

Fitchburg State University Today

Falcons gather for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend



The university welcomed hundreds of alumni, guests and current students to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

From the pep rally, bonfire and carnival in the Ross Street lot to an in-person celebration of the Class of 2020, the events represented a joyful gathering of Falcons on the main campus and Elliot Field.

Check out scenes from the weekend on our [Facebook page](#).

LGBTQ+ History Month observances continue

Fitchburg State's celebration of [LGTBQ+ History Month](#), a series of gatherings, film screenings and participatory events developed around the theme "We Are Here," continues this week.

The [programs](#) continue with the launch of a Monday night movie series with a screening of the Academy Award-winning film "Moonlight" **tonight at 7 p.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

Based on the unpublished play "In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue" by Tarell Alvin McCraney, this film tells the story of a young black man coming to grips with his homosexual feelings. It was the first film with an entirely African-American cast and the first with a homosexual main character to win the Academy Award for Best Picture. Admission is free and open to the public. Face coverings are

Speakers Series resumes today

The university's Speakers Series resumes today at 12:30 p.m. with a presentation by Associate Professor Adem Elveren (Economics, History and Political Science) on "The Impact of Militarization on Gender Inequality."

The talk will be given live at the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#) in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library, but can also be viewed via [Google Meet](#).

The talk will be recorded for later sharing.

Meet Odin, the University Police Department K9 officer



The newest member of the Fitchburg State Police Department has a lot in common with his fellow officers - he's friendly, hard-working, approachable, and knows how to follow orders. But this officer runs on four legs.

Odin, an English Labrador "recruited" by Officer Erin Morreale, formally joins the department as a comfort dog this fall.

Morreale and her husband, who is a police officer in another department, adopted Odin last year. "I've had dogs my whole life," she said. "He's got a brother at home."

[Learn more](#)

Latinx/a/o Heritage Month events continue

Our observance of [Latinx/a/o Heritage Month](#) continues this week when the the [Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness](#) for our first "Courageous Conversation" of the year at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the main lounge at Hammond Hall.

The discussion will include an analysis of "In the Heights," media representation of Black people, and antiblackness in Hispanic Latinx cultures. Join in the discussion, bring a friend, and enjoy some light refreshments.

LATINx/a/o HERITAGE MONTH

Be proud of your past, Embrace the future

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2021



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

EVENT INFO & LINKS TO ATTEND MEETS

Why We Should All Read Mexican American Author María Amparo Ruiz de Burton
Sept. 16, 3:30 PM | 1015 White Lecture Hall

OPENING EVENT
Musician, Jorge Ace
Sept. 16, 8:00 PM | Hammond Hall
Join us for a special performance by Jorge Ace, a multi-talented musician, singer, and actor who has performed at various venues.

Did You Know?
Sept. 21, 9 PM | Quad
Join us for an afternoon of trivia with prizes, food, and a raffle. Tickets are \$5.

Leading for Change at Hispanic Serving Institutions
Sept. 22, 3:30 PM | Google Meet
Presented by C. Lisa Garcia

CDI: In the Heights Movie Showing
Sept. 27, 6:30 PM | 1015 White Lecture Hall

Deepening Connections: Using Heritage through Study Abroad
Sept. 29, 3:30 PM | Google Meet
Presented by Heidi Garcia

Radio Host Jose Masso
Sept. 30, 3:30 PM | 1015 White Lecture Hall & Google Meet
Join us for a special performance by Jose Masso, a radio host and musician who has performed at various venues.

Latinx Heritage Month Point Night
Oct. 1, 7 PM | Hammond Hall
Join us for a special performance by the Latinx Heritage Month Point Night.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION: In the Heights & antiblackness in Hispanic Latinx cultures
Oct. 5, 3:30 PM | Hammond Main Lounge
Join us for a special discussion with an analysis of the heights movie and the representation of Black people in Hispanic Latinx cultures.

A Taste of Latin America
Oct. 6, 7:30 PM | Holmes Dining
Join us for a special event where we will taste different dishes from various Latin American countries.

Tracing the Term Latinx: Cultural Politics and Representation in the US
Oct. 12, 6 PM | Google Meet
Presented by Dr. Andrea Ramirez-Corral and Dr. Jorge Linares (English Studies)

Professionalism: Using Language Skills in your Job/Internship Search
Oct. 13, 3:30 PM | 1015 White Lecture Hall
Presented by Susan Reddy & Dr. Rosa Duarte

CLOSING EVENT
NPR Journalist Maria Hinojosa
Oct. 15, 7 PM | Weston Auditorium
Join us for a special performance by NPR Journalist Maria Hinojosa.

Delivery Key
Virtual
In-person
Hybrid

Latinx Book Display
All Month | Gallucci-Cirio Library

Parade of Nations (Flags)
Sept. 15, 12:30 PM | Quad

Programs continue at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday with "A Taste of Latin America" in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall, when LASO invites guests to taste different plates that represent

Latin culture.

And at 2 p.m. Friday, Assistant Professor Karina Bautista (Humanities) and Assistant Professor Diego Ubiera (English Studies) will present a [virtual discussion](#) about the value and limitation of the X in "Latinx." Join the discussion [online](#).

[See the List of Events](#)

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report published



The university has completed the [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#) for 2021 and the complete document is now available for public view.

The [report](#), compiled in accordance with federal law, is available to view online on the University Police Department's website. All campus crime statistics required by the Clery Act are provided, including, for certain categories, the number of persons referred for campus disciplinary action. Information about crime prevention and safety awareness programs is also provided.

Hard copies of the report will also be available at University Police, Human Resources, Admissions and the Office of Student Affairs.

Career Services and Advising Center hosts job fair Thursday

The [Career Services and Advising Center](#) will sponsor its Job and Internship Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Athletics and Recreation Center. 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 with employers looking to hire Fitchburg State students. Full-time jobs, part-time jobs and internship opportunities are available.

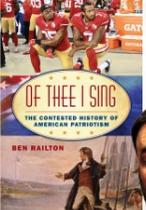


Center for Faculty Scholarship hosting faculty book talk Oct. 13

The [Center for Faculty Scholarship](#) will host a celebration of recent faculty-authored publications at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 in the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#) in the [Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library](#). The event will include 10-minute presentations from

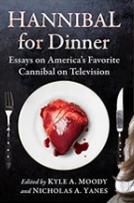
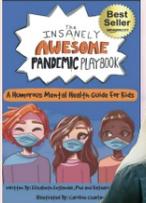
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DEMISTY BELLINGER-DELFELO **BEN RAILTON**



KYLE MOODY **KATY COVINO**

Associate Professor **Demisty Bellinger-Delfeld** (English Studies), **Associate Professor Katharine Covino** (English Studies), **Associate Professor Kyle Moody** (Communications Media) and **Professor Ben Railton** (English Studies). The presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a reception. The event will also be [streamed](#) via Google Meet.

Center for Italian Culture film series continues this month

The [Center for Italian Culture](#) at Fitchburg State, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2021, continues its Italian film festival this month.

The series continues with *Noi eravamo* (2017) at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 20**, in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Set in Italy's Veneto region during the last months of the First World War, *Noi eravamo* ("We were") recounts the stories of the sons and daughters of Italian emigrants who returned to volunteer as pilots and nurses in Italy's struggle against the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This film was inspired by Fiorenzo La Guardia, the son of Italian emigrants, who was among the volunteers who came to fight in Europe, flying the famous Caproni planes, and who later became one of the most famous mayors of New York City. This unforgettable film was written by Salvatore De Mola and Leonardo Tiberi and directed by Leonardo Tiberi.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Face coverings are required indoors on campus.

The *Festival del cinema italiano* is sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture with the generous support of the Italian Consulate General in Boston.

[Learn more](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Gregg Swiatlowski '06 wins Emmy Award



Gregg Swiatlowski '06 won the Emmy Award for outstanding sound editing for a limited or anthology series for the Netflix phenomenon *The Queen's Gambit* at the recent Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

It was the first win and second nomination for Swiatlowski.

"I couldn't attend that first Emmys because it happened to fall on the same night as my wedding," he said. "I chose to get married."

Swiatlowski has worked in feature films and TV shows throughout his career since graduating from Fitchburg State. He finished his [undergraduate studies](#) in 2006 with a full-time internship on an independent feature film.

[Read more](#)

Faculty Notes

Professor Robin Dinda (Humanities) performed an organ concert for The Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on May 24, in celebration of Nashville opening up concert venues after more than a year. The program was a pops concert consisting of jazz and rock standards arranged by Dinda, as well as original compositions. A video of the concert can be viewed [online](#).

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