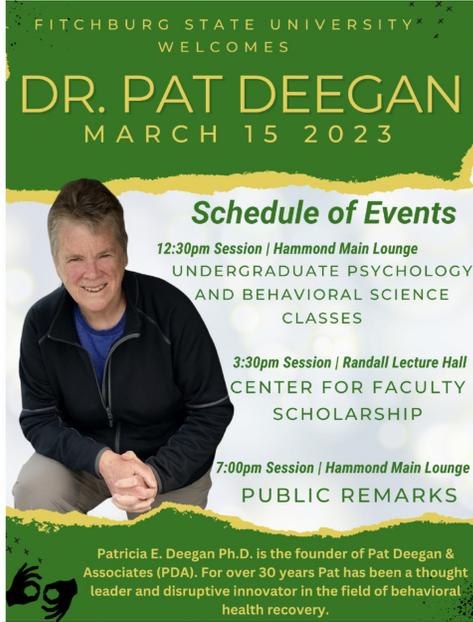

Fitchburg State University Today



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
WELCOMES
DR. PAT DEEGAN
MARCH 15 2023

Schedule of Events

12:30pm Session | Hammond Main Lounge
UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY
AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
CLASSES

3:30pm Session | Randall Lecture Hall
CENTER FOR FACULTY
SCHOLARSHIP

7:00pm Session | Hammond Main Lounge
PUBLIC REMARKS

Patricia E. Deegan Ph.D. is the founder of Pat Deegan & Associates (PDA). For over 30 years Pat has been a thought leader and disruptive innovator in the field of behavioral health recovery.

Women's History Month continues

Our celebration of [Women's History Month](#) continues this week with a presentation by Dr. Patricia Deegan '77, a nationally renowned disability rights advocate, psychologist and lecturer. Dr. Deegan will talk for the public at 7 p.m. **Wednesday** in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. Dr. Deegan's talk will include ASL interpreters.

Dr. Deegan will also make presentations to students (at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the main lounge) and faculty (at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Science Lecture Hall) during her visit.

[Additional Women's History Month Events](#)

Military Friendly designation renewed

Fitchburg State has once again earned the 2023-2024 Military Friendly School designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. The rankings measure institutions' ability to meet thresholds for retention, graduation, job placement, repayment, persistence, and loan default rates for all students, and specifically for student veterans.

[Learn more](#)

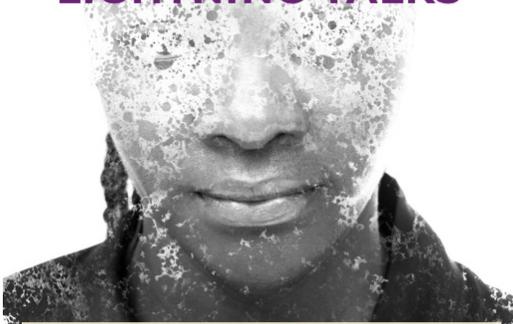


Speakers Series continues today

The faculty Speakers Series continues **today** at 12:30 p.m. with a [virtual talk](#) by Dr. Patricia Kio (Engineering Technology) on "Using Deep Learning to Predict the Global Warming Potential of Renewable Energy Waste as Orient Strand Boards in the USA by 2050."

**Center for Faculty Scholarship
research week**

Mental Health Affects Us All LIGHTNING TALKS



Come hear 7-minute lightning talks from faculty and staff across campus on their thoughts, experiences, and research on mental health issues. All are welcome to listen, ask questions, and enjoy refreshments.

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| Kisha Tracy (English Studies) A Medieval Origin of Communities of Mental Health | John Crowley, Yang Liu, & John Lohman (Business) The Dark Side on Social Media |
| Elizabeth Swartz (TRIO) What Are Students Identifying as Their Needs? Data from the College Student Inventory | Elise Takehana (English Studies) Representing Suicide in Contemporary Literature |
| Mark Williams (Human Services) Minority Stress and LGBTQ Mental Health | Jason Talanian (Exercise & Sports Science) Benefits of Physical Activity on Mental Wellness |
| Kiernan Riley (Nursing) The End of Life Period for Persons with Severe Mental Illness | Kori Ryan (Human Services) Centering Trauma in Discussions About Mental Health |
| | Heather Urbanski (English Studies) Mental Health Begins with Forgiveness |

March 14 at 3:30 PM | Ellis White Lecture Hall, Hammond
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

The Center for Faculty Scholarship will celebrate Research Week with [programs](#) organized around theme of Mental Health in America.

Presentations will include a program of lightning talks at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Presenters and topics will include:

- **Kisha Tracy** (English Studies): “A Medieval Origin of Communities of Mental Health”
- **Elizabeth Swartz** (TRIO SSS): “What Are Students Identifying as Their Needs? Data from the College Student Inventory”
- **Mark Williams** (Behavioral Sciences): “Minority Stress and LGBTQ Mental Health”
- **Kiernan Riley** (Nursing): “Effective Management for Severe Mental Health in Older Adults”
- **John Crowley, Yang Liu, and John Lohmann** (Business Administration): “The Dark Side of Social Media”
- **Elise Takehana** (English Studies): “Representing Suicide in Contemporary Literature”
- **Jason Talanian** (Exercise and Sports Science): “Benefits of physical activity on mental wellness”
- **Kori Ryan** (Behavioral Sciences): “Centering Trauma in Discussions about Mental Health”
- **Heather Urbanski** (English Studies): “Mental Health Begins with Forgiveness”

The program will include time for questions and answers with presenters. Refreshments will be served.

There will also be a series of workshops starting at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16 in the Hammond lounge, on topics including relaxation techniques, meditation, mindfulness, and equity in mental health delivery. Additional details will be shared with the campus soon.



Celebrate "Pi Day" (3.14) with Math Department on Tuesday

The Mathematics Department will celebrate Pi Day on Tuesday (3.14) with events that are open to the campus community.

- At 11 a.m., there will be a 3.14 mile run/walk that starts outside the North Street doors to the Science Complex. Appropriate gear is encouraged.
- At 1:59 p.m. there will be a gathering on the quad side of Edgerly with pies and cookies for all. Come celebrate the fascination of the number pi (or just hang out with other pi-aficionados). In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the third floor of Edgerly.

CIC's "Made in Italy" series continues with film and talks

The Center for Italian Culture continues its series on the “[Made in Italy](#)” brand this month with events exploring Italian fashion and a deeper look at the nature of “authenticity” itself.



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The spring programming continues at **3:30 p.m. Thursday** with a screening of the documentary film *Stracci* in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The documentary discusses the sustainability of fashion by looking at it through the eyes of those who have always recycled used clothes and transformed them into raw materials. A journey that starts from Prato, the world capital of recycled wool, and goes around the world, to discover the impact on the planet of the excessive consumption to which the world of fashion has educated us.

Following the screening, **Associate Professor Kevin McCarthy** (Communications Media) will facilitate a virtual question and answer session with *Stracci* director Tommaso Santi and his co-screenwriter Silvia Gambi.

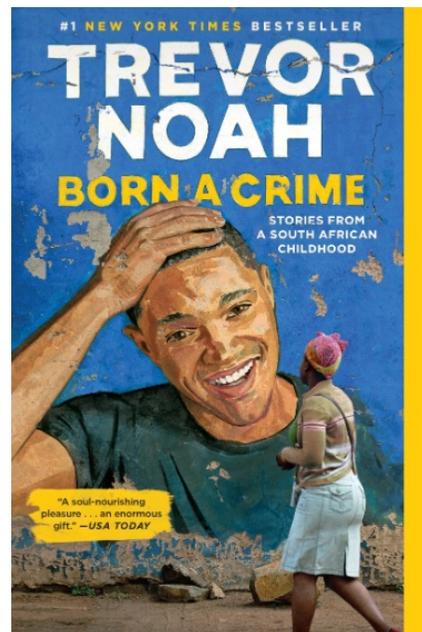
[Learn more](#)

Community Read continues Thursday

Fitchburg State's yearlong Community Read of Trevor Noah's celebrated memoir *Born a Crime* continues this week with a virtual presentation about humor and identity in multiethnic America.

The online event will be held at **3:30 p.m. Thursday**. Attendees are asked to [register online](#) via the [Community Read](#) website.

"Stand Up Nation: Humor and Identity in Multiethnic America" will feature **Associate Professor DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld** (English Studies) and University of Wisconsin-Platteville Associate Professor David Gillota.



Presidential open forums Tuesday, March 21

President Lapidus invites faculty, librarians, staff and administrators to gather for open forums at **10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21** in Kent Recital Hall. There will be ASL interpreters at the 10 a.m. session.

The sessions will include updates about university operations, with opportunities for members to ask questions.

Music Minors gathering on March 21

Students interested in the university's music minor are encouraged to music area faculty and music minors at a gathering at **4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21** in Conlon 257. The event is open to students already minoring in music as well as those interested in learning more

about it. Prospective attendees are asked to [register 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, check out campus members wearing purple for [International Women's Day](#), the [Jazz Band](#) in rehearsal, scenes from the recent [health sciences career fair](#), and a look at [Sherry Horeanopoulos'](#) farewell celebration. Academic scenes include a guest speaker on [sales management](#), [acting for the camera](#), [sound design](#), and [ceramics](#).



Updates from Leading for Change

[Leading for Change](#) is our campus-level team focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. In 2022-23, we are focusing on the following: action items inspired by the Pride Index, “We Are All Educators” programming and training focusing on becoming a student-ready campus, policy audits with a DEI lens, the Climate Survey, an inclusive hiring initiative focused on employees, and work related to expanding the way we collect and use demographic data about gender identity.

We also administer the [Identity-Based Programming Fund](#). And don't forget that there are still “Hate Has No Home Here” signs to be picked up from the Hammond Information Desk. As winter moves into spring, this is a great time to show our Fitchburg State pride! Watch Fitchburg State Today for brief updates about each of these areas of focus.



CenterStage and cultural events

Music Mega-Mix to be performed Tuesday, March 21

Fitchburg State University's instrumental and choral ensembles will perform a joint concert at 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, March 21** in Weston Auditorium. Admission to the “Music Mega Mix” is free and open to the public.

The concert program will be a showcase of “bite-sized” performances by the university's choirs, bands and orchestra. Performers will include Fitchburg State students as well as faculty members.

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

Coming Soon: Artrageous coming in April

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](#)

Faculty Notes

Professor Teresa Fava Thomas (Economics, History and Political Science) presented her research paper entitled "Fascism, Romanità, and the Barberini: Struggle for Control of the Nile Mosaic," to the conference of the Association for the Study of Modern Italy in London, England in December. The paper is derived from a chapter of her forthcoming book, *The Allied Bombing of Central Italy: The Restoration of the Nile Mosaic and Sanctuary of Fortuna at Palestrina*.

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