

Cambio della guardia

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I am very grateful for the honor of having been chosen in 2020 to be editor in chief of our journal, *California Italian Studies*, which I contributed to create in 2010 with many of you. I leave my service now with the pleasure of passing the baton to our colleague **Jon R. Snyder**, who has also been among the founders as well as a contributor to the journal, and co-editor of the 2014 issue on “The Sacred in Italy.” Jon has agreed to serve as editor in chief for the next three years (2024, 2025 and 2026). The occasion would be solely joyous were it not for a hard goodbye we need to bid to our most precious collaborator. Our managing editor, **Leslie Elwell** (Ph.D, UC Berkeley), who joined us in 2016, and led us to the successful completion of no less than seven volumes, leaves us with the publication of this 2023 volume to pursue full time her career in psychological counseling and therapy. I know I am speaking for at least fourteen co-editors, and countless authors, in singing the praises of Leslie’s professionalism, and way-above-the-call-of-duty dedication to our journal. She will be missed, but—fortunately—she won’t leave a void. Our present copy-editor extraordinaire, **Joseph Tumolo** (Ph.D, UCLA), has agreed to replace Leslie as managing editor beginning with the next volume (13, 2024). We thereby extend a hearty welcome the new editorial team of Jon and Joseph.