
Fitchburg State University Today

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Fitchburg High honors students recognized by university

Eighteen members of Fitchburg High School's Honors Academy were informed at a recent ceremony that they had been granted acceptance into the [Honors Program](#) at Fitchburg State, with annually renewable scholarships and access to specialized coursework.

President Lapidus was joined by Fitchburg Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale, Fitchburg High School Principal Jeremy Roche and other leaders from the university and city for the announcement. The Fitchburg State athletic mascot Freddy the Falcon joined the students for a group photo.



[Learn more](#)

Panel discussions set for Wednesday, April 4

President Lapidus and members of the senior staff will hold a pair of panel discussions for faculty and staff on **Wednesday, April 4** in Kent Recital Hall. These recurring campus-wide gatherings 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.

Women's History Month events begin this week

Panel talks, performances and lectures comprise Fitchburg State University's observances of Women's History Month.

The Nancy Kelly Memorial Lecture will be delivered at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, March 20** at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave. Fitchburg Historical Society Director Susan Navarre will present "Fitchburg's Women from the Gilded Age to World War II: Private Lives and Public Roles." The presentation is sponsored by the Economics, History and Political Science Department and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

The International Women's Day Fair will be

held **Thursday, March 22** (having been postponed because of inclement weather).

[Learn more](#)

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

POETRY SLAM: KYLA LACEY

Kyla Lacey is a blogger, emcee, and award-winning poet. Her poetry has garnered millions of views on Facebook and YouTube. Check out bass-schuler.com/kyla-lacey/

MARCH 1 7 PM
HAMMOND HALL, FALCON HUB
Sponsored by Feminist Conversations & Black Student Union

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FAIR

Join us for a women's empowerment-themed student organization fair. Attend our discussion circle at 2 PM as we explore the experiences of women from around the world.

MARCH 8 12 - 5 PM
HAMMOND HALL, MAIN LOUNGE
Organizing sponsors include Feminist Conversations, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, International Education, Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness & Communications Media

NANCY KELLY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Susan Navarre, Director of the Fitchburg Historical Society
"Fitchburg's Women from the Gilded Age to World War II: Private Lives and Public Roles"

MARCH 20 3:30 PM
MAZZAFERRO CENTER, PRESIDENTS' HALL
Sponsored by Economics, History and Political Science & Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

#HERMIONE: A FEMINIST CONVERSATION

English Studies professor Dr. Kisha Tracy will lead us in conversation about feminism in literature and contemporary film by highlighting Hermione's role in the Harry Potter series.

MARCH 22 3:30 PM
HAMMOND HALL, MAIN LOUNGE
Sponsored by Feminist Conversations & Harry Potter Alliance

WOMEN IN THE ARTS: A CELEBRATION FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH


Includes music, poetry, dance and more.

MARCH 29 4 PM
CONLON FINE ARTS, KENT RECITAL HALL
Sponsored by Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies & Feminist Conversations

ANNUAL LEAD(H)ERSHIP CONFERENCE

Students watch your email for more information.

MARCH 30 2 - 5 PM
HAMMOND HALL, MAIN LOUNGE
Sponsored by Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies & Feminist Conversations



Faculty Research Mix and Mingle

The Center for Faculty Scholarship, the Office of the Provost, the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Faculty mentors Katharine Covino and Sarah Wright are co-sponsoring the Research Mix and Mingle at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 28** in Hammond S09.

Faculty Research MIX AND MINGLE



Wednesday, March 28
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Hammond S09

To sign up, email kcovino@fitchburgstate.edu by March 20

Faculty members looking for new collaborators for team teaching, community engagement, research projects, or article/manuscript writing are invited, and asked to bring a 30-second elevator speech on their research, teaching, service, and what they're looking for in a collaborator.

Participants are asked to register by contacting Katharine Covino at kcovino@fitchburgstate.edu.

Community Read keynote address given next week

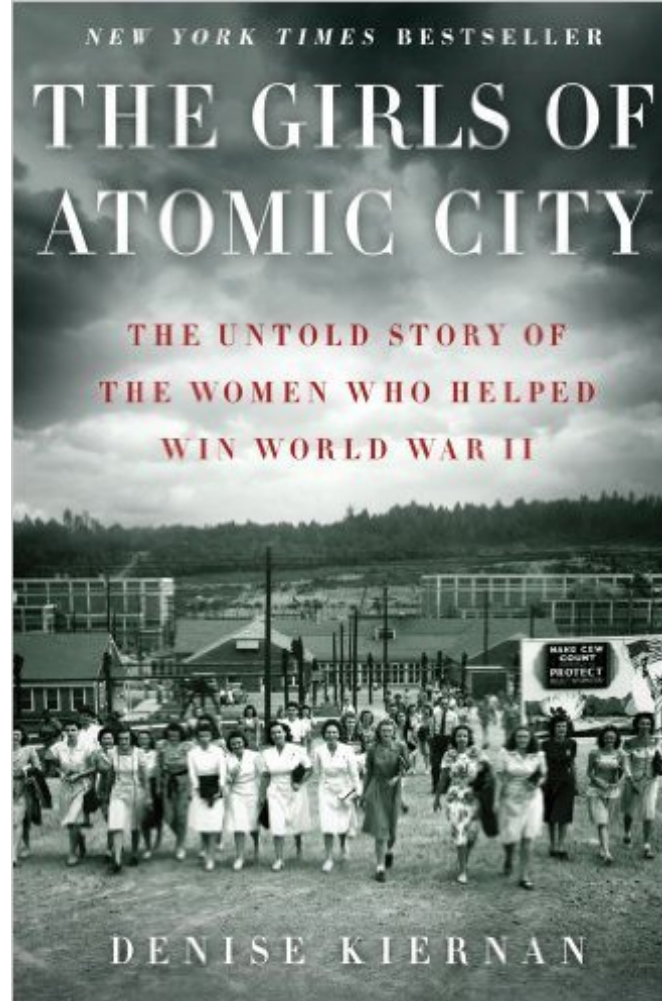
Fitchburg State continues its year-long Community Read of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan this month with events including a keynote address by the author on **Thursday, March 29**. Admission to all the events is free and open to the public.

The best-selling book tells the story of the young women of Oak Ridge, Tenn., who unwittingly played a crucial role in one of the most significant

moments in U.S. history: the development of the atomic bomb.

Kiernan will attend a reception and book signing at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, followed by an author talk at 7 p.m., both in the main lounge of Hammond Hall.

[Learn more](#)



Speakers Series continues April 2

The university's Speakers Series continues **Monday, April 2** from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. with a talk in the Center for Teaching and Learning at the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library by **Professor Zachary Miner** (Behavioral Sciences) entitled "A Kind of Peace: The Real World of Legal Firearms Owners."

Refreshments will be served.

Kendricken Lecture explores legacy of photochemical film

The legacy and future of photochemical film in the digital era will be discussed when filmmaker Ethan Berry presents the David Kendricken Lecture "Re-Engineering the Moving Image" at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, April 4** at Ellis White Lecture Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Berry is a filmmaker and printmaker who teaches at the Montserrat College of Art and a founding member of the AgX film collective in Boston. A filmmaker since 1969, he is committed to employing analog filmmaking into his practice in addition to other image forms such as printmaking, drawing and animation.



[Learn more](#)

GameCon to be held Wed., April 4

The annual GameCon will be held Wednesday, April 4 at the Athletics and Recreation Center. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and gaming will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.



Domestic violence play to be performed April 5

Students in Fitchburg State's criminal justice [police program](#) will be in the audience when the internationally acclaimed play *Mind Games* is performed at 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, April 5**, at Kent Recital Hall.

The professional production comes recommended by Secretary of Public Safety Daniel Bennett and the state's Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), with whom the university has collaborated to create its unique 4+1 police program. The police program graduates will have bachelor's and master's degrees and complete an MPTC-authorized police academy which certifies them to become a police officer anywhere in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The first graduate cohort will complete their program this September.

Mind Games is touring New England in early April with the support of Every Great Reason, a national nonprofit foundation committed to ending relationship and domestic violence and abuse.

Police Program Academy Director Lisa Lane said Secretary Bennett requested that all the state's police academy directors have their student officers attend. Fitchburg State's 160 police program students will be required to attend on April 5, and other student groups are being invited to join them.

For more information, [contact Lane](#).

Drag Show on April 5 will raise scholarship funds

The Gay Straight Alliance at Fitchburg State University will present the 13th annual drag show at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 5**, building awareness and raising funds for the university's new LGBTQ student scholarship.

The "Galactic Goddesses" Annual Drag show will be held at the Athletics and Recreation Center, 130 North St.

Tickets are \$5 for Fitchburg State students and \$10 for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the information desk in Hammond Hall or online.

[Learn more](#)



Hammond Hall becomes a courtroom on Friday, April 6

A bloc of rooms in Hammond Hall will be transformed into a courtroom when the Massachusetts Appeals Court holds a satellite session **Friday, April 6**.

Three appeals court justices will hear a series of criminal appeals in open session, creating an

opportunity for members of the campus and wider community to see the judicial process in action.

The Massachusetts Appeals Court hosts at least four sessions a year outside its main headquarters in Boston, and was last on the Fitchburg State campus in 2009. The upcoming date was selected by Chief Justice of the Appeals Court Mark V. Green, who was among the justices present at the previous Fitchburg State event.



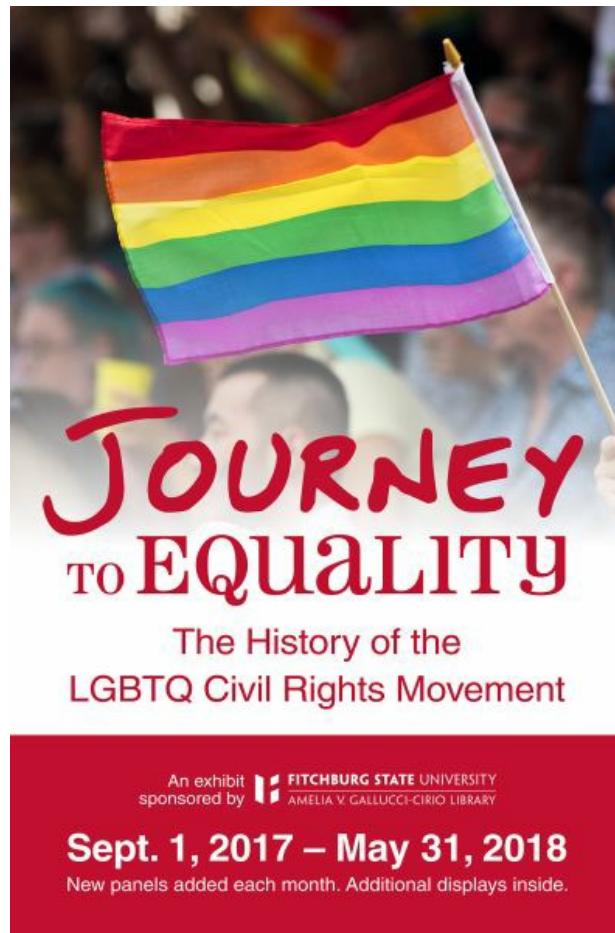
LGBTQ series looks at civil rights movement in April

The university's year-long series "Journey to Equality: The LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement" continues in April with a talk by Professor Katherine Rye Jewell (Economics, History and Political Science) at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 12** at the Leominster Public Library, 30 West St., Leominster.

Using a historical and political lens, Jewell will discuss pinnacle moments of the LGBTQ civil rights movement that helped secure basic rights while highlighting the work still needed to achieve true equality for the LGBTQ community.

The events return to the Fitchburg State campus for a queer poetry reading and open mic night at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 26** at the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

[Learn more](#)



An exhibit sponsored by **FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**
AMELIA V. GALLUCCI-CIRIO LIBRARY

Sept. 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018
New panels added each month. Additional displays inside.

AP teacher training institutes to be held in July

The university's [Center for Professional Studies](#) (adjacent to the newly-designated [Moran Square Historic District](#)) will once again be holding their [Advanced Placement teacher training institutes](#) this summer. The programs will run July 9-13 and July 16-20.

The Center for Professional Studies has run the AP institutes for 21 years. Each summer approximately 150 educators attend the programs.

[Learn more](#)



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HR Spotlight: Samantha deManbey

Samantha deManbey joined the Communications Media Department as administrative assistant on March 5, but she was already very familiar with Fitchburg State and her new colleagues. DeManbey graduated from Fitchburg State in 2012 with a degree in Communications Media, and was active in the university's theater program.

Having lived in the area for several years, she was happy to return to her alma mater.

"I know a lot of the faculty and it's a really welcoming place to be," she said. "It's great to work with a lot of my old professors."

She looks forward to being a resource for students in the department as her predecessors were when she was an undergraduate.

"I'm also excited because I'll be promoting the department on social media," she said. "To showcase what's happening here will be a lot of fun."



Reminder: M.Ed. in middle school webinar March 21

Fitchburg State's Office of Graduate and Continuing Education will hold a free [webinar](#) at 5 p.m. **Wednesday, March 21** for educators interested in their new Master of Education in Middle School Education program.

The 30-minute webinar will cover curriculum, admissions and application requirements and more, and attendees will have their admission application fees waived.

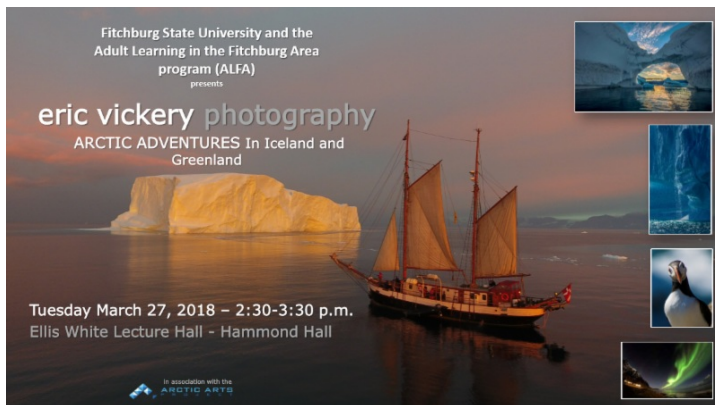
[Learn more](#)



Reminder: ALFA lecture features peri-Antarctic sights

The ice caves, glaciers and remote landscapes of Iceland and Greenland captured by the lens of Lunenburg-based photographer Eric Vickery will be on display when Fitchburg State University's Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area (ALFA) program hosts a free presentation at 2:30 p.m. **Tuesday, March 27.**

Vickery's talk, part of ALFA's "Food for Thought" lecture series, will be delivered in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St.



An adventure and travel photographer, Vickery joined photographers from 10 other countries on a winter visit to the south coast of Iceland to experience ice caves, auroras and glaciers. He contributed the Arctic Arts Project, inspiring with a visual response to climate change.

[Learn more](#)

CenterStage and cultural events

ARTeries opening reception to be held March 28

ARTeries, the juried exhibition of student artwork, is on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Wednesday, April 19. There will be an opening reception **Wednesday, March 28** at 5:30 p.m. at the gallery.

Main Stage Theater Production - *The Women of Lockerbie*, April 11-21

Thirty years after the terror bombing of an airliner that crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, Fitchburg State University's theater program present the play, *The Women of Lockerbie*, which explores the grief and lasting impact left in the wake of the crash.

"Grief is a visitor that stays too long," according to the play, which will be performed at the Wallace Center for the Performing Arts in the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road, Fitchburg, from Wednesday, April 11 to Saturday, April 21.

Admission is \$3 and open to the public, with proceeds supporting the cast and crew's voyage to Scotland in August to perform the show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.



[Learn more](#)

Campania - a Dinner with Fred Plotkin

Do not miss our tenth anniversary of Italian culinary tours with renowned author Fred Plotkin. This perennial sellout will be held at 5:30 p.m. **Friday, April 20** and **Saturday, April 21** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

Tickets may be purchased at the Weston Box Office, 353 North St., which is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets may also be ordered [online](#).

[Order tickets](#)

A promotional poster for a culinary tour. At the top, it says "Celebrating" in red. To the right is a circular photo of Fred Plotkin, a man with a mustache and sunglasses on his head, wearing a white shirt and a red scarf. Below the photo is a large white "10" followed by "YEARS of!" in red and "FRED PLOTKIN" in red. The main part of the poster is a map of Italy where the names of Italian regions are written in various colors and fonts: AOSTA VALLEY, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA, EMILIA-ROMAGNA, TOSCANA, UMBRIA, MARCHE, ABRUZZO, MOLISE, BASILICATA, CALABRIA, SICILIA, SARDEGNA, TRENTO ALTO ADIGE, VENETO, FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA, SAN MARINO, and VATICAN CITY. At the bottom, it says "A culinary tour of" in red and "CAMPANIA" in large white letters. The Fitchburg State University logo is in the bottom right corner.

Faculty Spotlight

Professor Katherine Jewell (Economics, History and Political Science) had her essay "How trade wars can mask the risk of real wars" published by the [Washington Post](#) on March 14. Her piece can be read online [here](#).

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