

Fitchburg State University Today

Observing Constitution Day

Fitchburg State will celebrate Constitution Day with an address on free speech today at 3:30 p.m. in the main lounge at Hammond Hall.

“Regulating Speech Online: Free Speech Values in Constitutional Frames” will be presented by Northeastern University Associate Professor Claudia E. Haupt. Dr. Haupt will discuss the constitutional issues at stake with online speech regulation and protection. The presentation is sponsored by the General Education Program.

In addition, the campus quadrangle will be the setting for an open session of the university’s public speaking class, with students practicing their skills at 11 a.m. **Thursday**. And the university’s communications law and ethics class will host a public discussion on the ethics of free speech at 9:30 a.m. **Friday** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.



Related Events

- Sept. 21, 3:30PM, Hammond Main Lounge: R.A. Salvatore, “The Future of Storytelling” (Literary Conversation)
- Sept. 22, 11AM, In the Quad: SPCH 1600 Public Speaking - First Amendment Speeches Practice
- Sept. 23, 9:30AM, Falcon Hub: COMM 4230 Communication Law & Ethics - Public Discussion: Ethics of Free Speech

Check out the “Books Unite Us, Censorship Divides Us” display all week in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library!



R.A. Salvatore '81, '91 will discuss "The Future of Storytelling" on Wednesday

Best-selling author [R.A. Salvatore](#), a two-time Fitchburg State alumnus, will return to campus this week to discuss “The Future of Storytelling.”

The talk, to be held at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday** in the main lounge of Hammond Hall, is free and open to the public.

The presentation is sponsored by the Fitchburg State University [Alumni Association](#).

Washington Center info sessions this week

The university will welcome the [Washington Center](#) representative LeeAnn Williams on **Tuesday** for in-person class/office visits and online sessions.

Those interested in arranging a meeting should contact [Professor Joshua Spero](#).

There will also be an open session at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday** in Percival Hall Room 107 with Williams and Financial Aid Associate Director Andrea Johnston. Register for the [information session](#) online.

Learn more about the university's collaboration with the Washington Center, and its internships and career-building programs, on our [website](#).



Police program graduates 5th cohort

The 5th Recruit Officer Course of Fitchburg State's groundbreaking police program [graduated](#) on Sept. 9 from the police academy, ready to report for duty in municipal police departments across Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The 21 members of the 5th ROC completed bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and spent the past 17 weeks in the police academy. The

majority of the graduates have already been hired by police departments.

[Learn more](#)

Journalism speaker series to launch

"Good News, Bad News," a series of talks about the state of journalism, will begin with a [talk](#) at 2 p.m. **Thursday** in Ellis White Lecture Hall by John Osborn, managing editor of The Harvard Press.

Osborn will discuss the value and challenges of publishing an independently-owned, community-staffed newspaper in a small market.

Sponsored by the Honors 1020 Current Events and Service Learning class.



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
ENGLISH STUDIES

**GOOD News,
BAD News**

**Real Talk
about the
State of
Journalism**

Thursday, September 22
2 PM | Hammond Hall
Ellis White Lecture Hall

John Osborn,
Managing Editor of
The Harvard Press
(Harvard, MA's fully independent local paper)

Mr. Osborn will discuss the value and challenges of publishing an independently owned, community-staffed newspaper in a small market. He'll discuss the ways the paper has remained financially viable. He'll discuss how the Press has mobilized and augmented its small staff to cover not only local news, but also issues of social injustice, environmental change, and, in coming months, the regional housing crisis.

Hosted by the Honors 1020 Current Events and Service Learning class
For more information please contact Dr. Wafa Unus at wunus@fitchburgstate.edu.

Latinx/a/o Heritage Month observed

Fitchburg State's celebration of [Latinx/a/o Heritage Month](#), including a series of programs and events organized around the theme "*Unidos (United): Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation,*" continues this week.

LATINx/a/o HERITAGE MONTH

Unido: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation

SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15

Upcoming events in Hammond Hall include "[Cafecito and Conversation](#)" at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; [game night](#) at 5 p.m. Thursday, and a [workshop](#) on leveraging language skills in the job search at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26.

Latinx/a/o Heritage Month is observed nationally Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

See all the month's programming at fitchburgstate.edu/latinxao-heritage-month.

Keep up with campus happenings on The Burg Blog

The [Burg Blog](#) continues to offer timely updates of campus life.

Recent articles and slideshows include the recent gallery talk by artist [Nayda Cuevas](#), scenes from Professor Kelly Morgan's [stage movement](#) class, the action of [Rock the Block XXIV](#), and classroom scenes including Professor Ronald Kreiser's [genetics lab](#) and Professor Sean Rollins' [general microbiology](#) lab.



Center for Faculty Scholarship events

The [Center for Faculty Scholarship](#) will present a series of [events](#) this fall showcasing research of faculty members. Programming will also incorporate student work.

Upcoming events include the faculty speaker series and a faculty research poster session at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in the main lounge of Hammond Hall.

[The center's events](#) will be posted on the [campus calendar](#).

CenterStage and cultural events

Acclaimed tenor John McDermott returns to campus for a performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 in Weston Auditorium. [Tickets](#) are available now.

McDermott, born in Scotland to Irish parents and raised in Toronto, draws from a wide repertoire of songs telling stories of love and war, of loss and history. A McDermott performance is a festival for the ears.



[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Note: Some recipients of the newsletter on Sept. 6 said they did not see Faculty Notes because the message was truncated. Those notes are included again this week, along with additional entries.

Professor Charles Sides (Communications Media) recently published two poems in the journal, *Appalachia Bare*: “Valoury Delia” and “Appalachia Song,” which included a Cherokee translation by Loretta J. Slade, first language speaker, Cherokee Nation.

Associate Professor Katharine Covino (English Studies) co-authored *You Got a Phone! (Now Read This Book)*, which was published this summer by Free Spirit Press. The illustrated volume was designed to be light, accessible and funny, with [information](#) on texting, taking and sharing pictures, online privacy, and maintaining healthy screen habits.

Associate Professor Kisha Tracy (English Studies) authored the book *Why Study the Middle Ages?* (Arc Humanities Press). The [book](#) is designed as an introductory guide that gathers and organizes information, current events and scholarship for non-specialists, including undergraduate students.

Associate Professor Daniel Welsh (Biology & Chemistry) presented his research at the Ecological Society of America's annual conference. His presentation, entitled "A big problem? Assessing microplastic abundance in freshwater streams and fish" quantified microplastic pollution in the local north central Massachusetts watershed. This research was done in conjunction with **Professor Elizabeth Gordon** (Earth and Geographic Sciences) and four undergraduate students at Fitchburg State.

Professor Emeritus James G. Colbert (Humanities) sends word that Brill has published a translation *The Dialectic of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola* by Gaston Fessard, S.J., Dr. Colbert did this translation with the late Oliva Blanchette of Boston College. Also published in late 2021, this time by St. Augustine's Press, was Dr. Colbert's translation of *The Tribulations of Sophia*.

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