

Fitchburg State University Today

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125th anniversary events continue

Our [quasiquicentennial](#) celebration continues this semester, including a photographic exhibit now on display in the Sanders Administration Building hallway. The Fitchburg State Archives Collection features vintage photography including the dedication of Thompson Hall in 1895 (at right), along with scenes depicting campus life and buildings through the decades.



Also this month, we celebrate our athletic programs with events on **Saturday, Feb. 22**. That day's programs will include men's and women's basketball games, as well as alumni reunions and receptions for both teams. There will also be an ice hockey game as well as an ice hockey reunion and reception.

Visit fitchburgstate.edu/125/events to learn about all of the upcoming programs, including the continuation of our [Community Read](#) next month.

Moot Court teams continue string of strong showings

Our students earned three awards at the recent American Moot Court Association National Championship Tournament at the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, La.

Seniors Matthew Murphy of Milton and Matthew Badagliacca of Fitchburg ranked 16th after the preliminary rounds of the national tournament, winning four of six possible ballots. They also placed 7th nationally in the brief-writing portion of the competition. Students Crystal Aneke of Boston and Samantha Beauchamp of Sutton placed 9th in brief writing.



Moot Court team members Matthew Badagliacca, left, and Matthew Murphy at the national tournament in Louisiana.

[Learn more](#)

Center for Faculty Scholarship explores digital humanities

The university Speakers Series continues **today at 12:30 p.m.** in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library with a presentation by Professor Laura Baker (Economics, History and Political Science) entitled "Critical Digital Pedagogy: Rethinking the Immigration History Class."

The talk is part of the [Center for Faculty Scholarship](#)'s series highlighting applied and [digital humanities](#).

Refreshments will be served.



Washington Center internship info session Wednesday

Students can learn about the university's partnership with The Washington Center at an open information session at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday** in Miller Oval.

The Washington Center program allows students to gain career-building skills and experiences in the nation's capital, while immersing themselves with students from across the nation and the globe.

Professor Joshua Spero (Economics, History and Political Science) will be taking a Washington Center representative to classes earlier Wednesday. Faculty interested in a classroom visit should [contact him](#) directly.

Learn more about The Washington Center program [here](#).



Study abroad fair on Feb. 13

Students can learn about faculty-led international programs, meet exchange students from other countries and find out about provider-led programs at the Office of International Education's Study Abroad Fair from **noon to 3 p.m.**

Thursday, Feb. 13 in the Hammond Main Lounge.

Fall in **LOVE** with Traveling

Spring
STUDY ABROAD FAIR

THURSDAY, Feb. 13
12:00 – 3:00 PM HAMMOND MAIN LOUNGE

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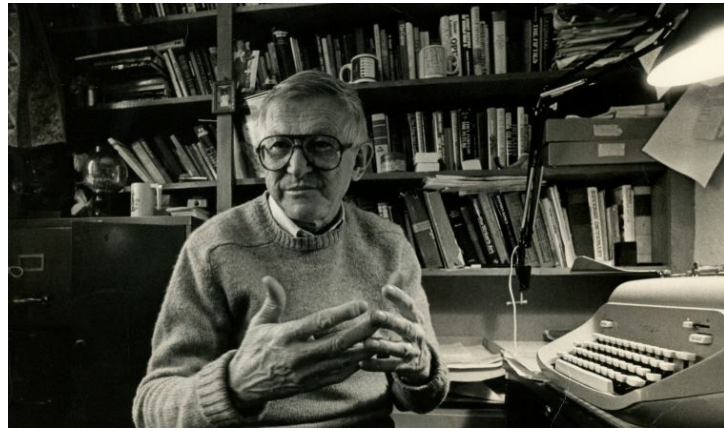
The session will also include information about financial aid for studying abroad.

[Learn more](#)

Save the Date: Cormier Symposium on Feb. 25

The university will open its Robert E. Cormier archive in February for an exploration of themes in the celebrated local author's enduring works.

"Twisted Intimacy: Disturbing Perversions and Genuine Warmth - A Symposium and Archive Exhibit on Robert E. Cormier's Life and Work" will be held from **noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25** in the Hammond Hall main lounge, with a reception to follow in the university archives. Admission is free and open to the public.



Robert E. Cormier

The keynote speaker will be Jarrett J. Krosoczka, author and illustrator of the acclaimed graphic memoir *Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction*. The Symposium programming, sponsored with support from The University of Texas at Tyler, will also include two expert panel discussions featuring university faculty.

The event is part of the university's 125th anniversary celebration.

[Learn more](#)

CenterStage and cultural events

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Faculty Show

The faculty show, featuring new work by members of the university's art and communications media faculty, is on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Wednesday, Feb. 19.

There will be an opening reception for the show at **5:30 p.m. Wednesday** in the gallery. Refreshments will be served.

B.B. King Blues Band performs this Saturday

[Fitchburg State CenterStage](#) welcomes The B.B. King Blues band featuring Michael Lee and Claudette King at **8 p.m. Saturday** in Weston Auditorium. For over half a century, B.B. King and B.B. King's Band defined the blues to the world, averaging over 250 sold out concerts per year, with classics like "The Thrill Is Gone," "Every Day I Have The Blues," "How Blues Can You Get," and "Why I Sing The Blues." Members of the original band have gotten together to continue touring in the remembrance of B.B. King, now joined by Michael Lee, a contestant from the 2018 season of *The Voice* on NBC.

Faculty Show
New Work from Art and Communications Media Faculty
Opening Reception February 5th, 3:30pm
Hammond Art Gallery



Tickets are \$28 for adults; \$25 for alumni and seniors; and \$5 for students. Learn more and buy tickets [online](#).

The Forge Theater Lab presents new works

Two new works by Fitchburg State alumnus Matt Cogswell '07 will be performed in February by The Forge Theater Lab, in residence at the university.

The works will be presented at **7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14** and **7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15** at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free with suggested donations of \$10.

In *Floating on Hope Ave*, which will be performed as a staged reading, gay men of all ages and walks of life weave in and out of each other's lives as they search for pleasure, love, and hope.

In *One Angry Gay Man*, one actor portrays a parade of men who fight against their inner demons in order to find a sense of purpose. *Floating on Hope Ave* is directed by Kathleen O'Connor.



Kevin Boudreau '13 and Brett Rochford '20 rehearse a scene from *Floating on Hope Ave*.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Professor Emeritus James Colbert (Humanities) reports that St. Augustine's Press has published his translation of Ernest Fortin's *Christianity and Philosophical Culture in the Fifth century: Controversy about the Human Soul in the West*.

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