

## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Falcon Graduation Walk will give Spring grads an in-person experience

The university's Commencement Committee has created an in-person event for members of the Class of 2021 to celebrate the completion of their degrees this spring.

In addition to the [virtual commencement](#) ceremonies that we are producing to honor all members of the Class of 2021, the [Falcon Graduation Walk](#) will be a fun, hands-on opportunity for those who want to share an

in-person experience with family and friends. The deadline to [register](#) is **Monday, April 19**.



At the Falcon Graduation Walk:

- Each participating graduate and up to four guests will be escorted into the Athletics and Recreation Center.
- Inside, the graduate's name will be called, they will cross the stage, and collect a diploma cover while their guests cheer them on. A professional photographer will capture the moment. Wear your cap and gown, or go casual. It's your choice!
- Caps and gowns will be available for purchase beginning Monday, April 5 in the Bookstore and online. For online purchase, students should go to [fitchburgstateshop.com](http://fitchburgstateshop.com) and enter the term graduation in the search bar.
- More professional photos will be taken at a second station, where graduates can pose with their guests. There will also be space for additional fun photos to celebrate the occasion.
- Digital photos will be shared with the graduates to download and share, at no cost.

[Learn more](#)

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### Trahan leads discussion of Women in Leadership on April 15

Fitchburg State will host [U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan](#) for a virtual discussion on the theme of Women in Leadership at **6 p.m. Thursday, April 15**. The [virtual event](#) is free and open to the public.

Congresswoman Trahan will have a discussion with President Lapidus, after which there will be an opportunity for members of the virtual audience to ask questions.



“Congresswoman Trahan has been a friendly and familiar presence on our campus and in our community, as a strong supporter of public higher education, and a champion of our efforts to partner with the city of Fitchburg and the community’s economic revitalization,” President Lapidus said. “We are honored to welcome her for this discussion on the importance of women in leadership.”

[Learn more](#)

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## University stands ready to help displaced Becker College students

Fitchburg State stands [ready to serve](#) the students affected by the recent announcement that Becker College is closing after this semester.

The university has created agreements with Becker that will allow students displaced by the closure to continue their studies as seamlessly as possible while working toward valuable degrees in proven programs.



“We understand this is a stressful day for everyone in the Becker community, but we appreciate that the college has worked with willing partners like Fitchburg State to make sure their students’ needs are met,” President Lapidus said. “We are here for these students, and will do whatever we can to help them achieve their educational goals.”

There will be a [transfer admissions session](#) for Becker students at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

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## Speakers Series continues today with the mathematics of baseball

The university's Speakers Series continues today at 12:30 p.m. with a talk by Professor Peter Staab (Mathematics) entitled "Same Score Streaks in Baseball: What are the Odds?"

Join the discussion online at [meet.google.com/him-kxnf-nhu](https://meet.google.com/him-kxnf-nhu), or by phone at (US) +1 252-680-0056 (PIN: 264857665)

Professor Staab will give his talk in Percival 208, where there is room for a small audience (10+). If you would like to attend the talk, please rsvp to [ebudd@fitchburgstate.edu](mailto:ebudd@fitchburgstate.edu). Otherwise please join via Google Meet at 12:30pm. The talk will be recorded.

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## CDI events explore microaggressions and implicit bias

The Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness will host events this month exploring microaggressions and implicit bias.

- Addressing Microaggressions will be held **tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.** Join the discussion at [meet.google.com/ojn-ggyg-cxq](https://meet.google.com/ojn-ggyg-cxq).
- A conversation begun earlier this year will continue at **3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15** with "Are You Biased? Part Two," which can be joined at [meet.google.com/ttt-ajwi-emm](https://meet.google.com/ttt-ajwi-emm).

CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND  
INCLUSIVENESS PRESENTS

# TED TALK *and* TEA

FIRST: ADDRESSING  
MICROAGGRESSIONS

APRIL 6TH, 2021  
3:30PM - 4:30PM  
[MEET.GOOGLE.COM/OJN-GGYG-CXQ](https://meet.google.com/ojn-ggyg-cxq)



SECOND:  
ARE YOU BIASED? PART TWO

APRIL 15TH, 2021  
3:30PM - 4:30PM  
[MEET.GOOGLE.COM/TTT-AJWI-EMM](https://meet.google.com/ttt-ajwi-emm)

Questions? Call: 978-665-3701

## Women's Herstory Month talk Wednesday explores "Calling Out Culture"



Our celebration of Women's Herstory Month concludes with "Calling in the Calling Out Culture" at **6 p.m. Wednesday**, an [address](#) by [Loretta Ross](#), visiting associate professor at Smith College in the study of women and gender. Ross teaches courses on white supremacy, human rights, and the callout culture.

Ross is author of the forthcoming book *Calling In the Calling Out Culture*. To hear Ross's presentation, go to [meet.google.com/mni-wdwt-vps](https://meet.google.com/mni-wdwt-vps).

Ross's talk is sponsored by the university's Office of Academic Affairs.

## Community Read continues April 17 with a look at *Underland's* chapter 8

The [Community Read](#) of *Underland* by Robert MacFarlane continues with university faculty leading a virtual discussion of the book's eighth chapter at **1 p.m. Saturday, April 17**.

"Red Dancers: Art Emerging from the Darkness" will be hosted virtually by the Leominster Public Library, one of the

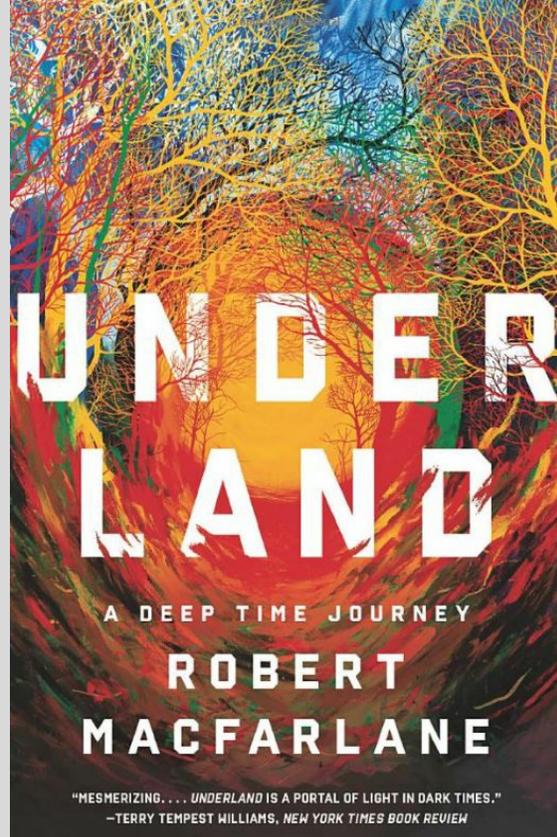
university's Community Read partners. Visitors are asked to [register in advance](#).

### About the Program

This event features **Professors Sarah Bromberg, Sally Moore, and Jessica Robey**, all of the Humanities Department.

- Robey will provide an overview of the discovery of prehistoric cave art and its reception in the 20th century, and how these earliest examples of culture lead to a reassessment of what it means to be human.
- Moore will give an overview of the role of the shaman in tribal society, discuss the inward vs outward journey, and will present examples of her own shamanic masks as well as those of her students.
- Bromberg will present an overview and analysis of cave art imagery, particularly prehistoric cave art in France and Norway, with photographs. She'll discuss her students' sketching of cave paintings as a means to developing their own observations and interpretations of these ancient masters.

This event is sponsored by the Leominster Public Library's Eliane and Maurice Tonkin Memorial Fund.



### Save the Date: "Translating Crisis" talk on April 21

The first-ever English translation of a seminal work of Italian history will be discussed when the [Center for Italian Culture](#) presents an author talk by **Professor Rala Diakité** (Humanities) and her co-author Matthew Sneider at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21**.

The virtual presentation, entitled "Translating Crisis: A New Translation of a Medieval Florentine Chronicle by Giovanni Villani," is free and open to the public. All are welcome for this opportunity to learn something new about Florence, medieval history, Italian language, and translation.

Giovanni Villani's *Nuova Cronica* is one of the great monuments of 14<sup>th</sup> century historical writing in Italy. Written in vernacular Italian, the chronicle traces the rise to glory of the chronicler's city of Florence. And yet, towards the end of the work, Villani describes a period of crisis – struggles against external enemies, urban uprisings, natural

The Center for Italian Culture presents:

# Translating Crisis:

A New Translation of a Medieval Florentine Chronicle  
by Giovanni Villani

An author talk by Rala Diakite & Matthew Sneider  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | 3:30–5:00 p.m.



Towards the end of his *Nuova Cronica*, as Giovanni Villani's faith in Florence's lofty destiny is tested by a period of crisis — war, urban uprisings, natural disasters, bank failures, tyranny, and the impending plague of 1348 — he continues to perceive the signs of God's Judgment in earthly affairs.

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disasters, bank failures, a brief experience of tyranny, and the impending plague of 1348.

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## Save the date: Undergrad Research Conference to be held April 22

The [Undergraduate Conference on Research and Creative Practice](#) returns this month, reformatted in the virtual space. The program will run **Thursday, April 22**.

The annual Undergraduate Conference on Research offers a rewarding opportunity for students to showcase their academic achievements for each other, for the faculty, and for their families and friends.

## Reminder: webinar tomorrow highlights M.Ed. in Arts Education

Learn about Fitchburg State's Master of Education in Arts Education with concentrations in [art](#) and [music](#) at a free [webinar](#) tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

The program is offered through Fitchburg State's [School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education](#).

The curriculum for the Master of Education in Arts Education seeks to further develop excellence in teaching through a core of arts pedagogy courses, while also allowing for deep engagement with creative practice through content courses.

Webinar attendees can learn more about the program as well as answers to any questions about graduate, online and continuing education at Fitchburg State.

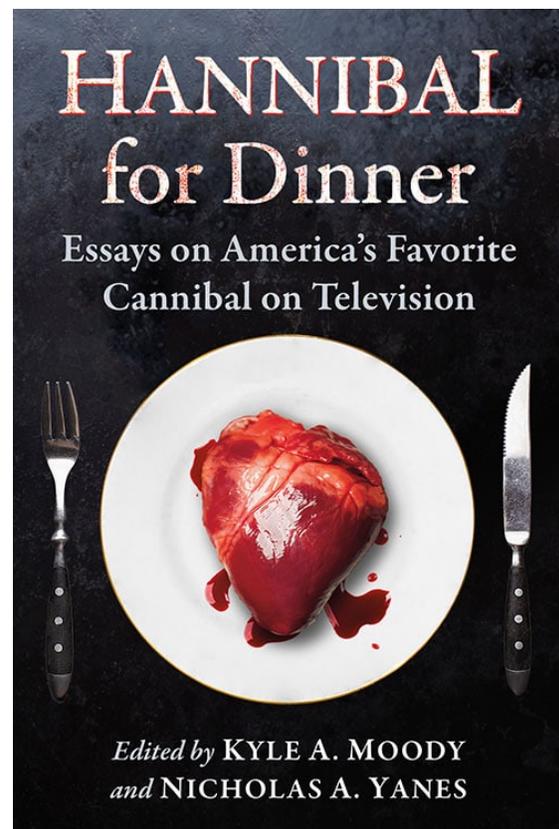
[Click here](#) to register for the free webinar.

## Faculty Notes

Professor Kyle Moody (Communications Media) is the co-editor of a new book exploring the legacy of the recent cult television series *Hannibal*. [\*Hannibal for Dinner: Essays on America's Favorite Cannibal on Television\*](#) is published by McFarland & Company, Inc.

Bryan Fuller's and NBC's *Hannibal* only lasted for three seasons, yet it became a critical darling and grew a ravenous fanbase that remains active five years after the show ended. *Hannibal* is the very definition of a cult show, one that only grew in stature after its cancellation. The show is now streaming on Netflix.

In this volume, Moody and co-editor Nicholas A. Yanes have collected one-of-a-kind academic articles and interviews. The publisher describes the book as a delectable taster for general audiences and academics alike, great for dinnertime conversations of all type.



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