



DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY of WASHINGTON

presents

Some Prominent Early Italian-American
Immigrants to Seattle

English Presentation LIVE

given by

Alessi Perfetti



St. Clement's Church

1501 32nd Ave S., Seattle 98144

Wednesday October 26, 2022

Doors open 6:30 for antipasti,* presentation at 7:30

Alessi Perfetti's research covers the role of Italian immigrants in building the city of Seattle, including their labor in regrading the land the city is built on, the Italian management of Pike Place Market, the development of the Italian American Atlantic community, and the impacts of major events on the Italian American community, including World War II and the building of I-90. The presentation will provide a chronological depiction of the experiences of Italian Americans in central and south Seattle through the present day, and it will provide critical context through the lenses of race, ethnicity, and immigrant status.

Alessi Perfetti is a second-year undergraduate student at the University of Washington, pursuing a major in the arts and humanities. In English, Alessi uses they/them pronouns, and in Italian they use the masculine pronoun *lui*. Alessi is a third-generation Italian American, a first-generation Seattleite, and a passionate and creative student of history and culture.

It is not necessary to make a reservation to attend this free meeting, as dinner will not be served. Please bring antipasti and vino to share in the social hour before the presentation.

Note: while the second October lecture would ordinarily be given in Italian, this one will be in English. Conversation and conviviality in both languages strongly encouraged during the antipasto!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS INTERESTING EVENING!



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