

Fitchburg State University Today



LGBTQ+ History Month continues

Fitchburg State's celebration of [LGBTQ+ History Month](#) continues this week, with events and celebrations organized around the theme, "We are a Voice."

This week's events include:

- **LGBTQ+ History Trivia Night, tonight at 7 p.m., Falcon Hub.** When was the first LGBTQ+ flag created? What does it mean to be a friend of Dorothy? Who is the number one LGBTQ+ performer of all time? Grab some friends and create a team. Prizes to be awarded to the top teams! Sponsored by Gay Straight Alliance
- **National Coming Out Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Hammond Street Level.** Every year on

National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ).

[LGBTQ+ History Month](#)

Latinx/a/o Heritage Month celebration continues

The university's celebration of [LatinX/A/O Heritage Month](#) continues this week, creating opportunities for community members to enjoy themselves and learn something new in the process.

Upcoming events include:

- **CDI Meet and Greet, today at 3:30 p.m., Hammond G04.** Join the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness and enjoy some good music, food, and community.
- **Chartwells LatinX/A/O Food Themed Night, Wednesday, Holmes Dining Commons.** Join Chartwells in Holmes Dining for LatinX/A/O themed food night!

[Latinx/a/o Heritage Month Events](#)



Driving while Black or Hispanic: The Constitution at Work
Sept. 18 | 3:30 pm | Hammond Main Lounge

Dr. Mary Fowler (Professor of Mathematics) will witness a Constitutional expert witness in support of making United States Constitutional provisions effective in Massachusetts. A series of racial profiling cases shows the development of this area of the law.

Salsa and Bachata Dance Class with Juan Mambó Lopez
Sept. 21 | 6:00 pm | Hammond G04/G01B

Join dance instructor and Fitchburg State alum Juan Mambó Lopez as he teaches you all the steps to get your salsa and bachata moves going. Bring a friend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Island Vibes Jouvert
Sept. 23 | 12:30 - 6:00 pm | Ross Parking Lot

Join the African Student Association and the Black Student Union for a Caribbean Carnival party at Ross Parking lot. Please plan to wear similar colors for the party at the event. Entry is free and food will be provided. Sounds by DJ Jukes, DJ Juce, and DJ D'Andre. Additional performances will take place.

Bomba de Acqui Afro-Puerto Rican Sound & Traditions Workshop
Sept. 26 | 6:00 pm | Hammond Main Lounge

Bomba is a musical genre and dance form that performs and teaches Afro-Puerto Rican traditions. The workshop will feature a teaching and performance experience about Afro-Puerto Rican music and arts.



Mariachi and Singer
Sept. 27 | 6:30 pm | Quadrangle

Join the LatinX/A/O Heritage Month Committee with a live mariachi band named Fiesta del Norte. Fiesta del Norte is a Mexican mariachi band performing the traditional folk and social music of Mexico. There will be free food, and great opportunities to engage on the stage. We encourage the greater Fitchburg Community to join and enjoy by the seat!



Career Services Internship Fair
Oct. 3 | 1-4 pm | Hammond Main Lounge

This fair focuses on internship opportunities for spring and summer 2024. Meet with employers, attending from several different industries. First-year students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend and take this opportunity to connect employers looking to hire Fitchburg State students for internships!



Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
Oct. 4 | 3:30 & 6:30 pm | Ellis White LH

Join the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness for the release of the new movie. Meet with multiple universities of spider heroes. Five popcorn will be provided.



CDI Meet and Greet
Oct. 10 | 3:30 pm | Hammond G04

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Chartwells LatinX/A/O Food Themed Night
Oct. 11 | Holmes Dining

Join Chartwells in Holmes Dining for LatinX/A/O themed food night!



FULL EVENT INFO  

Lapidus recognized as Distinguished Citizen



President Lapidus was honored in September as one of 2023's Distinguished Citizens by the Heart of New England Council, Boy Scouts of America. The award was presented at the organization's annual award dinner on Sept. 28, where Leominster Credit Union President and CEO Barbara Mahoney was also recognized.

The Heart of New England Council has honored a number of leading corporate and community leaders with the Distinguished Citizen Award. The Distinguished Citizen is chosen for his/her long standing commitment to our local communities. Their efforts have helped improve the quality of life for thousands of people who are less fortunate. Their tireless leadership, energy and vitality have been a true inspiration to all who serve within numerous charitable organizations. The values learned through the Boy Scouts are much the same as the values held by our Distinguished Citizen – good citizenship, outstanding moral fiber with a dedication to other, and for living their lives by the Scout Oath and Law.

[Watch the ceremony](#)

Panel talk on Oct. 16 focuses on Digital Media Innovation

Faculty members from the [Digital Media Innovation](#) major will take part in a panel discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16 in Ellis White Lecture Hall, where they will share their research and teaching interests, and how those interests are assisting students in their professional and academic pursuits.

[Learn more about Digital Media Innovation](#)

John Hughes
Kora performance by the internationally-renowned composer, musician, and educator
Monday, October 16th, 4PM
Hammond Main Lounge

What Is the Kora?
A West African stringed instrument with origins dating at least to the thirteenth century

"Play Me the Kora"
Play me the Kora.
Take me to heavenly heights,
The very essence of the
Strings plucked by the
Deft fingers of a thousand
Djelis* rolled into one,
Recounting the history of
Kingdoms erased by time.

by Unyierie Angela Idem
(Holyoke Community College)
*West African songwriters, musicians,
and keepers of history and tradition

This event made possible by the support
of the Newman Center Trust Fund.
A collaboration with ENGL 2008 Medieval
Africa and MUSC 1500 World Music.

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Celebrated musician presents West African kora performance on Oct. 16

The campus will host a kora performance by internationally renowned composer, musician and educator [John Hughes](#) at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16 in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The kora is a West African stringed instrument with origins dating back at least to the 13th century. Hughes, who has released six albums of original music, has studied the music, song and dance of West Africa for more than 28 years, training with numerous master drummers and dancers from Guinea and Mali. His musical style crosses cultural boundaries and fuses disparate influences.

The performance at Fitchburg State is made possible with the support of the Newman Center Trust Fund and in collaboration with the university's English Studies Department and Professor Kisha Tracy, Humanities Department Associate Professor Amy McGlothlin and Associate Professor Jonathan Harvey.

[Learn more](#)

CIC's "Nuovo Mondo" series keynote address on Oct. 19

The Center for Italian Culture (CIC)'s 2023-24 series "[Nuovo Mondo: A Century of Migrations from and to Italy](#)" continues on Thursday, Oct. 19 with a keynote address.

The Dr. Joseph Luzzi Residency Keynote Address: "My Two Italies: A Personal and Cultural History" will be presented at **3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19**, in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Dr. Luzzi, the Asher B. Edelman Professor of Literature at Bard College, will discuss the subject of Italian immigration to America, with special reference to his 2014 memoir, *My Two Italies: A Personal and Cultural History*. Admission is free and open to the public.

[Learn more about Nuovo Mondo](#)



Campus will host interview and performance by "AGT" breakout Lavender Darcangelo

Fitchburg's own Lavender Darcangelo, who made it to the finals of the national competition show "America's Got Talent," will be interviewed live - and perform - at Weston Auditorium at 12 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 21.** The event, produced by [Fitchburg Access Television](#), will be a live taping of the "Barbara & You" program.

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[Tickets](#) are free and may be reserved on the FATV [website](#).

Submissions sought for Generative AI showcase

To stimulate creativity and foster collaboration, the [Digital Media Innovation](#) major is hosting an annual creative showcase to which all members of the campus community are welcome to participate. **Associate Professor J.J. Sylvia's** Creative Coding class will have their work featured as part of the showcase, which will be held at **3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23** in Randall Lecture Hall in the Antonucci Science Complex. Anyone who would like to submit work for this should do so [online](#) by **Friday, Oct. 20**.



There are no limitations on what can be submitted, but to give you an idea, submissions may include but are not limited to:

- Poems, stories, or journalism collaboratively written with AI
- Creative coding projects that feature code or media generated by AI
- Films/videos that feature images and/or audio generated by AI
- Generative Art Installations: Physical or digital art installations where generative AI contributes to the art-making process

- Musical Compositions: Pieces of music that are composed or performed in collaboration with AI algorithms
- Language and Cultural Projects: Linguistic studies or cultural commentaries that make creative use of AI to understand or represent human culture
- AI in Theater: Plays or skits where dialogues, scenes, or plots have been generated or modified by AI

Submissions are being collected at <http://forms.gle/M6BUcBr4fyCqmZtF6>.



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, see scenes from LGBTQ+ History Month [flag-raising ceremony](#), the Career Services and Advising Center's fall [internship fair](#), University Police hosting [Coffee with a Cop](#) in the Falcon Hub, [alpaca yoga](#) on the Quad, and our [multi-camera television production class](#) in action at FATV's downtown studio.

CenterStage and Cultural Events

Faculty Recital Thursday, Oct. 26

Members of the Fitchburg State music faculty will perform a recital at 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26 in Weston Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

FITCHBURG STATE
MUSIC FACULTY RECITAL

THURS., OCTOBER 26 | 4 PM | WESTON AUDITORIUM



FEATURING
Jane Fiske
Jonathan Harvey
Amy McGlothlin
Justin Casinghino

SPECIAL GUESTS
Kris Layton
Cynthia Schilling
Alanna Rantala

PERFORMING ON
Fitchburg State's new 9-foot Steinway Model D concert grand piano.

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The varied program will feature voice, piano, saxophone, and mixed media repertoire from the 19th century through contemporary times. Music faculty will be performing on Fitchburg State's new nine-foot Steinway Model D concert grand piano. Performers will include faculty members **Jane Fiske, Jonathan Harvey, Amy McGlothlin and Justin Casinghino**, along with Kris Layton, Cynthia Schilling and Alanna Rantala.

Learn more about Fitchburg State's offerings at fitchburgstate.edu/music.

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Faculty Show opens Oct. 23

The annual Faculty Show will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery from Oct. 23 to Dec. 15. The opening reception will be held at 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 26** at the gallery, followed by a film/video screening at 4 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall.

The gallery show will feature work by faculty members **Sarah Bromberg, Petri Flint, Jason Flynn, Robert Harris, Jon Krasner, Hanna Melnyczuk, Sally Moore, Andrea Olmstead, Jessica Robey, Britt Snyder, Donald Tarallo, and Jeff Warmouth**. The film screening will include work by faculty members **Rachelle Dermer, Robert Harris and Kevin McCarthy**.

Now on display through Oct. 15, see powerful drawings inspired by the war in Ukraine in artist Hanna Melnyczuk's [exhibit](#) "Don't Close Your Eyes."

Melnyczuk began creating these drawings upon Russia's invasion of Ukraine in an attempt to show her personal attempts to process what is happening to the country her parents left in 1944. Influenced by her work on children's books, the images in this collection show her struggle to understand the unfathomable acts of war that fill her mind.

Melnyczuk held a gallery talk last week; see [photos](#) from the event on the Burg Blog.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Professor Laura Garofoli (Psychological Science) will be recognized in November by Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll as a recipient of the 2023 Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. The ceremony will be held in the State House on Nov. 8. The Governor's Award winners are selected from the statewide recipients of the Commonwealth's Performance Recognition Awards.

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