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Lt. Gov. Polito endorses Theater Block project

Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito toured the Theater Block with President Lapidus and Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale on March 22, offering the administration's support for the project.

The tour included a discussion of the first phase of the project, which includes the interdisciplinary ideaLab that will house the new game design studio. The second phase will include the renovation of seven street-level storefronts, with the final phase being the restoration of the historic 1,700-seat theater itself.



"When you see public investments like this, private investment will follow," Polito said as she surveyed renderings of the project that depict a bustling downtown corridor. "This is what people want to see in the city."

[Read more](#)

Reminder: panel discussions set for Wednesday

President Lapidus and members of the senior staff will hold a pair of panel discussions for faculty and staff on **Wednesday, April 4** in Kent Recital Hall. These recurring campus-wide gatherings provide an opportunity to hear what's happening on campus and also encourage an open dialogue about issues important to members of our community.

The sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

Student organizing local March for Science on April 14

Tallie Foster '19 was planning to make a trip to Boston to attend the upcoming March for Science, but decided instead to bring its non-partisan message of advocating for discovery and advancement to her adopted community.

Foster has organized a local March for Science that will begin at Riverfront Park on Boulder Drive at 3 p.m. **Saturday, April 14.**

Foster is a junior from Somerset majoring in

environmental and earth sciences with minors in political science and communications.

"I figured, why add people to Boston when we can do our own event here?" Foster said. Invited speakers for the event include Fitchburg State faculty and community members and elected officials who will discuss the importance of diversity in the sciences, well-funded research and the need for evidence-based policy, especially concerning climate change and human safety.

[Learn more](#)

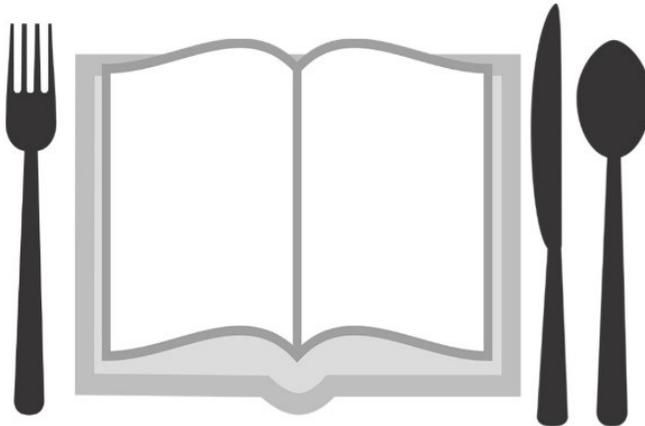


Tallie Foster '19

Entries due Friday for Edible Book Festival

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library will host the Edible Book Festival on **Tuesday, April 10**. The brainchild of book artist Judith A. Hoffberg, the festival features edible creations by individuals (or groups) based on the written word (poems, short stories, books, or graphic novels).

On April 10, there will be a public viewing and voting from 1 to 2 p.m., with the winner of the best in show announced at 2:10 p.m. Entries will be eaten starting at 2:10 p.m.



All Fitchburg State faculty, staff and students are welcome to submit an entry, which must be made from mostly edible materials. Entries should also be able to hold their shape for approximately two hours during the viewing and voting.

The winner will be eligible for a \$50 Bookstore gift card.

To submit an entry, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/Ti8G71q0f8qODIa2>.

University exploring new mathematics pathways for students

Fitchburg State is launching an initiative this fall to transform how mathematics is delivered to first-year students, continuing its commitment to help students stay on track and achieve their academic goals.

National data shows many

students struggle with readiness for university-level math, meaning they often need to take remedial courses. Such courses can delay the attainment of degree-specific math requirements, and keep students from completing their degrees on time.

[Learn more](#)



Exercise and Sports Science hosts alumni event

The Exercise and Sports Science Department welcomed back several distinguished alumni last week for their fourth annual alumni and career night at in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. The event included brief remarks from notable alumni followed by breakout sessions where current EXSS students could discuss opportunities one-on-one.



"My exercise and sports science career started right here in this room," said Chris Kibler '12, '15, who is currently the head cross country and assistant track and field coach at Mount Holyoke College. "For me it was about finding my passion. My true passion is working with young people. It's all about helping make well-rounded human beings."

[Read more](#)

GCE info session to be held April 11

Learn about the educational opportunities available at Fitchburg State when the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education (GCE) hosts an information session on **Wednesday, April 11** at 5 p.m.

The free session, where attendees will have the opportunity to speak with advisors, admission counselors, program chairs, financial aid representatives and register for classes, will take place in Hammond Hall on the Fitchburg State campus.

GCE at Fitchburg State offers more than 45 graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs. Take the first steps toward achieving your educational goals and register for the information session today.

[Learn more](#)

Student productions selected for film festival

Three Fitchburg State student productions were selected for inclusion at the Salem Film Festival's recent Mass Reality Check exhibition.

The Mass Reality Check is a college doc shorts showcase for college and university students and recent graduates working in short documentary and experimental documentary film.

The selected works included *Project Puffin*, by Vanessa Kahn and Kylee Acevedo with Alexa DeMasse; *Robin's Nest*, produced by Nicole Gaffney, Sarah Gardner, Trevor Brennan and Matt

Speakers Series continues today with firearms talk

The university's Speakers Series continues **today** from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. with a talk in the Center for Teaching and Learning at the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library by **Professor Zachary Miner** (Behavioral Sciences) entitled "A Kind of Peace: The Real World of Legal Firearms Owners."



Refreshments will be served.

Reminder: Kendrick Lecture this Wednesday

The legacy and future of photochemical film in the digital era will be discussed when filmmaker Ethan Berry presents the David Kendrick Lecture "Re-Engineering the Moving Image" at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4 at Ellis White Lecture Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Berry is a filmmaker and printmaker who teaches at the Montserrat College of Art and a founding member of the AgX film collective in Boston. A filmmaker since 1969, he is committed to employing analog filmmaking into his practice in addition to other image forms such as printmaking, drawing and animation.



[Learn more](#)

Domestic violence play to be performed April 5

Students in Fitchburg State's criminal justice [police program](#) will be in the audience when the internationally acclaimed play *Mind Games* is performed at 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, April 5**, at Kent Recital Hall.

The professional production comes recommended by Secretary of Public Safety Daniel Bennett and the state's Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), with whom the university has collaborated to create its unique 4+1 police program.

Mind Games is touring New England in early April with the support of [Every Great Reason](#), a national nonprofit foundation committed to ending relationship and domestic violence and abuse.

Police Program Academy Director Lisa Lane said Secretary Bennett requested that all the state's police academy directors have their student officers attend. Fitchburg State's 160 police program students will be required to attend on April 5, and other student groups are being invited to join them.

For more information, [contact Lane](#).

Reminder: 13th annual Drag Show to be held Thursday

The Gay Straight Alliance at Fitchburg State University will present the 13th annual drag show at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April**

5, building awareness and raising funds for the university's new LGBTQ student scholarship.

The "Galactic Goddesses" Annual Drag show will be held at the Athletics and Recreation Center, 130 North St.

Tickets are \$5 for Fitchburg State students and \$10 for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the information desk in Hammond Hall or online.



[Learn more](#)

Reminder: Court in session this Friday at Hammond Hall

A bloc of rooms in Hammond Hall on the Fitchburg State University campus will be transformed into a courtroom when the Massachusetts Appeals Court holds a satellite session this **Friday, April 6**.



Three appeals court justices will hear a series of criminal and civil appeals in open session starting at 9:30 a.m., creating an opportunity for members of the campus and wider community to see the judicial process in action.

The courtroom will be set up in G-01, with a security checkpoint established near Ellis White Lecture Hall. Visitors may come and go from the session, though are asked to do so quietly.

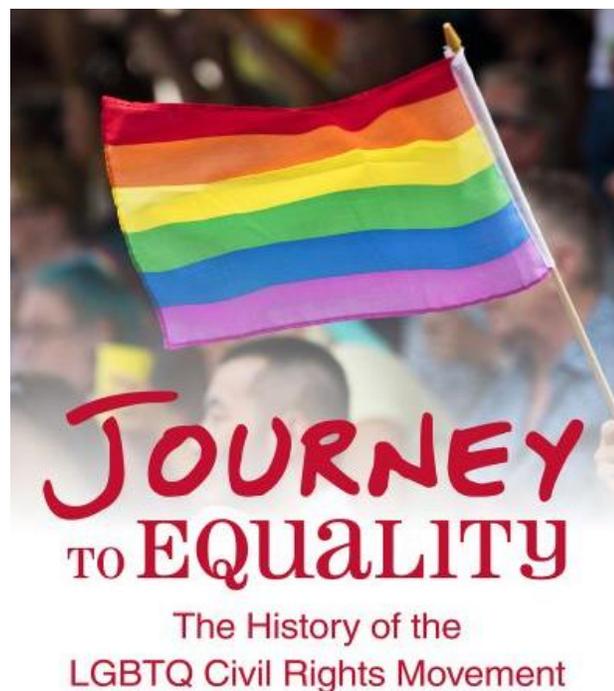
[Learn more](#)

Reminder: LGBTQ series continues this month

The university's year-long series "Journey to Equality: The LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement" continues in April with a talk by Professor Katherine Rye Jewell (Economics, History and Political Science) at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 12** at the Leominster Public Library, 30 West St., Leominster.

Using a historical and political lens, Jewell will discuss pinnacle moments of the LGBTQ civil rights movement that helped secure basic rights while highlighting the work still needed to achieve true equality for the LGBTQ community.

The events return to the Fitchburg State campus for a queer poetry reading and open mic night at 7 p.m. **Thursday, April 26** at the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.



[Learn more](#)

GameCon coming

Wednesday

The annual GameCon will be held **Wednesday, April 4** at the Athletics and Recreation Center. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and gaming will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

[Learn more](#)



GAME CON 2018

Wednesday, April 4 • Rec Center

Registration • 5:30pm
Gaming • 6pm-midnight

Tournaments

- 6pm • Super Smas Bros.
- 7pm • Mario Kart 8
- 7:30pm • Cosplay
- 8pm • Rocket League

LEAVE YOUR GEAR AT HOME
- consoles will be provided!

CenterStage and cultural events

Main Stage Theater Production - *The Women of Lockerbie*, April 11-21

Thirty years after the terror bombing of an airliner that crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, Fitchburg State University's theater program present the play, *The Women of Lockerbie*, which explores the grief and lasting impact left in the wake of the crash.

"Grief is a visitor that stays too long," according to the play, which will be performed at the Wallace Center for the Performing Arts in the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road, Fitchburg, from Wednesday, April 11 to Saturday, April 21.

Admission is \$3 and open to the public, with proceeds supporting the cast and crew's voyage to Scotland in August to perform the show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.



[Learn more](#)

Faculty Spotlight

Professor Ozge Ozay's (Economics, History and Political Science) article "Changing structure of exports and product sophistication in the East and Southeast Asian region" was published in the International Trade Journal.

This current study of 12 countries in the East and Southeast Asian region aims to provide a framework of analysis built upon a wild-geese-flying (WGF) pattern of development in order to evaluate the potential for a region-wide development scheme by looking at the implications of trade flows over the last two decades. The empirical methodology involves searching for WGF consistent shifts in the trade structure of countries considered over the period of 1995 to 2014. The article also investigates China's changing role within the region's division of labor and implications of this for the slower-growing nations in the region.



Ozge Ozay

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