

## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Digital media innovation major launches

Fitchburg State is launching a new bachelor's degree in [digital media innovation](#), preparing students for employment in continually evolving and intersecting fields including media/journalism, social media and content development.

The new, STEM-designated program recently received final approval from the state Board of Higher Education.

The 33-credit major will explore digital media and how digital technology and computing are changing social and cultural systems in employment markets as new tools reshape industries across the globe.

[Learn more](#)

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### LGBTQ+ History Month begins

Fitchburg State will celebrate [LGBTQ+ History Month](#) in October with a series of in-person and virtual events created around the theme “We Are Everywhere.”

The programs begin with a pride flag-raising ceremony and poetry reading

today at 3:30 p.m. on the patio outside Hammond Hall. The Fitchburg State Choir will perform “True Colors,” and speakers from across campus will offer remarks.

The events continue with a [virtual address](#) by transgender actress and activist Zoey Luna tonight at 7 p.m. As one of the first transgender youth public figures, Luna has shared her life story through several documentaries and interviews.

[Learn more about LGBTQ+ History Month](#)

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**Center for Faculty  
Scholarship events**

The [Center for Faculty Scholarship](#) will present a series of [events](#) this week showcasing research of faculty members.

Among the week's events:

- Associate Professor Daniel Welsh (Biology/Chemistry) will present "Patterns of variation in fish scale size within individuals across population" **today at 12:30 p.m.** Join the discussion [online](#).
- The campus welcomes Dartmouth College's Associate Professor Jeremy DeSilva for a discussion of his book, "First Steps: How Upright Walking Made us Human" at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday** in the Hammond lounge. Co-sponsored by ALFA.
- Faculty research poster presentations and "lightning talks" will be held in the main lounge of Hammond Hall from **2 to 5 p.m. Thursday**. The poster session will run from 2 to 3 p.m. with "lightning talks" to follow from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Faculty members will offer 5-7 minute talks on their research. A reception will follow.

These and other CFS events are posted on the [campus calendar](#).

## FALL 2022 EVENTS

### Mon. 10/3 @ 12:30

Faculty Speaker Series featuring Dr. Daniel Welsh (Biology) in his talk "Patterns of variation in fish scale size within individuals and across population" at <https://meet.google.com/oyq-obks-vgg>

### Mon. 10/3 @ 3:30

The CFS joins the celebration of LGBTQ+ History and Latin X History Months sponsored by the Office of Student Development with poetry readings that celebrate diversity and inclusion. **In-person at the Hammond Street Level Patio.**

### Wed. 10/5 @ 3:30

Jeremy DeSilva, paleoanthropologist and Associate Professor of Anthropology at Dartmouth College, speaks on his book *First Steps: How Upright Walking Made Us Human*. This event is co-sponsored with ALFA. **In-person in the Hammond Main Lounge.**

### Thurs. 10/6 @ 2:00

Faculty research poster session! Learn more about the research faculty across campus are doing right now. Refreshments served. **In-person in the Hammond Main Lounge.**

### Thurs. 10/6 @ 3:30

Faculty share 5-7 minute lightning talks on compelling questions and findings from their research. Refreshments served. **In-person in the Hammond Main Lounge.**

### Thurs. 10/13 @ 3:30

Faculty in the sciences share posters on active lab projects that students can participate in during the Spring 2023 semester. Refreshments served. **In-person in the Antonucci Science Building.**

### Mon. 11/7 @ 12:30

Faculty Speaker Series featuring Dr. Michael McCutcheon (Criminal Justice) in his talk "Emotional Intelligence and the Police" at <https://meet.google.com/tsd-jnoh-kkc>

### Mon. 12/5 @ 12:30

Faculty Speaker Series featuring Dr. Heather Urbanski (English Studies) in her talk "Interpretive Gaps in the Marvel Cinematic Universe" at <https://meet.google.com/gbq-tdw-egk>

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LEARN ABOUT THE RESEARCH BEING DONE AT FSU.



## Disability History Month observed

The university's observance of Disability History Month will feature a [keynote address](#) at 7 p.m. **Tuesday** by Hugo Treviño, a disability specialist at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The address will be shared online, and there will be a group viewing opportunity in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall.

Join the discussion [online](#) or dial in to +1 414-909-6738 and enter PIN: 453 656 159#

[Learn more](#)

## Roe v. Wade discussion Thursday

The campus is invited to join the panel talk "The Fifty-Year Fight over Roe v. Wade: Legal and Policy Perspectives" with **Assistant Professor Katherine Hazen** (Behavioral Sciences) and **Professor Paul Weizer** (Political Science). The talk will be given at **3:30 p.m. Thursday** in the Falcon Hub.

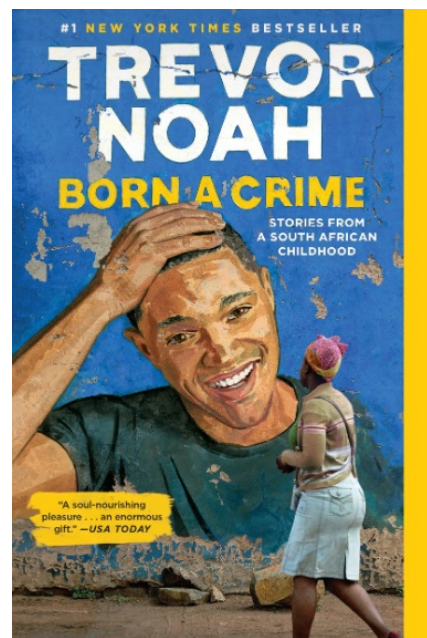
Almost from the day that Roe v. Wade was decided, it has been under constant attack. This year, almost 50 years later, Roe finally fell, increasing the number of and pace with which states were passing total or near total abortion bans. So, how did we get here? What does this mean for the future of other constitutional rights? What does that mean for pregnant people or people with the capacity to become pregnant?

Sponsored by the General Education Program.

## Community Read of *Born a Crime* begins with talk at Leominster Library

The 2022-23 [Community Read](#) of *Born a Crime* by comedian Trevor Noah begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Leominster Public Library, 30 West St., with a book discussion led by Professor Ben Railton (English Studies). The event is free and open to the public.

*Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.



Keep up with [Community Read](#) events online.



## Latinx/a/o Heritage Month continues this week

The university's celebration of [Latinx/a/o Heritage Month](#) continues this week. Upcoming events include:

- Cafecito and Conversation *Mi Orgullo* (My Pride) Edition, 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Hammond G01. This program, part of [Latinx/a/o Heritage Month](#) and [LGBTQ+ History Month](#), will be a timely conversation about topics that impact our communities. Coffee, Tea, and pastries will be served.
- *Mi Orgullo* (My Pride) Rainbow Reception and Art Exhibition with Worcester Based El Salon, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 in the Falcon Hub. This will be an afternoon of networking, storytelling, and exploration of Worcester Based QBIPOC Art Collective "El Salon" and their amazing art pieces that will showcase artists from the Worcester Region.
- Latinx/a/o Heritage Month Comedy Closing with Terrence DeLane and Rafi Gonzalez at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. The campus and greater Fitchburg community are invited for a night filled with laughter.



## R.A. Salvatore '81, '91 discusses "the future of storytelling"

Best-selling author and two-time Fitchburg State alumnus R.A. Salvatore returned to campus for a day-long residency that included addresses to student groups and a public audience on the topic of "The Future of Storytelling."

Salvatore talked about the expanding media footprint of storytelling. With 20 million books

sold since he was first published in the 1980s, Salvatore now plies his trade across media platforms, including graphic novels and games.

His newest book, *The Dao of Drizzt*, is a collection of journal entries written in the character of Salvatore's most popular creation, the dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden.

[Read more](#)

## 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 scenes from the Commuter Affairs' well-attended [alpaca yoga](#) session on the quad, Career Services and Advising Center's [resume workshop](#), the [jazz band](#) class rehearsing in Conlon Hall, and students practicing their [public speaking skills](#) in observance of Constitution Day.



### University well represented at United Way's Day of Caring

Fitchburg State sent 43 volunteers to 16 different sites for the United Way of North Central Massachusetts recent [Day of Caring](#).

University volunteers cleared veterans' headstones at Forest Hill Cemetery, pruned

and cleared brush at Gateway Park, cleaned and painted at Our Father's House Emergency Shelter, painted the hardtop at Lura White Elementary, and more.

[See photos from the event](#)

## Journalism speaker series continues Oct. 13

"Good News, Bad News," a series of talks about the state of journalism, continues at 2 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 13**, with a talk by Leominster Champion Editor David Dore in Hammond Hall, room G01.

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

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## Faculty Notes

**Professor Jane Fiske** and **Assistant Professor Amy McGlothlin** (Humanities) recently presented a joint recital for the Old Deerfield Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, sponsored by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. The recital was presented in the Music Room, Memorial Hall, one of New England's oldest museums. Originally one of Deerfield Academy's original school buildings, it opened as a museum in 1880. The recital program featured solo piano works by Claude Debussy, and works for alto saxophone and piano by Amy Quate, Lili Boulanger, André Chailleux, and Rudy Wiedoeft.

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