
Fitchburg State University Today

Homecoming 2023 begins Friday, Nov. 3

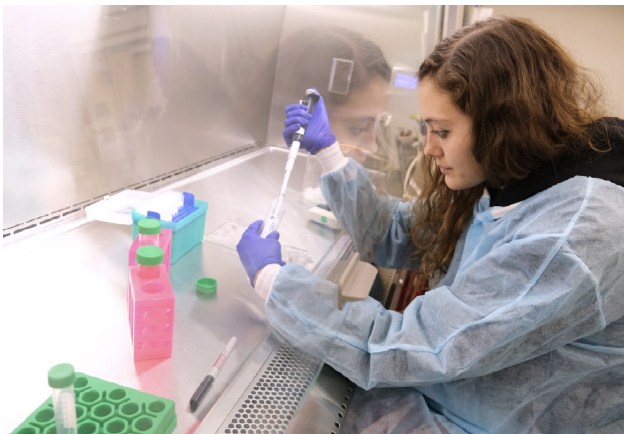
Homecoming weekend will be celebrated **Friday, Nov. 3** through **Sunday, Nov. 5**, bringing together Falcons from yesterday and today. All Falcons and their families are invited to attend.

The festivities begin Friday, Nov. 3, with the women's [volleyball](#) game at 4 p.m. at the Athletics and Recreation Center, and continue with the pep rally and carnival at 6:30 p.m. in the Ross Street lot.

Saturday's events include a tailgate at the Wallace Civic Center starting at 11 a.m. Then, cheer on the Falcons with [football](#) at 12 p.m. at Elliot Field and [ice hockey](#) at 4 p.m. in the Civic Center. The evening concludes with a dance and casino night at 7 p.m. at the Athletics and Recreation Center.

View the complete schedule at fitchburgstate.edu/homecoming.

[Homecoming events](#)



Grant from Moderna will support student research

Fitchburg State will launch a community of research fellows mentored by faculty this fall with a newly-announced grant from the Moderna Charitable Foundation. The university's [Biology and Chemistry Department](#) will lead the effort, targeting traditionally underserved populations to engage students in mentorship and high-impact practices as an undergraduate

research community. Students will also be paid stipends for their time in the [program](#).

“We are grateful for the support of the Moderna Charitable Foundation for this initiative that will lead to meaningful educational experiences for our students,” President Lapidus said. “The faculty mentorship and instruction that is built into this program will encourage student success while fostering the next generation of researchers.”

“We are grateful for funding that allows us to expand our capacity to mentor students

through a unique, powerful program, supporting students' skill development, career exploration, and financial needs," said Dean of Health and Natural Sciences Jennifer Hanselman.

[Learn more](#)

Generative AI showcase to be held today at 3:30 p.m.

To stimulate creativity and foster collaboration, the [Digital Media Innovation](#) major is hosting an annual creative showcase **today at 3:30 p.m.** in Randall Lecture Hall in the Antonucci Science Complex.

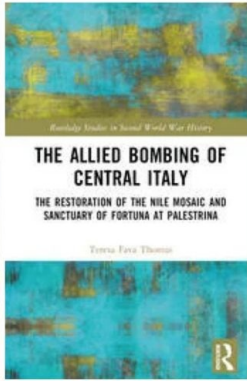



All members of the campus community were invited to submit works for consideration at the showcase, which will also feature work from **Associate Professor J.J. Sylvia's** Creative Coding class.

Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library & Center for Faculty Scholarship
present

Dr. Teresa Fava Thomas Book Launch

Tuesday
Oct 24
3:30 pm
Hammond Hall
Room S03



CFS book talk features Teresa Fava Thomas

The [Center for Faculty Scholarship](#) will present a discussion with **Professor Teresa Fava Thomas** (Economics, History and Political Science) celebrating the publication of her new book, *The Allied Bombing of Central Italy: The Restoration of the Nile Mosaic and Sanctuary of Fortuna at Palestrina*, at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday** in the library's Archives and Special Collections in Room S203. The book was published by Routledge in September.

The volume "explores the pressure by the Mussolini regime to control the Barberini family's art collection,

the uses of cultural materials for propaganda purposes, the Allied use of airpower in the Italian theater of war, the postwar decision-making and recovery process. The book is one of the very few long-range studies of the war's impact on a single Italian town."

This event is cosponsored by the [Center for Faculty Scholarship](#) and the [Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library](#). Refreshments will be served.

Students compete in College Fed Challenge

Fitchburg State this year joined the [College Fed Challenge](#), a national competition wherein teams of undergraduate students from across the country analyze economic and financial conditions and develop monetary policy recommendations. Their

proposals are then offered in formal presentations to teams of judges.

This month, Fitchburg State's inaugural College Fed Challenge team took part in the regional competition, which participants said deepened their understanding of economics and offered an experience of researching and creating a polished presentation.



[Learn more](#)



LGBTQ+ History Month events

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

This week's events include:

- Episodes 3 and 4 of "The Book of Queer" will screen tonight at 7 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall.
- The Second Chance Prom Gayla will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Hammond Main Lounge. A second chance dance is a do-over dance for those who didn't get a chance to attend their high school prom as their true authentic selves, to attend with who they wanted to, or who felt as though they weren't allowed to. The goal is to allow everyone to present the way they want in a

safe place with a masquerade theme and have fun. All are encouraged to dress in their favorite color that expresses who they are! Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and local GSAs are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Gay Straight Alliance.

[LGBTQ+ History Month](#)

CIC's Nuovo Mondo series continues

The Center for Italian Culture's [Nuovo Mondo](#) series, exploring a century of migrations to and from Italy, continues this week with a virtual genealogy workshop at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Programming continues in November with a screening of Martin Scorsese's acclaimed documentary film *Italianamerican* (1974) at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The documentary features the award-winning filmmaker's parents, Catherine and Charles Scorsese, who reflect on their experiences as the children of Italian immigrants to New York City.

[Learn more](#)

NUOVO MONDO

A Century of Migrations
from and to Italy



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Speakers Series continues Nov. 6

The university's Speakers Series will continue at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6 with a talk by Professor Thomas Schilling (Psychological Science) entitled "The Opioid Crisis in Worcester County." View the presentation [online](#).



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 the Center for Italian Culture [Nuovo Mondo](#) series [keynote address](#) by Dr. Joseph Luzzi, the STEM

Week [faculty research symposium](#), the Fitchburg Activities Board "[Build a Wizard Bear](#)" event, John Hughes' African [kora performance](#), and the first [open house](#) of the fall admissions season (the next open house is scheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 28).

CenterStage and Cultural Events

Music Mega-Mix on Tuesday, Oct. 24

The Music Mega-Mix, Fitchburg State University's showcase of bite-sized performances by the university's Community Orchestra, Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Modern Band, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Weston Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

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.

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

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, Nov. 2 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**.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Professor Teresa Fava Thomas (Economics, History and Political Science) presented an invited lecture on Italian immigration to Massachusetts at the *Circolo Italiano* of Amherst, Massachusetts based on the research for her book, *The Reluctant Migrants: Migration from the Italian Veneto to Central Massachusetts*.

In addition, the World History Encyclopedia published her [article](#), *Doge's Palace in Venice*. WHE is an online encyclopedia, and the article also appears in French as *Palais des Doges*.

Professor Peter Staab (Mathematics) and former Assistant Professor Rachael Norton received a Remixing Open Textbooks through an Equity Lens (ROTEL) grant to adapt homework problems to improve accessibility and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in introductory statistics courses. They also incorporated the problems into the open-source online homework platform, WeBWork. Their [book](#) was recently released through PressBooks. Fitchburg State is one of six Massachusetts institutions participating in the ROTEL grant. This project provides stipends for faculty to remix and/or develop accessible, intentionally inclusive open textbooks and other open educational resources that reflect students' local and lived experiences.

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