
Fitchburg State University Today

University once again named a Military Friendly institution

Fitchburg State has once again earned the 2022-2023 Military Friendly® School designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey.

Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.



"We are honored to once again receive the Military Friendly® designation," President Lapidus said. "Our campus community is committed to supporting those who served their country as they pursue their academic goals, and we welcome the diverse life experiences that student veterans bring to our institution."

[Read more](#)

Women's HERstory Month: "The Hills They've Climbed"



With a series of programs built around the theme "The Hills They've Climbed," Fitchburg State's celebration of [Women's HERstory Month](#) continues this week.

There will be a discussion of Females in Politics at 2 p.m.

Tuesday in the Hammond Hall main lounge. Students in Feminist Conversations and the Student Government Association will speak about their own journeys into politics and the challenges they've faced along the way. The event will include a birthday celebration honoring the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1993 until her death in 2020.

- There will be a virtual Women Wellness Wednesday program at 12 p.m.


Wednesday led by Claire Kramer from the university's Counseling Services office. Relaxation of the mind and body is vital, especially during these pandemic times. Participants in this program will learn how beneficial 30 minutes can be in relieving stress and boosting our moods and productivity. The program will include instruction on relaxing the mind and body using techniques such as breathing exercises, listening to soothing music, mindful meditation, yoga, and guided imagery.

- The annual Nancy Kelly Lecture Series will continue at **2 p.m. Thursday** in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Nancy Folbre, director of the program on Gender and Care Work at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst will deliver an address, entitled "The Motherhood Penalty: Past, Present, and COVID."

Programs will continue [next week](#).

[Women's HERstory Month](#)

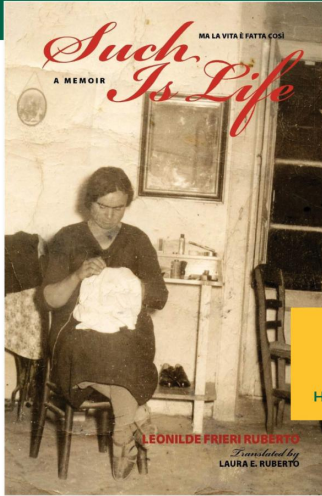
Italian-American experience is topic of CIC virtual book club talk



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR ITALIAN CULTURE
PRESENTS

Il Libro Italiano

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION




Such Is Life
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**Such is Life:
A Memoir**
by Leonilde Fieri Ruberto
(translated by her
daughter Laura Ruberto)

The memoir of an Italian
American woman's journey from
Campania in Italy to America
and her experiences in the USA.

**Tuesday, March 15
at 3:30 P.M.**
Hosted by Professor Teresa Fava Thomas

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The memoir of an Italian-American woman's journey from Campania to the U.S. will be the focus of a virtual book club discussion sponsored by the [Center for Italian Culture](#).

The discussion of *Such Is Life: A Memoir* (2010) by Leonilde Fieri Ruberto, and translated by Laura E. Ruberto will be led by Professor Teresa Fava Thomas (Economics, History and Political Science) tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

The event may be joined [online](#) at [http://meet.google.com/jck-rbdj-ekm](https://meet.google.com/jck-rbdj-ekm) or by phone at (US) +1 336-948-0154, PIN 909 227 699#.

CTL discussion focuses on supporting students with disabilities

Dr. Rachel Graddy from the Disability Services Office will facilitate the program "Supporting Students with Disabilities" at the Center for Teaching and Learning at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in room 212 of the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library, as well as [online](#).

Topics will include:

- "What is an accommodation agreement and what are my obligations surrounding it?"
- "How do I make my teaching materials and classroom more inclusive?"
- "How do I work with neurodiverse students?"
- "How do I refer someone to disability services if I am unsure that they have a disability?"
- "What is some language that I can use when speaking about students with disabilities?"

All of these topics and more will be touched upon in this introductory session for faculty. If

you have a question about a question about support students with disabilities, this session will be a wonderful safe space to get those questions answered.

Bequest will support music education at Fitchburg State



A major bequest to Fitchburg State will support music education and help prospective music teachers pursue their professional and artistic goals.

The Helen E. Hornsey Music Education fund will benefit all aspects of music education at Fitchburg State, including individual and community lessons and music education that develops excellence in teaching and creative practice among teachers and community

workers in the discipline of music.

Helen Hornsey died on April 30, 2021 at the age of 106. Born in Brookline in 1914, Hornsey had a lifelong love of music. She studied at the Juilliard Music School in New York City and was an avid singer and pianist. She was also devoted to helping others and reached the rank of lieutenant colonel with the Salvation Army in her adopted community of Fitchburg.

The Hornsey Music Education Fund was created to ensure private instruction is available for students, faculty, alumni and community members, and tomorrow's music teachers have expansive knowledge with which to guide their students.

[Learn more](#)

Rot from Beneath, a new take on *Hamlet*, premieres this week

After two years of social distance, face masks, quarantining, and fear of the coronavirus, Communications Media students are looking forward to the live debut of *Rot from Beneath*, a new play by Peter Anderegg. The production is being mounted as the department's main stage spring production.

Rot from Beneath offers a fresh take on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* by focusing on the perspectives of Claudius and Gertrude. The play is directed by **Professor Kelly Morgan**.

Rot from Beneath will be presented at the Wallace Theatre for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Admission is free but donations will be accepted at the door. Face masks are still required on campus and visitors will be asked to attest they are free of COVID-19 symptoms.

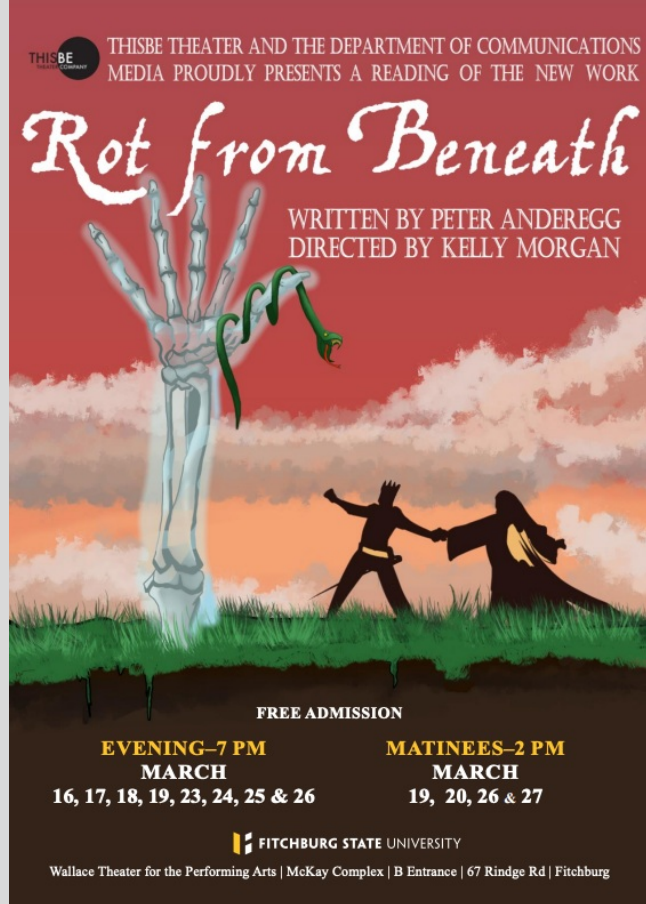
Performances will be held at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, March 16; 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17; 7 p.m. Friday, March 18; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19; 2 p.m. Sunday March 20; 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23; 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24; 7 p.m. Friday, March 25; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 26; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27.**

[Learn more](#)

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Rot from Beneath

WRITTEN BY PETER ANDEREGG
DIRECTED BY KELLY MORGAN

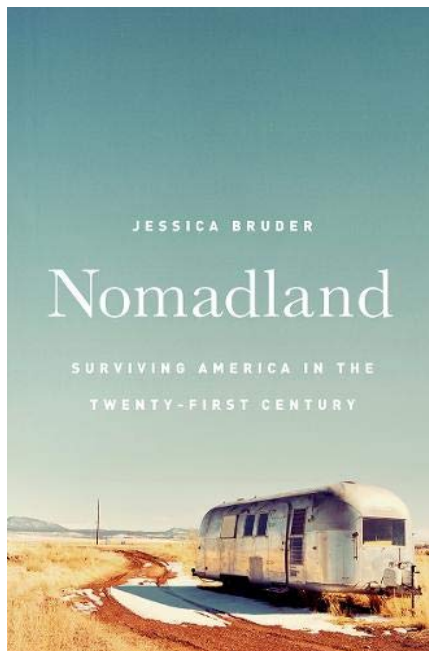


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16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 & 26	19, 20, 26 & 27

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Wallace Theater for the Performing Arts | McKay Complex | B Entrance | 67 Rindge Rd | Fitchburg

Community Read events continue off-campus this week



The university's [Community Read](#) of *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century* by Jessica Bruder continues **Monday, March 21** at the Eagle House Senior Center in Lunenburg, with a book club brunch and discussion starting at 10 a.m. Those interested in attending are asked to reserve space by calling the center at 978.582.4166.

Learn more about the series and other upcoming programs at fitchburgcommunityread.com.

15th annual Drag Show to be held March 31

The Gay Straight Alliance at Fitchburg State University will present the highly anticipated 15th annual benefit [drag show](#) at **7 p.m. Thursday, March 31**, an event designed to entertain, enlighten, and share a great cultural experience with the

community.

The “Greatest Showman” Annual Drag show will be held at the Athletics and Recreation Center, 130 North St., Fitchburg. Proceeds from the show will support the newly-created LGBTQ Student Scholarship at Fitchburg State. [Tickets](#) are \$5 for students and \$10 for the public and can be purchased online or at the Hammond Hall information desk.

“This Drag Show is an important part of the fabric of LGBTQ life at Fitchburg State and her surrounding communities,” said Associate Director of Student Development Shane Franzen, who has supervised the development of the show since its inception on campus. “It shows that Fitchburg State does not discriminate based on sexual orientation, color, race, or identity. It solidifies the openness of the Faculty, Staff, community, but most importantly, the students. With the changing climate of the country, it is now more important than ever to show off our culture. The students of GSA work tirelessly for hours upon hours and for many months putting the show together. It is a privilege to be their advisor, and an honor to watch them grow and flourish as active citizens of the LGBTQ+ community and to share who they are to all.”

[Get tickets](#)



Take a look at campus life with the Burg Blog



If you haven't checked it out lately, be sure to visit the reimagined [Burg Blog](#), and get caught up on what's been going on around campus.

CenterStage and cultural events

Fitchburg State’s instrumental and choral ensembles will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at Weston Auditorium.

The “Music Mega-Mix” will showcase the Concert Band, Community Orchestra, Modern Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. Admission to the show is free and open to the public.



More than 100 musicians from the university community will be taking part in this program, featuring short sets from all five of Fitchburg State’s curricular music ensembles. The Concert Choir and Chamber Choir will be directed by Assistant Professor Jonathan Harvey

(Humanities). The Jazz Band and Concert Band will be directed by **Assistant Professor Amy McGlothlin** (Humanities). **Professor Hildy Schilling** (Psychological Science) will lead the Community Orchestra.

The program will also be [streamed live](https://youtu.be/hFrQVzI2NMk) at <https://youtu.be/hFrQVzI2NMk>.

Coming Soon: ARTeries

ARTeries, the juried exhibition of student artwork, will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery from **Wednesday, March 23** through **Friday, April 22**.

There will be an opening reception at the gallery at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23**.

ARTeries showcases the strongest original student work in drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed-media art. ARTeries provides an opportunity for the university community to celebrate the artistic talents of Fitchburg State students. As a juried show, ARTeries is competitive; a faculty panel selects artworks for the exhibition from a pool of submissions.

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