

Fitchburg State University Today

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ideaLab will support small business assistance program

The Fitchburg State ideaLab - on the second floor of the theater block at 717 Main St. - is now home to the [NewVue Communities](#) Small Business Department, the first step in the center's evolution into a driver of revitalization in the heart of the downtown corridor.



NewVue Communities will use the ideaLab to provide technical assistance to businesses operating in a wide range of industry sectors, focusing mainly on micro-enterprises and small businesses.

"This partnership embodies our long-term vision for the ideaLab as a space to realize ambitions and unleash creativity," said President Lapidus. "We are grateful for partners like NewVue Communities, whose expertise complements the university's resources."

"We are excited to be strengthening our partnership with Fitchburg State University and to continue to serve small businesses in the region," said NewVue Communities Executive Director Marc Dohan. "Working out of the ideaLab is a great first step to help connect local business to the resources and assets offered by the university."

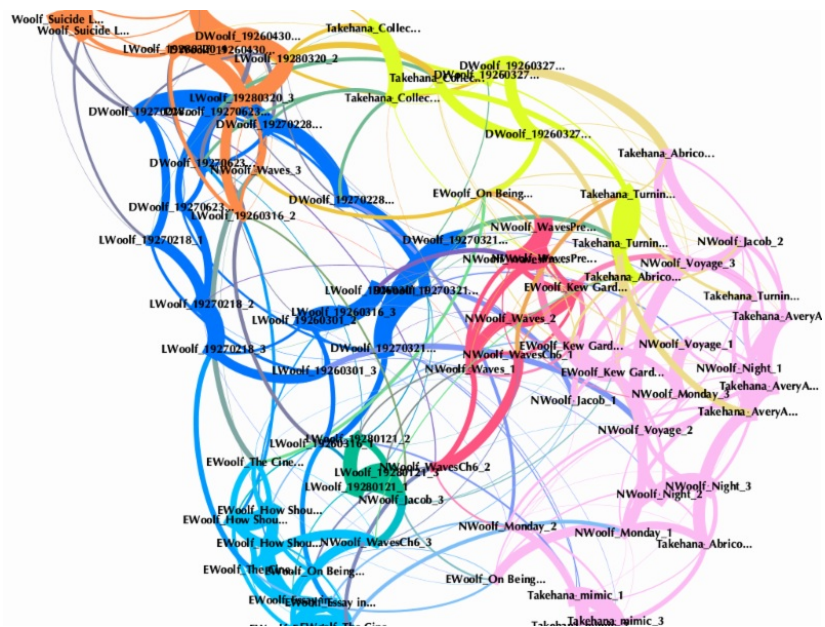
[Learn more](#)

Rescheduled: Speakers Series continues today

The university's Speaker Series continues at **12:30 p.m. today** with a talk by Professor Elise Takehana (English Studies) entitled "Nice Outsides/Suicide Notes: Style and Statistics in Anagrams."

The talk will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Refreshments will be served.



Community Read keynote event tonight

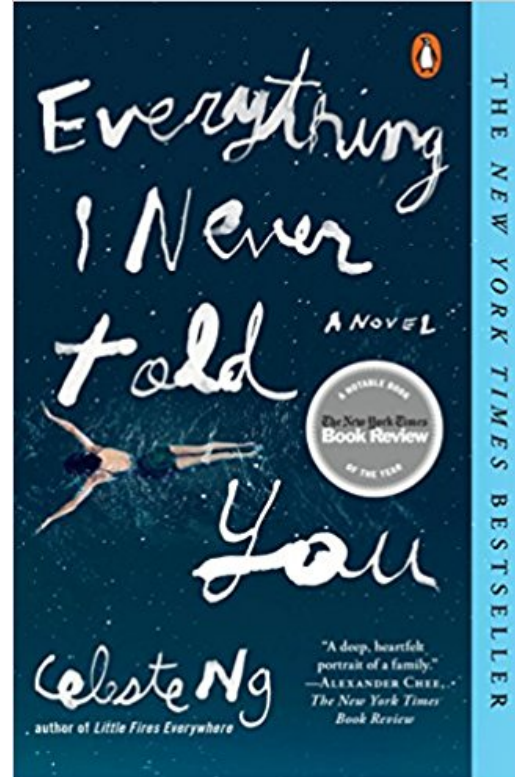
Fitchburg State's [Community Read](#) of Celeste

Ng's novel *Everything I Never Told You* continues with the keynote event **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

Screenwriter Julia Cox, who is adapting Ng's novel for the screen, will discuss the process she used to create her screenplay and the intersection of art and industry when transforming a novel to film.

There will be a book and movie trivia event after the talk.

Keep up to date with all Community Read events by visiting fitchburgcommunityread.com.



Trivia Night on Tuesday to support Falcon Bazaar

The Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall will host a trivia night to benefit the Falcon Bazaar food pantry at **5:30 p.m. tomorrow** (doors open at 5 p.m.).

Admission is \$5 per person and teams of 4 to 6 players will compete (teams can be formed in advance or organized at the event). Attendees should bring their own snacks and the Falcon Hub will be open for beverages.

For reservations of 4-6 players, please contact [Kelli Lundgren](mailto:kelli.lundgren@fitchburgstate.edu) by email or by phone at extension 4317.

Guests are also encouraged to bring donations for the Falcon Bazaar the night of the event. Please use the green bags that have already been shared with campus offices.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

TO BENEFIT THE
Falcon Bazaar

April 2, 2019 Doors open at 5PM Trivia starts at 5:30PM
\$5 per person / Teams of 4-6 players

Falcon HUB will be open | BYO snacks

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Contact Kelli Lundgren: X4317 / klundgren@fitchburgstate.edu

Falcon HUB

Reminder: Panel discussions this Wednesday

President Lapidus and members of the senior staff will hold a pair of panel discussions for faculty and staff on **Wednesday, April 3** in Kent Recital Hall. These sessions provide an opportunity to hear what's happening on campus and also encourage an open dialogue about issues important to members of our community.

The sessions will be held at **10 a.m.** and **3:30 p.m.** to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

Harrod Lecture Monday, April 8

Professor Ben Lieberman (Economics, History and Political Science) will deliver the Harrod Lecture "Magic and the Cartography of Resistance to Imperialism" at **3:30 p.m. Monday, April 8** in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center.

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By **Ben Lieberman, Ph.D.**
Economics, History & Political Science

April 8, 2019
3:30 pm
Presidents' Hall
Mazzaferro Center

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Mapping invulnerability helps to reveal the level and patterns of resistance on a global level during a period of rapid expansion of imperial power and of settler societies.

Communications Media Lecture Series returns April 8

The Communications Media Lecture Series welcomes artist [Heddi Siebel](#) at **3:30 p.m. Monday, April 8** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The event is free and open to the public. For years, this series has brought accomplished guest lecturers to campus to speak about their careers and present their work.

Siebel is an award winning artist known for her visual art and printmaking. Her work has been exhibited at The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the DeCordova Museum, and many other galleries throughout the region. She received a Fulbright Scholar Award and a National Geographic Expeditions Council grant for an interdisciplinary project in Norway and the Arctic Circle. [Click here](#) to learn more about her extraordinary career.



Boston Globe's Renée Graham delivers Nancy Kelly

Memorial Lecture on April 11

Boston Globe Associate Editor and Columnist Renée Graham will deliver the annual Nancy Kelly Memorial Lecture at **4 p.m. Thursday, April 11** in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave.

"Women on the Hill: 2018 and Beyond" is co-sponsored by the university's Economics, History and Political Science Department; the English Studies Department; Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies; and Feminist Conversations.

The lecture was organized as part of the university's Women's History Month observations. The events were organized by a committee including faculty members DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld (English Studies), Katharine Covino-Poutasse (English Studies), Viera Lorencová (Communications Media), Özge Ozay (Economics, History and Political Science), Jonathan Harvey (Humanities) and student Kaitlynn Chase, from the Feminist Conversations club.



Renée Graham

Reminder: GCE info session April 11

Learn about degree completion and continuing educational opportunities available at Fitchburg State University when the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education (GCE) hosts an [information session](#) at **5 p.m. Thursday, April 11**.

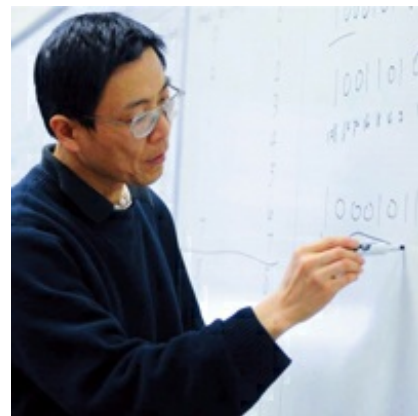
The free session, where attendees will have the opportunity to speak with advisors, admission counselors, program chairs, financial aid representatives and register for classes, will take place in Hammond Hall on the Fitchburg State campus.

GCE at Fitchburg State offers more than 45 graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs. Whether you're looking for graduate school or undergraduate evening programs, an information session can help get you to where you need to be.

GCE seminar on computer science programs April 17

Learn about the graduate-level computer science programs offered by Graduate and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State University at a free [webinar](#) at **2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17**. The program will include a look at the university's computer science graduate program as well as its concentration in data science.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the job outlook for computer scientists is growing much faster than average, and most jobs for data scientists require a master's degree in computer science or a related field. Fitchburg State's programs will help maximize your options for employment in this vibrant field.



The webinar on April 17 will discuss requirements and curriculum, admissions and application requirements. Participants will also have their admissions application fees waived.

To learn more or to register, visit <http://info.fitchburgstate.edu/computersciencwebinar>.

Save the date: Undergraduate Conference on Research and Creative Practice and Honors Convocation April 18

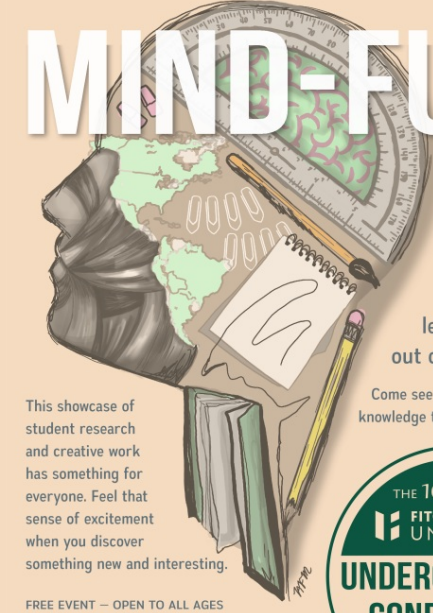
The 10th annual [Undergraduate Conference on Research and Creative Practice](#) will be held **Thursday, April 18** throughout Hammond Hall. The event is sponsored by Academic Affairs and the Student Government Association.

Students from across the university will make presentations promoting creativity and scholarship, shaped with significant involvement by university faculty as sponsors and judges.

That afternoon, the annual Honors Convocation will be held in Weston Auditorium.

Day classes are canceled so that all members of the university community can take part in this celebration of student accomplishment.

The poster for this year's event was designed by student Arianna Martinez '19.



MIND-FULL

Higher education today is full of opportunities for students to learn—both in and out of the classroom.

Come see how our students apply knowledge to real-world challenges.

This showcase of student research and creative work has something for everyone. Feel that sense of excitement when you discover something new and interesting.

FREE EVENT — OPEN TO ALL AGES

Hammond Hall | 8 AM – 1 PM
Fitchburg State University
Check the event program for specific times and locations.

THE 10th ANNUAL
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE
APRIL 18, 2019
For Research and Creative Practice

CenterStage and cultural events

Skylark Ensemble to present new piece this Thursday

Fitchburg State CenterStage welcomes the vocal Skylark Ensemble to premiere the newly-commissioned "Masterpiece" at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 4** in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building. [Tickets](#) are \$28 for adults; \$25 for Fitchburg State alumni, staff and senior citizens; and \$5 for students.



The performance, sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State University, will be preceded by a talk at 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in the Weston Box Office, located inside Weston Auditorium at 353 North St., which is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The box office can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets are also available [online](#).

[Learn more](#)

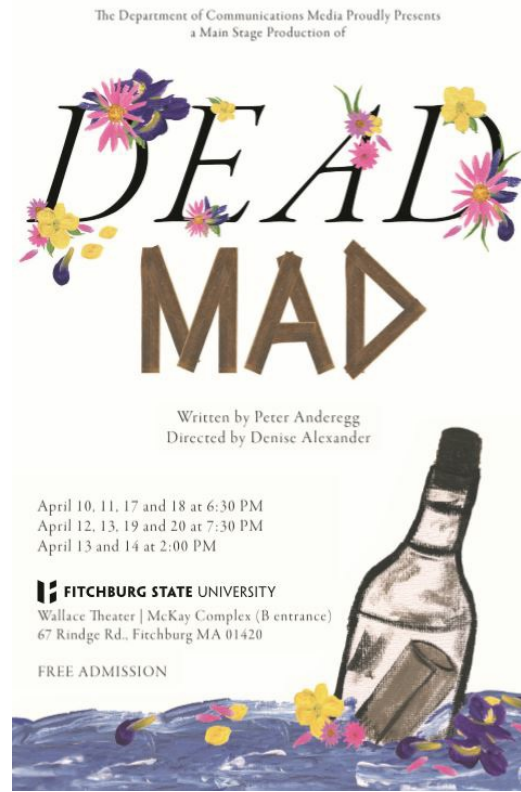
Main Stage theater production "Dead Mad" runs April 10-20

A new play that explores how we respond when we're suddenly forced to wake up, take stock, and chart a new course is Fitchburg State University's main stage theater production this April. "Dead Mad," written by Peter Andereg and directed by Denise Alexander, will be performed at the Wallace Theatre for the Performing Arts in the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road, from **April 10-20**.

The play tells the story of Jason Brooks, who must

write an obituary to avoid being haunted by his mother after she escapes Charon the Ferryman in Hades. In so doing, he confronts the fact that he knows almost nothing about her that is 100 percent true. The play uses a non-linear structure to whipsaw between time periods as characters try to figure out what's real and what's imaginary.

Performances will be at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10** and **Thursday, April 11**; **7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12**; **2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13**; and **2 p.m. Sunday, April 14**. Performances resume at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17** and **Thursday, April 18**; **7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19**; **2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20**.



Staff notes

University Police Chief Michael J. Cloutier was [featured](#) on CNN's *Beyond the Call of Duty* series on Friday, March 29.

A crew from CNN spent two days on campus speaking with Chief Cloutier about the poem he wrote, "If You Could See," which describes his experiences in public safety. When he shared the poem on the [PoliceOne.com](#) website, it went viral, attracting national attention.



Chief Cloutier and Director of Counseling Services Rob Hynes spoke with students in the university's [Police Program](#) last week about the poem and the lessons it contains about self-care and vicarious trauma, portions of which can also be seen in the CNN report.

Watch the CNN piece [here](#).

Faculty notes

J.J. Sylvia IV (Communications Media) recently published a journal article and chapter in an edited online collection. The first piece, titled "From Archaeology to Genealogy: Adding Processes of Subjectivation and Artistic Intervention" was published in the journal communication +1. This article develops new methods for an approach to media studies known as media genealogy. Additionally, a chapter titled "p5.js in the Media Studies Classroom" was published in the online edited collection Coding Pedagogy. In this chapter, Sylvia analyzes strategies for implementing coding projects in a series of communication courses that he taught between 2016 and 2017.

Benjamin Railton (English Studies) recently published a piece in the Saturday Evening Post about funding issues in higher education. "Considering History: The Real Crisis Facing Public Higher Education in America" can be read online [here](#).

Michael Hoberman (English Studies) received a National Endowment for the Humanities

Summer Institute fellowship. He will attend "Privilege and Prejudice: Jewish History in the American South," from May 26-June 7 at the College of Charleston, in Charleston, S.C. The [program](#) aims to revise understandings of the entwined histories of the American South and its Jewish inhabitants.

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