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We offer this list both as a bibliographic reference and as a testament to the enduring scholarly interest Italian Studies holds. Many of these dissertations were written within the Department of Italian at UCLA, but we have also included studies from across campus, including from History, Sociology, Education, and Music, to name a few. We will continue to supplement this list in future volumes, and we hope that this information will serve as an important reference—and inspiration—to scholars of Italian Studies in the future.

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- Proietti, Leonardo. 2013. *L'Arte in e l'arte di Antonioni: un percorso verso l'astrazione cinematografica*. Director: Thomas Harrison. (Master's thesis)
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