IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Dear Italy Reads Participating Teachers,

I am very happy to announce that thanks to the generosity of John Cabot University President Franco Pavoncello and Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Mary Merva, **Italy Reads** will be awarding five scholarships for Italy Reads participating teachers to attend a class at John Cabot University during the spring term of 2015 (19 January to 30 April 2015).

As you may already know, the novel we will be reading for Italy Reads 2015 is Toni Morrison’s *The Bluest Eye*. In preparation for next year’s Italy Reads activities I will be teaching a course on Morrison’s life and work, with special emphasis on *The Bluest Eye* during the spring term of 2015.

The scholarship we are offering will allow you to attend the 14 week John Cabot University course free of charge. The course will meet every Monday and Wednesday evening (6:00 – 7:15 p.m.) between 19 January and 30 April.

All of the information on the scholarship and application process is in the attached *Bando di Concorso* document. Please note that the **deadline for applications is Monday, 1 December 2014**. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please complete the application and submit it before the deadline.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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**ITALY READS**

*Bando di Concorso*

Scholarship for EN 315 Selected Topics in American Literature: Toni Morrison

*Italy Reads* is John Cabot University’s community-based reading and cultural exchange program that began in 2009 with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for *The Big Read Rome*. The book chosen for *Italy Reads 2015* is Toni Morrison’s *The Bluest Eye*. *Italy Reads 2015* will include: a keynote speech by an expert on Toni Morrison; a theater production of a play based on the novel; teacher training workshops; Italy Reads public lectures, student intercultural exchanges; discussion groups; teaching materials related to the novel.

In preparation for *Italy Reads 2015*, John Cabot University is offering five scholarships to attend a university course on Toni Morrison. The course will be taught by Professor Carlos Dews. Interested applicants must fit the criteria and follow the procedures detailed in the following sections.

**Description of Course, Scholarship, and Application Criteria**

The course entitled **EN 315 Selected Topics in American Literature: Toni Morrison** will focus on all the work of Morrison but with an emphasis on her novel *The Bluest Eye*. It will take place from 19 January to 30 April 2015. The course will meet from 6:00-7:15 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. Attendance at all class meetings is required. Applicants must teach English literature in a liceo or high school and be registered as official participants in *Italy Reads*.

**Scholarship**

The winners will be enrolled in John Cabot University and receive 3 semester credits for the course taken, a certificate of completion of the course, and a university transcript recording the university credit.

**Procedure for Application**

Application Form and Essay. Applicants must fill in the form below and complete the essay as specified.

**Review by Committee**

The application and essay will be reviewed by Professor Carlos Dews, Dean of Academic Affairs Mary Merva, and an additional professor at John Cabot University.

Applications for the scholarship must be received by JCU before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 2014. Scholarship winners will be announced before 15 December 2014.
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Application Form

Scholarship for EN 315 Selected Topics in American Literature: Toni Morrison

Applicant Information

First name: 
Last name: 

Street Address: 

City: CAP: 

Phone Number: E-mail address: 

High School Name: 

How many years have you been a high school teacher? 

Have you taught American literature? 

Have you taught or are you familiar with the work of Toni Morrison? 

Essay

In 1-2 pages, please discuss your previous experience with Italy Reads or The Big Read Rome and how you felt you and your students benefited from the programs OR discuss how you feel your participation in a university course on Toni Morrison could enhance your abilities as a teacher.

Please return the completed application by 1 December 2014 to one of the following: 

- by mail to: Italy Reads 
  John Cabot University 
  Via della Lungara 233, 00185 Roma
- by email to: italyreads@johncabot.edu
- by fax to: 06 6832088