

Fitchburg State University Today



YOU'RE INVITED TO...

Sweet SixQueen

New England's Largest Drag Show

Hostess:
Raquel Blake
Ivy League
Smita Cocktail
Mizery
Nikita
L'Femme

Destiny
G. Licious G.
Lady Sabrina
Karisma
Abby
Cummings
Victoria
Obvious

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March 30th, 2023, 7pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)
Fitchburg State Recreation Center, 130 North Street
\$5 Students
\$10 General Public

Fitchburg State  Gay Straight Alliance 

Women's History Month continues

Our celebration of [Women's History Month](#) continues this week with a performance by the [Myanna Female Jazz Quintet](#) at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Falcon Hub, and the 16th annual [Drag Show](#) at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Athletics and Recreation Center.

Proceeds from the "Sweet SixQueen" drag show will support the LGBTQ Student Scholarship at Fitchburg State. The program is labeled as New England's largest and oldest drag show.

This event is for audiences aged 18 and over. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the information desk in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St., or [online](#).

Police program draws global interest

The university recently welcomed a delegation from the nation of Moldova to demonstrate its groundbreaking [police program](#).

"It's truly my privilege to give you an insight into what I think is the future of policing in the United States," said Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau, whose department employs four police program graduates. "Even though we may not speak the same language, our needs are the same and our passions for our shared professions are the same."

[Learn more](#)



Financial Sustainability Task Force seeks campus input

The [Financial Sustainability Task Force](#), announced earlier this



semester, has begun its work developing the first phase of a multi-phased process to propose and develop recommended strategies focused on efficient and effective allocation of resources and new/increased net revenue opportunities.

Members of the campus community are invited to submit anonymous

suggestions to the Task Force via an electronic survey on its [web page](#).

Harrod Lecture series continues Wednesday

Associate Professor Elise Takehana (English Studies) will present her Harrod Lecture "Database and Algorithm as Literary Infrastructure" at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday** in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center.

In the lecture, Dr. Takehana will discuss the conflicts and overlaps between storytelling and data analysis by exploring examples in experimental literature, interactive fiction, portraiture, and quantitative approaches to studying language and literature. The talk offers several reflections on the nature of human expression in the age of big data and how that might color what we think of as "human."

What's Authentic?
Uncommon Lessons from
MADE IN ITALY
by Dr. Elizabeth Krause

Throughout the 2022-23 academic year, the Center for Italian Culture will present a series of programs developed around the theme "Made in Italy." From fashion to sports cars to fine cuisine, the programs will spotlight the enduring impact and global reach of Italian-made products.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO
OR VISIT:
fitchburgstate.edu/made-in-italy

Thurs., March 30 | 3:30 PM
ELLIS WHITE LECTURE HALL
HAMMOND HALL

This talk will draw on ethnographic research in the **Made in Italy** arena across two different sectors—**slow figs and fast fashion**—to theorize authenticity.

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR ITALIAN CULTURE

CIC's "Made in Italy" series continues with talk on authenticity

The Center for Italian Culture continues its series on the "[Made in Italy](#)" brand this week with a look at the nature of "authenticity" itself.

Professor Elizabeth Krause from the Department of Anthropology at UMass Amherst will present "What's Authentic? Uncommon Lessons from Made in Italy" at **3:30 p.m. Thursday** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

Professor Krause's presentation will draw on ethnographic research in the Made in Italy arena across two different sectors - slow figs and fast fashion - to theorize authenticity. Admission is free and open to the public.

In April, the university will welcome Fred Plotkin, co-author of the just-published Rick Steves' Italy for Food Lovers, for a guided tasting of classic Italian cheeses entitled "Formaggio Formidabile." Additional details,

including ticketing information, will be posted soon.

[Learn more](#)

Submissions sought for Community Read storytelling event on April 6

Fitchburg State's yearlong [Community Read](#) of Trevor Noah's celebrated memoir *Born a Crime* concludes in

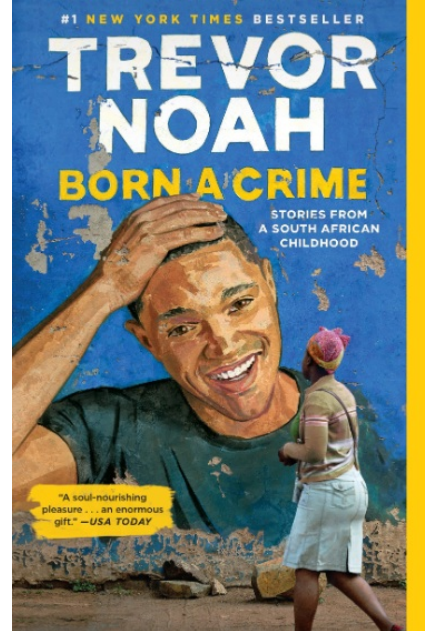
April with a program of personal storytelling.

The event will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6 in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The program is designed to encourage heartfelt, compelling, humorous, and honest tellings of the complex and rich lives led by our peers, students, neighbors, and colleagues.

Submissions, which should be approximately 5 minutes when read aloud, should be shared in writing to tiny.cc/keynotesubmission by Wednesday, March 29.

[Learn more](#)



Exercise and Sports Science alumni event scheduled for April 6

The Exercise and Sports Science Department will welcome alumni back to campus for a career night event from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 in the main lounge of Hammond Hall.

The event will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 4:30 and the alumni will begin their talks at 5 p.m.

EXSS CAREER NIGHT
ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES
Guest Speakers

Natalie Antaya
Physician Assistant

Brandon Mgeni
Strength & Conditioning Coach

Michelle Nkansah
Bioassay Quality Control Scientist (Moderna)

Brianna Mirenda
Occupational Therapist

Danielle Patton
BSN

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023
4:30 pm. to 7 pm.
Hors d'oeuvres beginning at 4:30
Speakers Series Begins at 5:00 pm
HAMMOND Main Lounge



Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

Follow the [Burg Blog](#) for timely updates of campus life.

Among the recent articles and slideshows, check out scenes from [International Night](#), the [women in the arts](#) celebration for Women's History Month, the [law enforcement career fair](#), staff [appreciation day](#), visitors enjoying a

Center for Italian Culture [film screening](#), and students performing at a fraternity's outdoor [jam-a-thon](#). Academic scenes include [acting for the camera](#), an introduction to [environmental science](#), and a [nursing simulation](#).

Study Abroad spotlight:

Students saw "Heart of Europe" over Spring Break

The Heart of Europe program dove into many difficult and important issues from Europe's past, present and future during their voyage earlier this month. This was **Professor Josh Spero's** fifth time taking students on an incredibly eye opening journey throughout Europe.



The group traveled across the Netherlands into Germany and Poland over Spring Break. They met with professors, students and diplomats from Rhine Waal University in Germany and University of Warsaw in Poland. Discussions centered around the importance of transatlantic diplomacy and Ukraine.

Students had a somber day of reflection at Auschwitz Birkenau Museum and Memorial and ended the program at the breathtaking Wieliczka Salt Mines outside of Kraków.

The three-credit Heart of Europe program will run again in May 2025. It has become a signature [faculty-led study abroad program](#) for the university.

Please contact inthelp@fitchburgstate.edu for more information.



Sustainability Snapshot

The Sustainability Advisory Committee shares the following information on recycling: Recycling saves energy and money. It is estimated that one ton of recycled plastic saves 5,774 Kwh of energy, 16.3 barrels of oil, 98 million BTUs of energy, and 30 cubic yards of landfill space. Here's some things you can do when on campus:

- PLEASE separate trash from recycling! "Single stream" recycling means that only recyclables can be mixed with each other. If any trash is in the recycling bin, then the whole bin must be thrown away.
- Every room on campus should have a blue recycle bin next to the trash can. If you are missing one, contact Facilities or the building's maintainers.
- For a complete list of what can/can not be recycled, please consult the campus [recycling guide](#).

Updates from Leading for Change

[Leading for Change](#) is our campus-level team focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. There are several action areas this year inspired by the Pride Index.

- Starting an active LGBTQ+ alumni group
- Identifying LGBTQ+-friendly employment and workplace information for internships, career services, and job opportunities in conjunction with Career Services
- Advertising LGBTQ+-focused events to encourage community attendance
- Submit the Pride Index campus response to include the progress we have been making

[Learn more](#)



CenterStage and cultural events

Now in Hammond Hall Art Gallery: ARTeries

ARTeries, the juried exhibition of student artwork, is now on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery.

The show, running through April 20, includes drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media art.

Coming in April: Communications Media production of "Extremities" April 18-23

The searing drama "Extremities" by William Mastrosimone will be presented as the Communications Media Department's Spring theater production this April. The production is directed by **Assistant Professor Mary Vreeland**, herself an award-winning director and actor.

Rape is about power, and what could happen if a victim took that power back from her attacker? Marjorie is assaulted in her home by Raul, a man who arrived out of nowhere, but before he can rape her, she is able to fight back. The next several hours are Marjorie's battle with herself: In surviving the attack, what must she do to live without fear? How can she punish Raul without becoming an "animal" herself?

"Extremities" will be performed at the Wallace Theatre for the Performing Arts in the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Performances will be at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18; Wednesday, April 19; Thursday, April 20; Friday, April 21; and Saturday, April 22.** There will be matinee performances at **2 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23.**

Also in April: VISIONS opens April 26

[Visions](#), the juried honors showcase of the year's best original student work in the Communications Media Department, opens **Wednesday, April 26.** The entire campus and local community looks forward to this annual event, which consists of an Alumni Panel, Gallery Art Exhibition, Theater Showcase, and a Film and Video screening. The schedule includes:

- 3:30 p.m. Alumni Panel, Ellis White Lecture Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Gallery Opening, Hammond Hall Art Gallery
- 5:30 p.m. Game Design Presentation and Reception, Hammond G-Lobby
- 7 p.m. Film and Video Screening, Weston Auditorium

[Learn more](#)

CenterStage presents: Artrageous, April 28

The high-energy, interactive performance troupe Artrageous will perform at Weston Auditorium at **7 p.m. Friday, April 28** as part of the Fitchburg State University CenterStage arts and culture series. Tickets are [available online](#).

Artrageous includes multi-talented performance artists, world class singers and recording artists, highly trained dancers and audience motivators, and veteran musicians hailing from the high desert of New Mexico. Their high energy performance is a combination of all arts on one stage combined with humor and interaction in a frenzy of movement and color.

[Learn more](#)



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