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Nursing students shine in latest licensure exam

Continuing a strong tradition of excellence, all 52 Fitchburg State nursing students who took the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) in the latest quarter passed the test.

The NCLEX-RN, designed to measure entry-level nursing competence utilized in both the U.S and Canada as part of the licensing process, is offered four times per year. The latest report represents the third quarter results.



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Reminder: Think Tank at ideaLab set for Thursday

A [think tank](#) for members of the Fitchburg State University campus and wider community to discuss potential future uses of the ideaLab at the Main Street Theater Block will be held at **5:30 p.m. Thursday** in the newly renovated site at 717 Main St.

The ideaLab, located on the second floor of the theater block, is designed for creativity, innovation, and the pursuit of entrepreneurial projects, programs and initiatives.



The free event will also include discussion on what types of events the community would like to see at the ideaLab, as well as how to motivate people to explore downtown and take part in supporting the city.

[Register now](#)

Regional moot court competition returns this week

The question of whether gender-based admissions policies violate the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection of the law is one of the topics that will be scrutinized by more than 50 teams of students from 14 colleges and universities at the upcoming [American Moot Court](#)

Association regional tournament being held this **Friday, Nov. 16** and **Saturday, Nov. 17** at Hammond Hall. Visitors are welcome to watch the competition.

The tournament pits teams of students on opposing sides of constitutional issues making arguments to panels of judges in a simulated federal appellate court. The winners of the regional tournament will proceed to the national competition being held in January at the A&M University College of Law in Orlando, Fla.

Professor Paul I. Weizer (Economics, History and Political Science) coaches the Fitchburg State teams, who have a long track record of making it to the advanced rounds of the tournament.

"The Fitchburg State University moot court team this year, our largest in school history, has a good mix of experienced and first-time participants," Weizer said. "The veteran leadership shown by our students has been a huge plus for this group. While the level of competition gets tougher every year, I am confident that they will perform admirably and represent the school well."

[Read more](#)



Campus hosts federal and state probation conference

Last week the campus welcomed hundreds of state and federal probation officers for a two-day conference on current trends in community supervision. At right, at the start of the conference are President Lapidus, Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the District of Massachusetts Christopher Maloney '89, Assistant Dean Lisa Moison and Dean of Arts and Sciences Franca Barricelli.

Our guests discussed issues related to domestic and international terrorism, medication-assisted treatment and housing challenges for those involved in the justice system.



Kendricken lecture features social change artist

The Communications Media Department will present the Kendricken Memorial Lecture by Lina Maria Giraldo, a Colombian-born, Boston-based artist focusing on interactive storytelling towards social change. The lecture will be given at **3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

With a diverse body of work ranging from digital educational tools, public installations, and screen-based computer-generated work, she explores the questions of being Latino, the impact of mankind on our surroundings and the power of collective storytelling.

This annual lecture series honors the memory of the late David Kendrick, a unique and creative film/video student who graduated in 2013. Kendrick is recalled as an extraordinary individual, whose prodigious energy fueled a boundless curiosity. Foremost among his many passions were film, music, and literature. The entire campus community is invited to attend this event. Sponsored by: Communications Media Department.



Advertising ethics is topic of Fitchburg Public Library talk

A talk on the ethics of advertising to children will be held at **5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14** at the [Fitchburg Public Library](#). The talk is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Professor J.J. Sylvia (Communications Media) said the series emerged from his communications law and ethics course. Sylvia's students will plan and host the discussions, which have been organized in concert with a new chapter of the Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), a national community partner fostered on creating local philosophic discussion groups.



The project is also supported by the Douglas and Isabelle Crocker Center for Civic Engagement at Fitchburg State.

The series began earlier this month with talks on "fake news" and the ethics of political advertising.

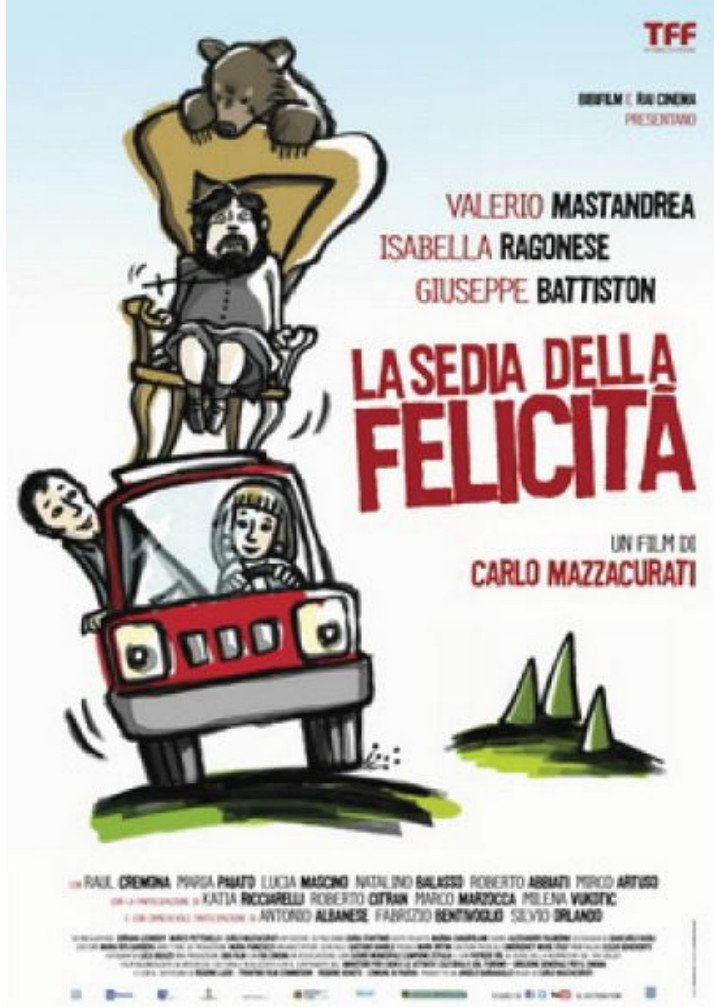
Italian film series features "The Chair of Happiness"

The Contemporary Italian Film Screening Series will present "The Chair of Happiness" (2013)

at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Randall Lecture Hall in the Antonucci Science Complex. Admission is free.

The film, directed by Carlo Mazzacurati, is about the quest to find a lucky chair with a hidden treasure that brings an unlikely couple around the Veneto region trying to persuade the chair owners that they don't really need them. A magician, a greedy priest, industrious immigrated entrepreneurs, a grumpy fishmonger and a shepherd in the alps are some of the characters the couple find in their pursuit of happiness.

The film will be introduced by Professor **Rala Diakite** (Humanities). The series is sponsored by The Education Office of the Consulate General of Italy, Boston, facilitated by the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State.



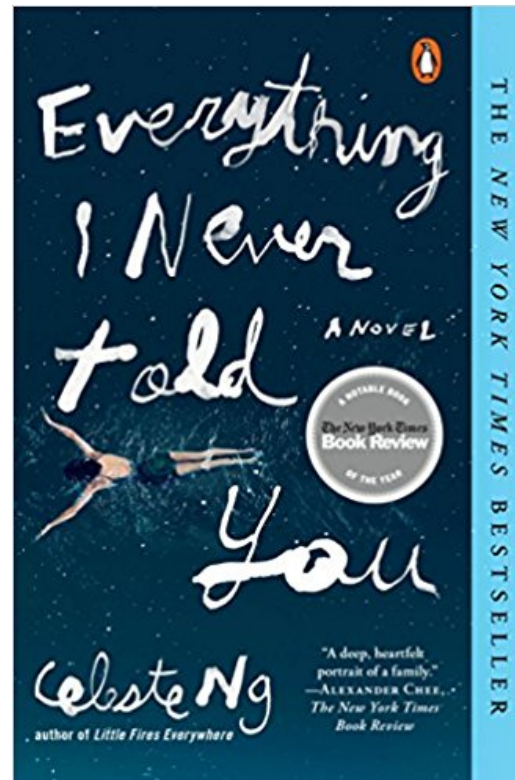
Reminder: poetry slam and potluck tonight at Falcon Hub

The university's yearlong [Community Read](#) continues in November with the sixth annual International Poetry Slam and Potluck from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

The event, co-sponsored by the Department of Humanities and the Department of Economics, History and Political Science, celebrates the love of poetry and food with an international flair.

To participate in the poetry slam:

1. Select an original or favorite poem in any world language (if you prefer not to read the poem in the world language, bring an English translation). You will sign up for a timeslot when you arrive.
2. Introduce and recite the poem. Please keep readings to five minutes or less.
3. Please bring an extra copy of the poem with facing translation and your name listed as presenter so it can be compiled into an audience handout. If possible, email the poem in advance to Rala Diakite at rdiakite@fitchburgstate.edu
4. If you are able, please bring an international dish (and the recipe) to share with others.



[Community Read Events](#)

Reminder: "The Diviners" closes this week

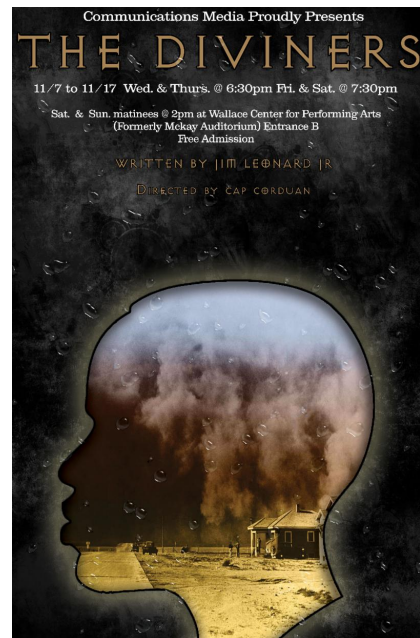
The story of how a small, Depression-era town in Southern Indiana is shaken when tragedy strikes is told in "The Diviners," the Communications Media Department's fall main stage production.

The play, written by Jim Leonard Jr. and directed by Professor Cap Corduan, is being performed at the Wallace Theatre for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Admission is free and open to the public.

"The Diviners" is about a disturbed young man and his friendship with a disenchanting preacher in the fictional town of Zion, Ind., in the early 1930s. Variety hailed the play as "a splendid drama by a playwright ... with poetic as well as human feeling," as well as "both touching and entertaining." New York Magazine said the drama "renders the humor and horror of the hinterlands with staggering accuracy."

Remaining performances will be at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 7:30 p.m. Friday; and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.**

[Learn more](#)



University offering occupational/vocational webinar Dec. 5

A free [webinar](#) about Fitchburg State University's occupational/vocational education degree programs will be held at **3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5**. Visit <http://info.fitchburgstate.edu/voced> for more information or to register.

The webinar will discuss requirements and curriculum, admissions and application requirements and more. Fitchburg State offers a Master of Education in occupational education; a Bachelor of Science in occupational/vocational education; and a vocational teacher approval program.



Registrants for the webinar will have their admission application fee waived.

CenterStage and cultural events

The magic of the holidays begins at Fitchburg State when the celebrated five-man a cappella group Rockapella returns to campus for a seasonal show at **8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St.



Tickets are \$28 for adults; \$25 for Fitchburg State alumni, seniors and staff; and \$5 for students.

Tickets can be ordered [online](#) at fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage or at the Weston Box Office.

In the Gallery at Hammond and on the Conlon Hall Media Wall: Pavel Romaniko

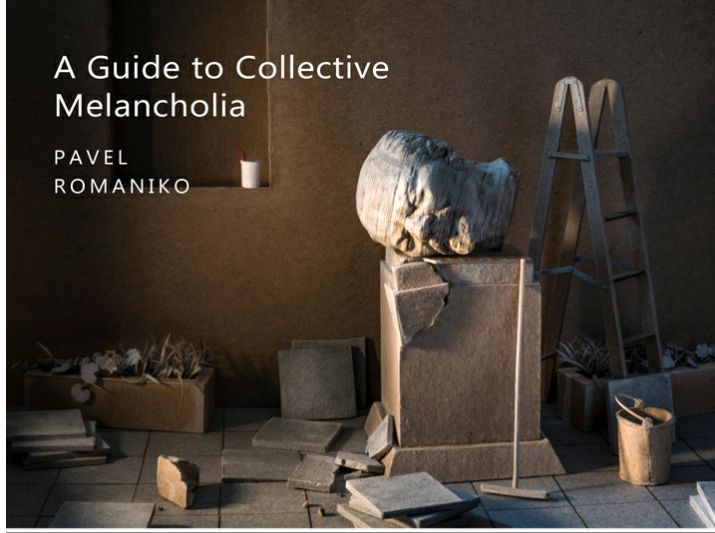
The work of artist [Pavel Romaniko](#) will be featured in the

Hammond Hall Art Gallery and the Conlon Hall Media Wall through December 28. "A Guide to Collective Melancholia" will be discussed when Romaniko presents a gallery talk at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday** at Hammond Hall. A reception with refreshments will follow the talk.

Pavel Romaniko was born outside of Moscow, Russia, in 1980 and came to the United States at the age of 17. Romaniko completed a BA in Studio Arts from Northwestern College in Saint Paul, Minnesota (2002), and an MFA in Imaging Arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology (2009). Recent solo exhibitions include Nostalgia at Harriman Institute at Columbia, New York, Tyler Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College; Art Center, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA, and Glory at Gallery Kunstler, Booksmart Studio, Rochester, N.Y. His work has been featured as part of Museum of Contemporary Photography Midwest Photographers project. He is currently on faculty at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

A Guide to Collective Melancholia

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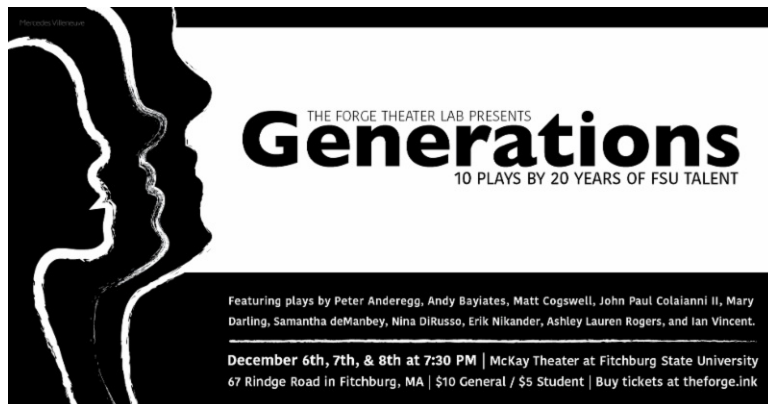


Hammond Hall Art Gallery & Conlon Hall Media Wall
NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 28

Artist Talk & Reception | Hammond Hall Art Gallery
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 3:30 PM

Plays by university faculty and alumni to be performed in December

The [Forge Theater Lab](#), a newly-formed alumni theater company dedicated to developing and producing new plays, will spotlight comedic and dramatic plays by Fitchburg State alumni and faculty in "Generations: 10 Plays by 20 Years of Fitchburg State Talent" in December.



Performances will be at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6;**

Friday, Dec. 7 and **Saturday, Dec. 8** at the Wallace Theater for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Admission is \$10 for the public and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at [theforge.ink](#).

Featured playwrights include Peter Andereg, Andy Bayiates, Matt Cogswell, John Paul Colaiani II, Mary Darling, Samantha deManbey, Nina DiRusso, Erik Nikander, Ashley Lauren Rogers, and Ian Vincent.

University voices joined by high school singers for Choral Kaleidoscope Monday, Dec. 10

Fitchburg State's choral ensembles will be joined by voices from several area high schools at the "Choral Kaleidoscope" concert at **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The show will feature more than 100 voices, with the university Concert Choir, Chamber Choir

and the student-run a cappella ensemble, Harmonic Velocity, being joined by the Gardner High School Select Choir, the Fitchburg High School Concert Choir and the Narragansett Regional High School Concert Chorus.

"The Choral Kaleidoscope concert, which is now an annual tradition here at Fitchburg State, is a wonderful opportunity to hear so many different groups and styles all in one performance," said Professor Jonathan Harvey, who conducts the university's choral program.



Selections for the show include everything from pop to classical to jazz to gospel to Renaissance, from the U.S., Germany, Kenya, Italy, England, and Canada.

"It also runs the gamut from some of the most famous music ever written, such as Handel's "Messiah," to never-recorded works by several unheralded women composers and composers of color," said Harvey.

For more information, please visit fitchburgstate.edu/music.

Faculty notes

Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science) attended the annual meeting of the [Northeastern Political Science Association](#) in Montreal, where he presented a paper entitled "History, Memory and National Narratives as Barriers to Reconciliation." This paper is based on research conducted during his spring sabbatical. Budd is also the chair/discussant for a panel on human trafficking and the chair of a panel on nationalist conflict. Also at the conference, he co-hosted a reception in honor of the association's 50th anniversary as one of its past presidents.

Rob Carr, Charles Sides and J.J. Sylvia (Communications Media) delivered a panel presentation at The Twelfth Biennial [Thomas R. Watson Conference](#) in Louisville, Ky. entitled "Troubling Matters: Materializing Underlying Problems and Solutions in Free Speech, Big Data, and Advertising." Sides discussed the rhetorical implications of the near daily infringement of free expression and uninhibited access to information. Sylvia argued that we must rethink information and big data materiality if big data theory is to actually matter to the larger public. Carr showed the evolution of paradigmatic thinking from 1976 to the present in advertising plans books to reveal how the field has become constitutive of media and physical environments, as well as our habits of mind.

Save the dates!

- The campus holiday tree lighting will be held at **4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29**.
- The [Winter Commencement ceremony](#) will be held at 6:30 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 21** at the Athletics and Recreation Center.



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