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“Fitchburg's Italian Americans and Assimilation”

(Fitchburg, MA – March 18, 2015) On April 2 at 5:30 pm., the Fitchburg Historical Society will host a presentation on the ***“Fitchburg's Italian Americans and Assimilation”*** by Dr. Teresa Thomas, professor of history at Fitchburg State University.

Teresa has been researching the history of Italians coming to Fitchburg for several years. Her study has taken her to several Italian archives, including Vittore Branca Center at the Fondazione Cini, Isola San Giorgio. Maggiore, Venezia, the Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana, Biblioteca Querini Stampalia, Ateneo Veneto and Archivio d' Stato Venezia. In April 2015, her book, ***The Reluctant Migrants: Migration from the Italian Veneto to Central Massachusetts will be*** available. “Teresa’s work will substantially improve our understanding of the Italian immigrants who came to Fitchburg.” said the Fitchburg Historical Society Executive Director Susan Navarre.

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