

**2017 CARAVACCI -REYNOLDS
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

The Department of Italian is delighted to offer TWO undergraduate research awards in the amount of \$1,500 each to *Italian Majors, Italian and Special Fields majors or Double Majors* . The awards are offered by the family of the late Althea Caravacci Reynolds. Both awards will be vetted and assigned by an Italian department faculty committee.

Award 1 (\$1,500) will be given for summer research. *Deadline: applications due by January 25, 2017.* The award will be assigned in February 2017. Juniors and seniors may apply but preference will be given to juniors. Applicants for this award must submit a resume, including the names of two Italian faculty members as references, and a statement not to exceed one page in length, explaining how the research award would enable them to complete a clearly designed research project preferably over the summer, and preferably in Italy. Applicants must possess a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The recipient must use the award during the year in which it is awarded (2017), and must submit a research paper not to exceed 10 pages in length double-spaced to the Italian undergraduate adviser by the end of fall 2017 quarter, explaining how the award was used. The required application material must be e-mailed by January 25th 2017 to Prof. Lucia Re re@humnet.ucla.edu

Award 2 (\$1,500) will be given to the best 2017 Italian senior capstone thesis project. *Deadline: Applications or nomination are due by March 17, 2017.* Faculty nominates promising candidates for this award, or students may also self-nominate and apply by sending a 1-page summary of their capstone project, their resumé and the name of their capstone adviser to Prof. Lucia Re re@humnet.ucla.edu by no later than March 17, 2017. This award will be assigned in May, after the spring senior capstone conference.

Professor Althea Caravacci Reynolds (1916-1998) was a teacher of Italian language and culture in the UCLA Department of Italian for four decades. She served as Director for the Education Abroad Program, Undergraduate Advisor, and member of the UCLA Academic Senate and the Emeriti Committee. Her interests were in methodology and Italian theatre, which she incorporated in her classes by staging and producing Italian plays, with students as actors. High school students and members of the community attended the productions. Professor Reynolds received numerous awards for her dedication to Italian culture and art in Southern California. They included a knighthood from the Italian government, a gold medal from the Italian Ministry of Fine Arts, a bronze medal from the Italian Ministry of Culture, and the title of *Cavaliere al merito della Repubblica italiana*.

The official awards ceremony will take place at a reception that will be attended by family members of Althea Caravacci Reynolds and donors to the endowed fund.