
Fitchburg State University Today

Faculty, students explore Russian invasion of Ukraine at forum

The global impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and its possible outcomes, were explored by faculty and students at a forum last week in Hammond Hall.

Professor Joshua Spero (Economics, History and Political Science) organized the forum, which included input from student Oscar Burgos Pimentel, with whom Spero traveled to Poland in March and encountered Ukrainian refugees in person.

Professor Teresa Fava Thomas and **Professor Eric Budd** helped frame the discussion in historical terms.

[Watch the forum](#) on the university's [YouTube page](#).

[View scenes from the forum on the Burg Blog](#)



Future Falcons welcomed at admitted students reception

The campus welcomed hundreds of admitted students, family members and Saturday at our Future Falcons Day celebration.

Check out the university's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see scenes from the day.



Graduate Education celebration includes adjunct faculty award

The campus hosted its first-ever Graduate Education Celebration last week, which included the inaugural presentation of the Graduate Adjunct Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. The recipient was **Dr. Henry Culver** (pictured with Behavioral Sciences Chairperson Daneen Deptula and Acting Provost Catherine Canney) an adjunct faculty member in the Master of Science in Counseling program.



The award recognizes faculty that demonstrate excellence in teaching, that make notable impact on student learning, and exemplify a dedication to innovative instruction.

Culver has taught in the Behavioral Sciences Department for 28 years.

In presenting the award, Canney read testimonials from Culver's former students, who described him as an exemplary instructor, knowledgeable in his field and passionate about his subject.

[Read more](#)

Student project beautifying local school

Devin Tormey '22 has always loved to paint, and when she found she could make money selling her paintings as a



business, she saw an opportunity to merge two passions.

The senior business administration major decided to develop a formal business plan for her artistic pursuits as her capstone thesis project for the university's Honors Program. When she was encouraged to fold her artistic talents into the project, she ended up creating two large murals now decorating the gymnasium at Samoset Middle School in Leominster.

Read more about the project [here](#).

[This story](#) emerged from the "[Tell Us Your Story](#)" initiative launched this spring by the Office of Marketing and Integrated Communications. The ongoing project is designed to help us celebrate the talents and achievements of our Falcons to prospective students, parents, alumni, and each other.

CIC's virtual book club continues this week

The [Center for Italian Culture](#) will present the final *il libro Italiano* book club discussion of the academic year with an exploration of Elena Ferrante's novel *My Brilliant Friend* tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

The [virtual discussion](#) will be led by Professor Rala Diakite (Humanities).

My Brilliant Friend is the first volume of Ferrante's widely acclaimed Neapolitan novels about the lifelong rivalry and friendship between two women from Naples.

To join the discussion, please visit <https://meet.google.com/bao-vbgz-xvv>.

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR ITALIAN CULTURE
PRESENTS

Il Libro Italiano

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

From the author of *The Days of Abandonment*
Elena Ferrante
My Brilliant Friend
"Elena Ferrante will blow you away."
—Alice Sebold, author of *The Lovely Bones*

My Brilliant Friend
by Elena Ferrante

The first volume Elena Ferrante's widely acclaimed Neapolitan Novels about the lifelong rivalry and friendship between two women from Naples.

Tuesday, April 12
at 3:30 P.M.
Hosted by Professor Rala Diakite

Join with Google Meet by scanning this code ►
or visit: meet.google.com/bao-vbgz-xvv

Sustainability Snapshot

Here's another snapshot from our [Sustainability Advisory Committee](#): The university paid an annual water bill of \$137,000 in 2021. Please be conscious of your water use and limiting what you can. The campus has been installing low-



flow fixtures to aid in the effort. Other recent improvements include a new dishwasher in Holmes Dining Commons, using tray-less dining in Holmes, and adding in refillable water bottle stations around campus. You can also do your part by turning off running faucets when not in use and reporting leaking pipes and other fixtures when you see them.

Earth Day litter cleanup, Wednesday, April 20

The [Sustainability Advisory Committee](#) and Keep Fitchburg Beautiful are co-sponsoring a litter cleanup along Rindge Road at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20**, in conjunction with Earth Day.

Community members interested in taking part are asked to meet in the parking lot near the C-wing of the McKay Complex at 67 Rindge Road. Bags and gloves will be provided for all volunteers.

Coming Soon: Undergraduate Research Conference on April 21

The Undergraduate Conference for Research and Creative Practice will be held [virtually](#) on **Thursday, April 21**.

The conference showcases the research and creative work of Fitchburg State students.

Putting the Pieces TOGETHER

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE
For Research and Creative Practice

Fitchburg State University welcomes you to learn how our students have taken advantage of the many ways to learn, both in and out of the classroom, in this year's Undergraduate Conference for Research and Creative Practice.

This conference showcases the research and creative work of our students, and has something for every audience. We hope you're inspired by their creativity, knowledge, and accomplishments as you learn new and interesting things!

April 21, 2022
The event is virtual and all presentations will be available for viewing by 9 AM.

Artwork by Sam Chandler.

▲ SCAN THIS CODE TO LEARN MORE, OR VISIT:
fitchburgstate.edu/ug-conference

See the latest on-campus happenings 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.

Recent posts highlight our undergraduates enjoying time with [ALFA students](#), scenes from the [Graduate Education Fair](#) in Hammond Hall, and students in an electronics engineering technology [capstone course](#).

[The Burg Blog](#)

Take advantage of OneCard discounts

Did you know that Fitchburg State faculty, librarians, staff and students can use their Fitchburg State OneCard to receive [discounts](#) on purchases at local businesses?

From savings on meals at a variety of local [restaurants](#) to free admission to the [Fitchburg Art Museum](#), the OneCard discount program has something for everyone.

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Theater production heads to the library for "Between the Stacks"

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA
presents

Between the Stacks

a series of short, original, student plays

WHEN: Saturday, April 23rd, 6pm
Sunday, April 24th, Noon

WHERE: Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library
1st Floor | Hammond Hall

* FREE ADMISSION *

Theater lovers can experience a series of original pieces in an original location this month when with "Between the Stacks," a sequence of original scenes that will be performed at locations in and around the campus library.

The scenes will be performed at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23 and 12 p.m. Sunday, April 24, starting on the first floor of the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Professor Kelly Morgan (Communications Media) said the scenes were written by students in his playwriting course. The scenes will be performed at assorted locations within the library, from the circulation desk to seating areas and the book stacks themselves. All four floors of the library will be used for the show, which includes scenes of collaboration and conflict.

[Learn more](#)

CenterStage and cultural events

In the Gallery at Hammond: ARTeries

ARTeries, the juried exhibition of student artwork, is on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through **Friday, April 22**.

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.



Coming Soon: VISIONS, April 27-June 29

[VISIONS](#), the Communications Media Department's exhibition of student work, opens at **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27**, with an alumni panel in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

The opening celebration will also include a reception and gallery opening at 5:30 p.m. in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, followed by a theater showcase at 7 p.m. in Weston Auditorium with a film and video screening to follow in Weston at 8 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

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