished Italian American Psychologist Award. The award will be given at the annual IAPS dinner in Denver.

## **Recent IAPS Member Accomplishments**

**John Piacentini**, Ph.D., ABPP is the new President -elect of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) ([www.abpp.org](http://www.abpp.org)). His two-year presidential term will begin January, 2018. In addition he is also Director of the new UCLA Center for Child Awareness, Resilience, Education and Support (CARES). The CARES Center mission is to support the development of resilient, emotionally healthy children by enhancing public awareness and prevention of anxiety and related problems ([www.carescenter.ucla.edu](http://www.carescenter.ucla.edu)).

**Anthony Scioli**, Ph.D. was awarded the Distinguished Peter Merenda Prize in Statistics and Research Methodology by the University of Rhode Island on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 for his research on hope. Later this year the Swiss Academy of Sciences will use one of his measures to assess levels of hopefulness across Europe and Asia.

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## Luciano L'Abate Ph.D. 1928 - 2016 Distinguished Italian American Psychologist



**L'ABATE, Luciano** The eminent psychologist Dr. Luciano L'Abate passed away on April 8, 2016. Dr. L'Abate, originally from Brindisi, Italy, came to Georgia State University in Atlanta as a Professor of Psychology in 1965. While at Georgia State, Dr. L'Abate served as Director of the Family Psychology Training Program and the Family Study Center. In 1983, he was awarded the GSU Alumni Distinguished Professorship in the School of Arts and Sciences. He remained on the faculty until he retired in 1990 and was named Professor Emeritus. Dr. L'Abate led a distinguished career both as a clinical practitioner and researcher in family psychology, credited as a pioneer of relational competence theory. He published more than 55 books and over 300 papers, chapters, and book reviews in professional and scientific journals, and his work has been translated into ten languages. He was named "Family Psychologist of the Year" in 1994 by the Family Psychology Division the American Psychological Association, among numerous other honors. Dr. L'Abate lectured extensively across North America, Europe and Asia, and held visiting professorships at both American and foreign institutions. During much of this time, he managed to maintain a part-time clinical practice and served in the community in various ways, including as a volunteer with the Diversification Program of DeKalb County Juvenile Court. Prior to his death, he was involved in full-time writing and research and continued to lecture internationally, most recently in Tokyo in August 2013. Dr. L'Abate, known to his friends and close colleagues as "Lu," touched the lives of countless people worldwide throughout his highly distinguished career. Dr. L'Abate is survived by his wife, Gay Denham L'Abate, daughter Elizabeth L'Abate, son John L'Abate and daughter-in-law Melissa Mitchell L'Abate, and granddaughter Alessandra L'Abate and grandson Ian L'Abate. Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on May 29, 2016

**Note: Luciano was a regular attendee of our annual IAPS dinner. We will miss his heartfelt celebration of all things Italian.**

## Joseph R. Ferrari, Ph.D. to be honored by IAPS

**Joseph R. Ferrari, Ph.D.** will receive the 2016 IAPS Distinguished Italian American Psychologist Award. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Rev. Dr. Ferrari received his BA in Psychology (magna cum laude) from St. Francis College, Brooklyn, NY, in 1978; his MS in Experimental Psychology from SUNY, College at Cortland, in 1981; his MA in General Psychology and PhD in Experimental (Social/Personality) Psychology from Adelphi University, Garden City, NY, in 1985 and 1989, respectively. Joe joined the faculty in 1994, at DePaul University - the 7th largest private university and largest Catholic university in the country, educating over 23,000 students. At DePaul, he founded the PhD Program in Community Psychology and director for its first 4 years; he was founder and Director of their MS in General Psychology program for 15 years. Joe is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA), Association for Psychological Society (APS), Society for Personality & Social Psychology (Div. 8, APA), Society for Community Research & Action (Div. 27, APA), Eastern Psychological Association (EPA), and Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA). He was Co-Principal Investigator for two NIH grants (NIAAA & NIDA), totaling over \$4.2 million. Since 1995, Joe has been Editor of the Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community (Taylor & Francis, Publisher).

## IAPS Dinner at APA, Denver (August 3<sup>rd</sup>)

The start time will be 6 pm (Cocktails & Appetizer Buffet – Cash Bar). Dinner will be served at 7 pm.



Venue: Maggiano's Little Italy: 500 16<sup>th</sup> St. Denver, CO 80202

**Dinner Costs and Details: If you wish to attend the IAPS dinner**  
**Please send a check to Lou Turchetta, IAPS Treasurer at the following**  
**address before July 26<sup>th</sup>.** Lou's email: lturchetta@aol.com

Lou Turchetta: 1035 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888, USA

Cost with wine: 80.00 U.S. Dollars per person (includes meal, tax, gratuity, and wine: Chardonnay or Cabernet)  
Cost without wine: 70.00 U.S. Dollars per person (includes meal, tax, and gratuity)

We will have a cocktail hour, followed by dinner. Typically between the entrée and dessert, we recognize distinguished Italian-Americans and/or Italian psychologists (this year, **Dr. Joseph R. Ferrari**), and follow with a keynote speaker. Regular attendees include many of our previously honored distinguished psychologists.



**Keynote Speaker: Alisa DiGiacomo** is the curator of Decorative and Fine Arts at History Colorado, the Colorado Historical Society: A collection of over sixty-five thousand artifacts, Decorative and Fine Arts holdings include; paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture, textiles, furniture and special collections including seven regional house museums. In 2007, she curated *The Italians of Denver* exhibit at the Colorado History Museum and in 2008, published her book: *Italy in Colorado: Family Histories from Denver and Beyond*. A fifth-generation Italian American in Colorado, she holds a B.A. in art history and photography from the University of Northern Colorado and an M.A. in art history and museum studies from the University of Denver.

Please send news, updates, etc., you would like to see in this newsletter to me at [tscioli@keene.edu](mailto:tscioli@keene.edu)

Best Wishes,

*Tony / Antonio*

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**Dinner Menu (Family Style)**

6 – 7 \*\*\*APPETIZER BUFFET\*\*\*  
(Cash Bar)  
Calamari Fritte  
Stuffed Mushrooms

FIRST COURSE  
Fresh Baked Ciabatta Rolls  
Caesar Salad  
Italian Tossed Salad

SECOND COURSE  
Lighter Take Fettucine Alfredo  
Baked Rigatoni & Meatballs  
Salmon, Lemon & Herb  
Chicken Parmesan

THIRD COURSE  
Tiramisu  
N.Y. Style Cheesecake  
Coffee, Tea, Soda