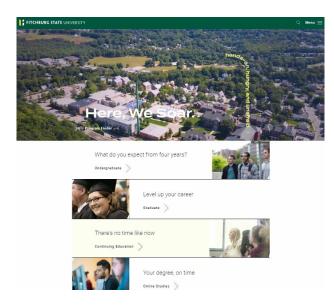
# FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

## Fitchburg State University Today

## New university website launching tomorrow



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The new site will be a more dynamic digital representation of the university, and is designed to provide a better experience for the thousands of visitors who come to the site on mobile devices.

For those of you who use the website to navigate to pages like university email, Web4, Banner, or other sites, know that those resources will still be easy to find. Just click on the three-line "hamburger" menu at the top right of the homepage, and it will open a window of quick links that include

**resources for** individual audiences, including faculty and staff. Clicking there will take you to frequently-requested items like the staff directory, email link, time and attendance, technology resources, Web4, Tk20, Banner, Blackboard, the catalog, and the SSC Advising Platform, among others.

## Care and Share program helping those in need

The campus is again launching its holiday Care and Share campaign, providing an opportunity to make a difference for those less fortunate. This year's program will see the campus adopting 128 children from 58 families in the McKay Arts Academy community.

In addition to gifts for individual children, donations are accepted for the program at all times. To donate, checks may be mailed to the Student Development Office or Development Office at any time, made out to the Fitchburg State University Foundation with "Care and Share" in the memo line.

## Center for Faculty Scholarship hosts virtual book launch Tuesday

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library and Center for Faculty Scholarship will present a <u>virtual</u> <u>book launch</u> of faculty publications tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

The program will celebrate the recent publications of works by **Professor Ben Railton (English Studies), Professor Ricky Sethi** 

(Computer Science), Professor Elise Takehana (English Studies) and Professor Paul Weizer (Economics, History and Political Science).

Each of the faculty authors will give 15-minute presentations of their works, to be followed by time for questions and answers.

The Center for Faculty Scholarship is also launching its second annual round of faculty-student research stipends. With funding from the provost's office, the center will be giving two \$500 stipends to students who conduct a research



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project with a faculty member in the spring semester. The deadline for applications, which have been shared with students through their university email accounts, is **Friday**.

## Join the Faculty Book Launch Here

## Black History Month proposals due tomorrow

The Black History Month Committee is soliciting proposals for programs and visual art to be shared in February. Proposals for programs and visual art are due tomorrow.

The committee - including students, faculty, staff, and administrators - has adopted the national 2021 theme from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. The theme - "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" - is described as follows: The black family has been a topic of study in many disciplineshistory, literature, the visual arts and film studies, sociology, anthropology, and social policy. Its representation, identity, and diversity have been reverenced, stereotyped, and vilified from the days of slavery to our own time. The black family knows no single location since family reunions and genetic-ancestry searches testify to the spread of family members across states, nations, and continents.

If you have any questions, please forward them directly to jcochran@fitchburgstate.edu and cmedley@fitchburgstate.edu.



## Moot Court teams bound for national tournament after regional success

Fitchburg State is once again sending two teams to the American Moot Court Association National Tournament after another strong showing at the Eastern Regional contest held virtually on Nov. 20-21.

Seniors Samantha Beauchamp of Sutton and Theresa Dzierwinski of Ludlow finished sixth overall out of 54 teams at the regional competition, while senior Madison LaRoche of East Templeton and junior Benjamin Hill of Troy, N.H. finished seventh overall.

The competition features teams of students arguing opposing sides of a legal issue, like in an appellate court proceeding. The competitors make oral arguments and respond to questions from a panel of judges, as well as submit written briefs.

#### Learn more



## Alden Trust grant enhancing nursing lab

The Nursing Department's simulation laboratory in Thompson Hall will receive \$100,000 worth of improvements thanks to a grant from the George I. Alden Trust.

The funds will support the purchase of essential technical equipment that will assist nursing students in learning critical thinking and clinical judgment skills in preparation for their healthcare careers.

President Lapidus said the Alden Trust funds will enhance the capacity of Fitchburg State's existing simulation lab, including an upgraded audio-visual system and related programming for its "manikins," as the lifelike patient simulators are known.

The enhancements will let faculty record student experiences in the lab, which will improve the debriefings that are critical to student learning following simulations.

## CenterStage and cultural events



The university choirs and Christ Church Fitchburg recently <u>collaborated</u> to create a performance from a distance. Each musician's independently created contribution has been combined to build a performance of Black British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's (1875-1912) anthem for choir and organ, "O Ye That Love the Lord" (1892),

as a tribute to this musical luminary. This project was supported by a grant from the Douglas & Isabelle Crocker Center for Civic Engagement at Fitchburg State University.

## Watch it here!

## In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery

"Common Ground," featuring the work of artist Ann Strassman, remains on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery as well as <u>virtually</u>.

Strassman's work has been featured in numerous solo exhibits in Massachusetts and beyond. The artist, whose creations include oils on canvas and acrylics on cardboard, has collected numerous accolades over the course of her career.

View the exhibit online here.

## **Faculty Notes**

Professor Lillian Bobea (Behavioral Sciences) participated in the Security Challenges during Multiple Crisis conference, presenting on the topic of "The Returns if the Military to Politics." The presenters included well known scholars in the



areas of security and defense in Latin America and the United States. The conference is organized by the German foundation Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

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