

2025-2026

# **The Five Pillars of the Fan S. Noli Library & Cultural Center**

## **1. Cultural Preservation & Storytelling**

Preserving Albanian heritage, history, and the Albanian-American experience through archives, historical collections, and From the Heart, our oral history program.

## **2. Literature, Scholarship & the Arts**

Promoting intellectual and cultural engagement through the Peter & Naum Prifti Distinguished Book Series, author talks, lectures, exhibitions, films, and programs highlighting Albanian literature, scholarship, arts, culture, and creative achievement.

## **3. Professional Development & Community Leadership**

Building connections through the Building Bridges Initiative, which fosters mentorship, networking, collaboration, and leadership development among professionals, students, and emerging leaders. By connecting experienced professionals with high school and college students, the initiative provides guidance, career exploration, and opportunities for future leadership.

## **4. Youth & Family Engagement**

Inspiring future generations through children's and family programming, including Winter Wonderland, the Kids Festival, educational activities, cultural celebrations, and opportunities to connect with Albanian heritage.

## **5. Community, Cultural & Culinary Heritage**

Bringing people together through festivals, film screenings, galas, music, dance, food traditions, community celebrations, and other cultural events that strengthen community bonds, showcase Albanian culture, and celebrate our shared heritage.



# WINTER WONDERLAND

E DJELE, 14 DHJETOR

1 pm - 3 pm

Qendra Kulturore Noli @  
Katedralja Orthodokse Shen Gjergji

**FEMIJE TE GJITHE MOSHAVE!**

Takoni Babagjyshin, luani lojra,  
ushqime te shijshme, fotografi per  
kujtime edhe shume te tjera

Ju Mirepresim!





# Albanian Independence Day LUNCHEON

TICKETS

\$35 PER PERSON

PAYMENT

Venmo: Eda-Skendi



## JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION!

November 30th ~ Flag Day luncheon following divine liturgy at noon.

Make your reservation now!

508-844-9184

523 E Broadway St, Boston





## Historic Visit of Ambassador William Walker



Fan S. Noli Cultural Center & Library is honored to welcome the author of *Reçak - Story of a War Crime*

Join us for the Book Event with the author and film screening

**Saturday, March 28 at 12:30pm**  
**523 E. Broadway St. Boston**



**Lead Moderator Rafaela Prifti**

**The Peter & Naum Prifti Distinguished Book Series**  
**Talks on Literature, History & Culture**



FAN S. NOLI CULTURAL CENTER & LIBRARY  
PRESENT OUR ANNUAL:

# Gala Event



## ALBANIAN FILM FESTIVAL 2025

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

LEO'S RESTAURANT  
589 GRANITE ST. BRAINTREE MA

TICKET PRICE: \$120

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS  
ERMIRA BABALIU  
& DJ JANI

MORE INFORMATION ON TICKETS TO COME



# WINE FEST & BARBECUE

ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL  
SEPTEMBER 21



**GREAT PHOTO MOMENTS!**

Kids can stomp grapes in the tub  
and be part of the wine-making tradition.





**SOUTH  
BOSTON**

# STREET FEST



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
**11AM-4PM • EAST BROADWAY**



**Show your Albanian pride  
and wear your red & black**

**as we celebrate our heritage right here in South  
Boston!**





# Building Bridges *in* Healthcare



JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT SHOWCASING EXCEPTIONAL ALBANIANS IN THE HEALTHCARE FIELD!

INCLUDING DOCTORS, MEDICAL STUDENTS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHARMACISTS, RESEARCHERS, AND MORE, THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO INSPIRE ASPIRING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO PURSUE REWARDING CAREERS IN MEDICINE.

JANUARY 24, 2026  
1 - 4 PM

**SOUTH BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
646 E BROADWAY BOSTON, MA 02127

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE!



# Building Bridges *in* Healthcare



## Will we see you there?

OUR CURATED GROUP OF ALBANIAN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IS READY TO GUIDE YOU ON YOUR HEALTH CARE JOURNEY!

REGISTER HERE:



FEATURED GUESTS:



FEBRUARY 8, 2025  
2 - 4 PM

**VATRA ADHC**

50 MESSINA DRIVE  
BRAINTREE, MA 02184

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



1st Annual  
**ALBANIAN PIE FESTIVAL**

Saint George Cathedral • South Boston, Mass

🥧 Join the Pie Festival—starting at noon Sunday, February 22nd—Bakers & Pie Lovers  
Welcome! 🎉👏

🎟️ Festival Admission

- \$30 – Full lunch: Mediterranean salad, pasta, pie, dessert & drinks
- Children 12 & under: Free (pizza for kids!)
- Bakers submitting pies: Free

🎵 Enjoy live music by the very talented Arjan Papa 🎶

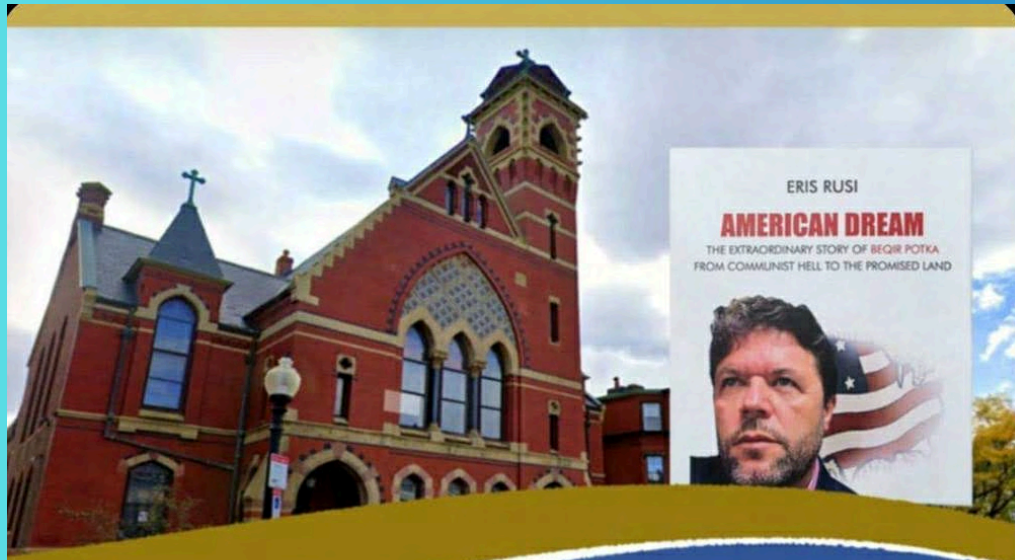
🏆 Pie Competition – Prizes & awards for the best pies!

👕 Pie Festival T-shirts available for sale

📷 Fun photo booth for all ages!

🥧 All festival profits go to the *Society of Love Charity Kitchens* of the Orthodox Church of Albania, graciously providing hot meals to 500+ people in need in Tirana, Korca, Berat, and Gjirokastra. 🥧





## Invite

Fan Noli Library and Cultural Center  
hosts the presentation of the **American Dream**,  
a biographical novel by **Eris Rusi** on the life of **Beqir Potka**.  
Moderator **Rafaela Prifti**



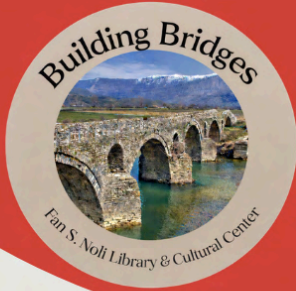
The organizers invite you into an exploration that is as personal as it is widely impactful for the Albanian American community. Take a few moments to find out what happens when the question you are faced with is:  
"Would you dare to believe in the life you've only dared to dream?"

Associated profesor Eris Rusi, Chair of the Language and Literature Department at the Fan Noli University of Korçë and Mr. Beqir Potka, the protagonist of the biographical novel "American Dream" are in attendance for the special book event.

**Sunday January 18, 2025 at 12pm**

Reception Room St. George Albanian  
Orthodox Cathedral 523 East Broadway,  
South Boston





## BUILDING BRIDGES IN FINANCE & BANKING

Expand your circle and open the door to new opportunities at our Building Bridges Networking Event. Meet banking and finance leaders who will share meaningful insights and their career journeys to inspire your next big move.




### What to Expect:

- ✓ Building valuable business relationships
- ✓ Career opportunities & growth
- ✓ Inspiring talks by industry professionals

28 MARCH, 2026

2 PM - 4 PM

**LACAVA 375**  
**BENTLEY UNIVERSITY**  
175 FOREST STREET,  
WALTHAM MA

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**FAN NOLI CULTURAL CENTER &  
SONS OF ST. GEORGE ALBANIAN  
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

**INVITE THE COMMUNITY  
TO JOIN US**

**THIS SATURDAY AT 2:30 PM  
TO WATCH THE**

**ALBANIA**



**VS.**



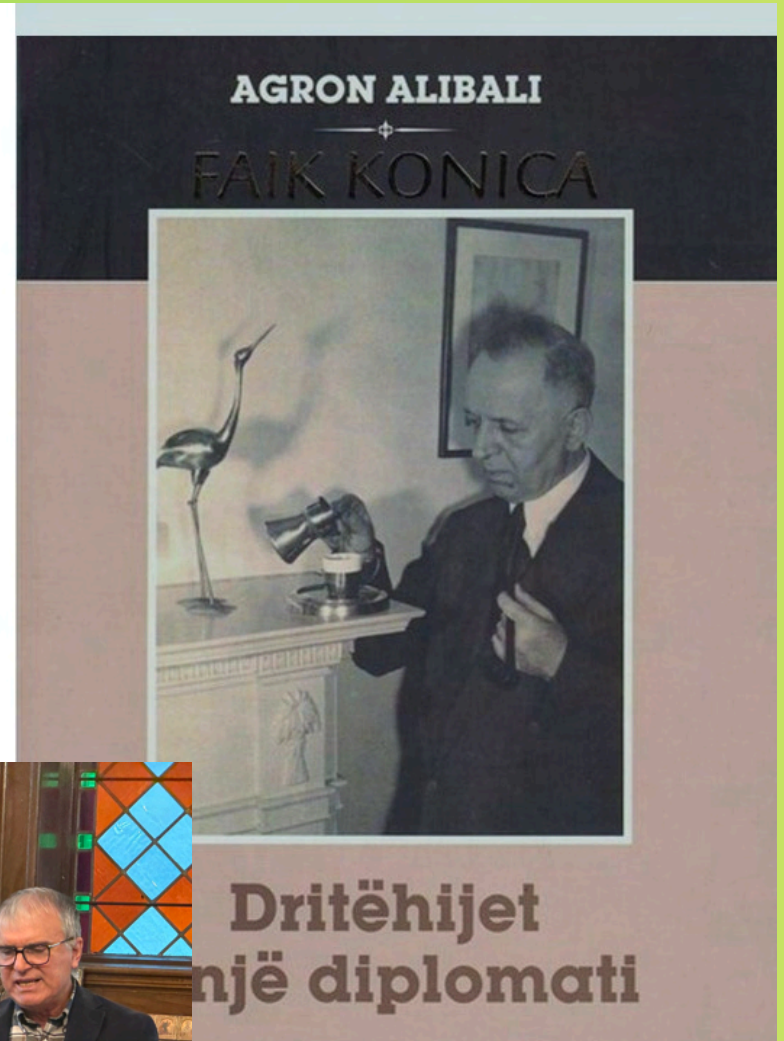
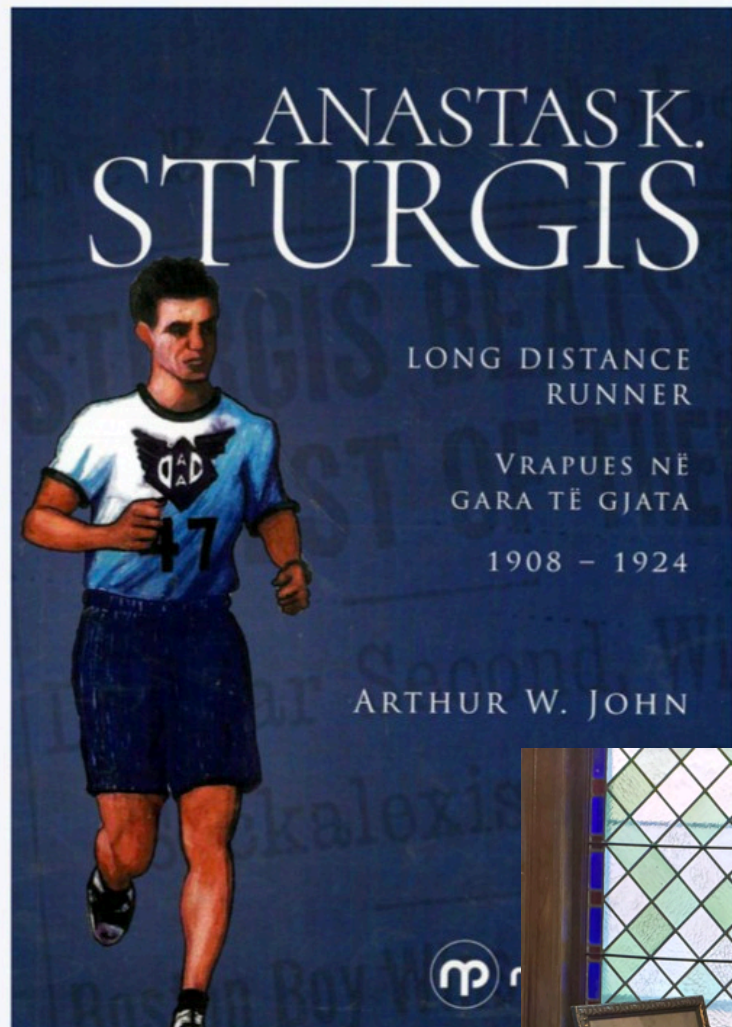
**SERBIA**

**AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS BBQ!**

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**\$10 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT — KIDS EAT FREE!**





## Book Group Discussions

Program

# ALBANIAN FILM FESTIVAL BOSTON 2025

SUNDAY | June 22, 2025

12:00 PM

Meet with Mr. Luan Rama — acclaimed writer, scriptwriter, and poet — for a thoughtful conversation on the intersection of cinematography and literature.

Curator Ms Rafaela Prifti

Takim me Z.Luan Rama, Shkrimtar, Skenarist, Poet

LETERSIA, POEZIA, DHE KINEMATOGRAFIA  
Moderatore Rafaela Prifti



# Book discussion

Sunday, June 8th at noon

hosted by the Fan S. Noli Library & Cultural Center  
at St. George Cathedral



ILIR IKONOMI

FAN  
NOLI  
APOSTULLI

with author Ilir Ikonomi

moderated by journalist  
Rafaela Prifti



**LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY**



**Sunday, May 17th**  
TIME: 12:30 PM  
*Noli Cultural Center*  
@ St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral



The image is a promotional poster for a community event. It features a scenic background of a stone arch bridge over a river in a mountainous area. At the top, the title 'LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY' is written in large, bold, blue letters. To the left of the title is a silver police badge, and to the right is a red Maltese cross with 'FIRE' at the top and 'DEPT' at the bottom. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'Sunday, May 17th', 'TIME: 12:30 PM', and the location 'Noli Cultural Center @ St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral'. At the bottom of the poster, a police cap and a red fire helmet with a flashlight are placed on a rocky ledge.



# Tell Us Your Story

Did you or your parents  
immigrate to this  
country from either  
Albania or Kosova?

*and*

Are you 60+ yrs old?



We'd love to have a  
conversation with you  
about your experience.

*Sharing* your story will  
enrich the documented  
history of Albanians in  
this country.

*Hearing* your story may  
help others with their  
experience.

*Project is partially funded by the Boston  
Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement*

## FROM THE HEART An Oral History Experience



Presented



### **in participating?**

Scan the QR code, or email us at:  
fannolculturalcenter@gmail.com

Especially interested in, but not limited  
to, Boston residents (all neighborhoods)

[www.fannolculturalcenter.org/programs](http://www.fannolculturalcenter.org/programs)

A colorful poster for a children's festival. The background is white with various food and activity icons scattered around: a camera, a watermelon slice, a straw hat, sunglasses, a croissant, a slice of orange, a pie, a basket of strawberries, a fork and knife, a watermelon slice, a croissant, and a basket of strawberries. The text is centered and reads:

*First Annual*  
**Kid's  
festival**

**SATURDAY | MAY 23 | 12:00 PM**

PAGEANT FIELD  
1 Merrymount PKWY  
Quincy, Ma 02170

GAMES  
CRAFTS  
YUMMY TREATS

Sponsored by  
Saint George Cathedral & Noli Cultural Center



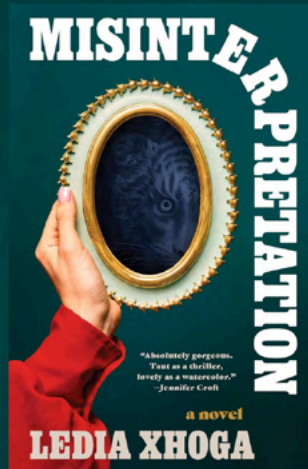


# Talks on Literature, History and Culture



Fan S. Noli Cultural Center is hosting a live Zoom conversation with Ledia Xhoga

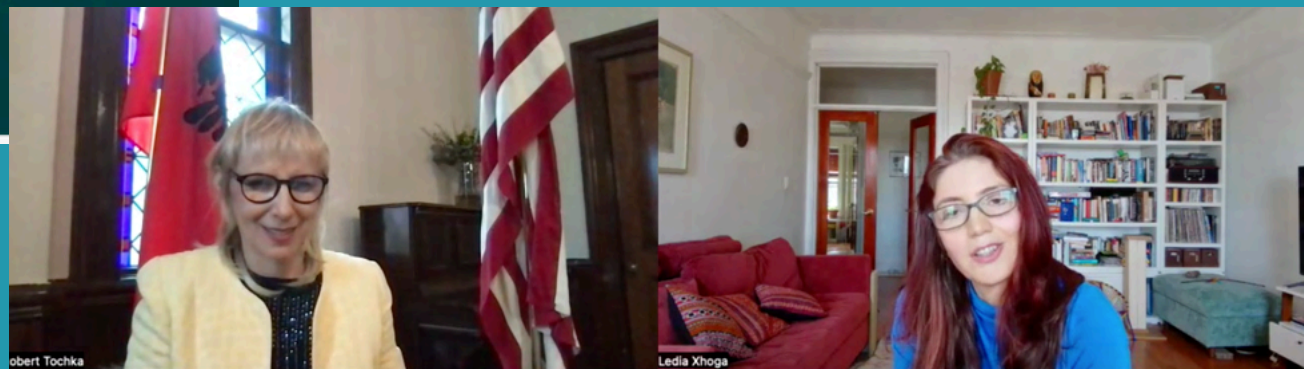
Date: April 26 Time: 12:30  
St. George Cathedral  
523 E Broadway St. Boston



Moderator: **Rafaela Prifti**

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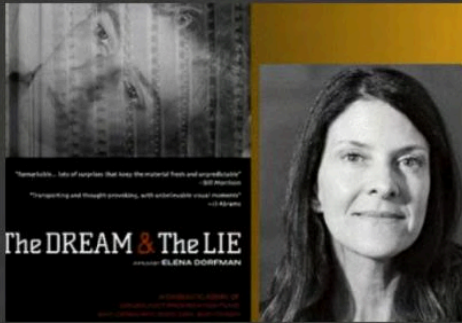




## Talks on Literature, History and Culture



Fan S. Noli Cultural Center hosts Albanian American visual artist Elena Dorfman



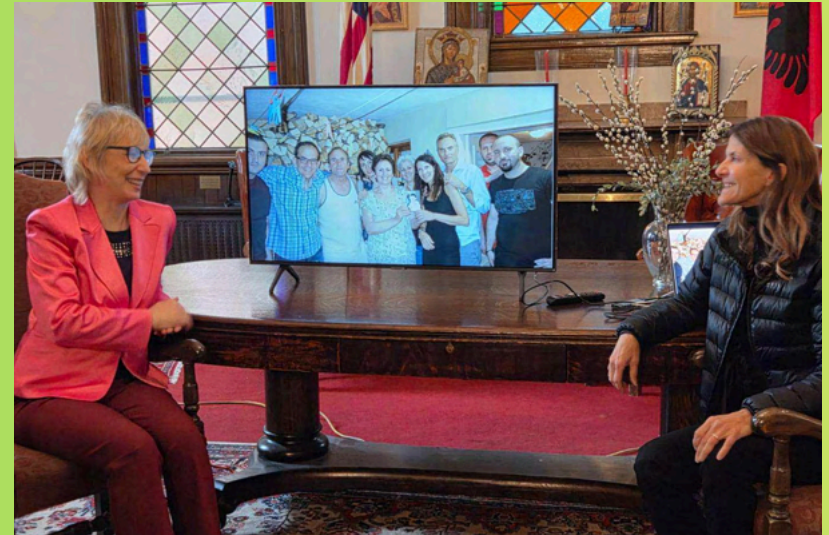
Date: May 24 🕒 Time: 12:00  
St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral  
523 East Broadway South Boston



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**We look forward to a host of events in 2026-2027!**

**Events that connect one another and spark joy!**