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## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Active shooter response training being offered today

In light of the recent tragedy in Florida, University Police will be offering a special session of its active shooter response training course **today at 3 p.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The class, offered at several points during the academic year, is open to the campus community.

The course is part of the University Police Department's ongoing community engagement efforts. A comprehensive list of resources and educational opportunities can be found on their [website](#).

University Police also offer training classes on demand to campus offices and organizations. Please contact [Nicole Arcangeli](#) to arrange such a class.

[Learn more about safety programs](#)



### Making international connections

Last week President Lapidus and other senior leaders from the university welcomed leaders from international universities in Vietnam and Germany to discuss ongoing and future collaborations.

Saigon Institute of Technology Chancellor Nguyen Thi Ang Thu was on campus Tuesday to discuss creating opportunities between our institutions, while a delegation from the Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in Kleve, Germany, was on campus later in the week. The university's relationship with Rhine-Waal dates back several years and a Fitchburg State student is currently studying in Germany.



President Lapidus, center, and Provost Cardelle, left, with members of the Rhine-Waal delegation.

### Alumnus and Nypro CEO Steve Borges '90 educates students

Nypro Healthcare Executive Vice President and CEO Steve Borges '90 recently spent a day on campus as "executive in residence," sharing his insights

and philosophy with students and faculty.

In addition to meetings with senior staff and Business Administration Department faculty, Borges was guest instructor in two undergraduate classes.

"I'm not big into entitlement, and I'm passionate about education," Borges told the students. "Nothing is given to you. You've got to work for it, and Fitchburg State gives you the tools to do that."

Borges encouraged students to pursue internship opportunities, noting he revamped Nypro's own internship program once he joined the team.

He also discussed the importance of creating a corporate culture that empowers employees to share their insights.

"I want to create the culture that's good for my business," he said. "I have 15,000 employees around the world. Every single day they're relying on me to make the right decisions. I want them to challenge me, because I don't always have all the right answers. Developing talent is critical. I'm only as good as the people I have."



Nypro Healthcare Executive Vice President and  
CEO Steve Borges '90

## Student Spotlight: Brandon Brideau '16, '18

Brandon Brideau '16, '18 will represent Fitchburg State at the NASPA National Conference in Philadelphia next month when he receives the NASAPA NOW Professional Award. The new award is being offered by the leading association for the advancement, health and sustainability of the student affairs profession.

For Brideau, working in student affairs was an unexpected detour. As a high school senior, the Leominster native was looking for schools within commuting distance of his home, and he was familiar with the Fitchburg State campus from competing in the high school track meets at Elliot Field. He also liked what he saw of the Mathematics Department, which was his anticipated course of study.

[Learn more](#)



Brandon Brideau

## Hockey fundraiser honors McNabb's legacy

The Fitchburg State Falcons donned purple jerseys for "Terry and Bette McNabb's Game" earlier this month at the Wallace Civic Center, raising funds for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in honor of longtime Assistant Coach Terry McNabb.

All proceeds from the game - as well as the subsequent faceoff between the Lunenburg and North Middlesex High School teams - went to the cause. In addition to raising more than \$15,000, the Falcons won the night by a score of 10-2.



## Talk to explore race and appropriation of Middle Ages

Professor Kisha Tracy (English Studies) will give a talk at 4 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 21** at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall entitled "Race, Racism and the Appropriation of the Middle Ages."

The talk is sponsored by the Black Student Union.

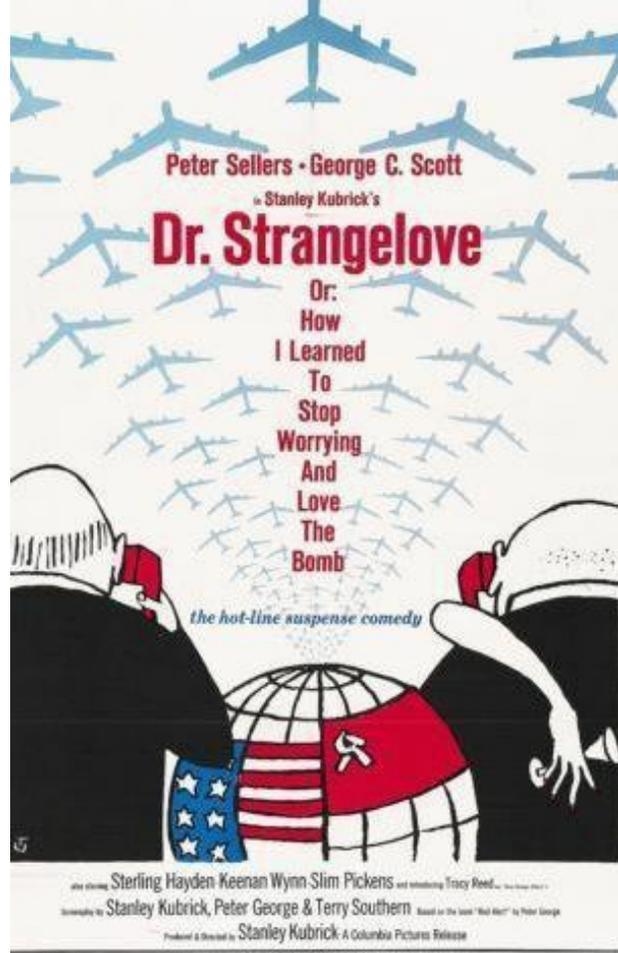


## Community Read continues with "Strangelove" screening

Our year-long Community Read of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kieman continues this spring with panel discussions, musical performances, film screenings and a keynote address from the author. Admission to all the events is free and open to the public.

Professor Joseph Moser (English Studies) will introduce a screening of the Cold War classic film "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" (1964) at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 28** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Professor Moser will also facilitate a post-film discussion.

[Learn more](#)



## International and Conflict Studies address looks at global shipping

The university's International and Conflict Studies Keynote Speaker Series will feature a look at international maritime law and the global shipping industry on **Wednesday, Feb. 28** at 7 p.m. in Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Andrew Pottel, a 2009 Fitchburg State alumnus, will deliver the address. Pottel is dean of students at Northeast Maritime Institute and director of policy and legal affairs for the Dominica Maritime Administration.

"We're very excited to welcome Mr. Pottel back to campus to offer his insights and experiences on international law and maritime shipping, both from perspectives gained in travel professionally around the world and from keen academic insights in his capacity at the Northeast Maritime Institute," said Professor Joshua B. Spero.

[Learn more](#)

## Pitch Tank deadline extended

Based on popular demand, the deadline for the Entrepreneurship Club's first "Pitch Tank" contest has been extended to **Friday, March 2**.

**WHY SHIPPING MATTERS:**

International Maritime Law and the Global Shipping Industry

**February 28**  
**7-8:30 PM**

Hammond Hall  
314 Meeting Room  
(Parking in North Street Lots)

The contest is for students who seek to develop new ideas or inventions. The business plan competition will bestow prizes of cash and in-kind services for the winners.

For more information to enter, visit [fitchburgstate.edu/pitchtank](http://fitchburgstate.edu/pitchtank).

## Reminder: Graduate Education Fair today

Fitchburg State's office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) will host a graduate education fair for undergraduates and prospective students to learn about the graduate program offerings here and at nearly a dozen other regional public and private institutions. The fair will be held from **12:30 to 5:30 p.m. today** in Hammond Hall at 160 Pearl St. Admission is free.



The program will include breakout sessions with academic advisors and coaches on how to prepare for graduate school as well as what to expect in continuing education at the graduate level.

[Learn more](#)

## Assessment is the focus today at CTL

The Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library will hold a teaching and learning hour **today at 3:30 p.m.** on course-level assessment for improvement. The workshop, led by Director of Assessment Merri Incitti, will help faculty learn how to link assessment work at the course level to improve student learning and their programs.

## CenterStage and cultural events

### On the Conlon Hall Media Wall-Pinhole Photography: Between Chance & Intention

The photography of Associate Professor Donald Tarallo (Communications Media) is on display at the Conlon Hall Media Wall. The artist will present a wall talk for "Pinhole Photography: Between Chance & Intention" **today at 3:30 p.m.**, followed by a reception.

"When I was 7 years old I got my first camera," said Tarallo, who teaches graphic design. "It was a green and silver Kodak Hawkeye Instamatic X (not near as instant as our cameras today). Every week I would spend my entire allowance on film and developing. I had to mail the film away to Ohio and wait one week to get my prints back. The span of time between these two moments was full of great anticipation as I never quite knew what I would get back. That unpredictability of photography stayed with me."



"Italian Masks" (1999) by Donald Tarallo

Later he began to experiment with homemade pinhole film cameras. "The element of chance that pinhole cameras introduced was very exciting to me for the same reasons I enjoyed my first camera as a child. Beyond that I enjoy the way pinhole images encapsulate a moment slowly and less decisively-offering a space for imagination and poetic dimensions to unfold with the viewer. These image span 20 years and cover themes of boundaries, self and nature, Worcester diner cars, landscapes, and spirituality."

The exhibit will be featured until March 9.

### Coming soon: ARTeries, March 7 through April 19

ARTeries, the juried exhibition of student artwork, will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery from Wednesday, March 7 through Wednesday, April 19. There will be an opening reception **Wednesday, March 28** at 5:30 p.m. at the gallery.

## Reminder: SPED webinar to be held Thursday

Educators interested in learning about the special education (online/hybrid) graduate degrees and certificates offered at Fitchburg State are invited to take part in a [free webinar](#) at 5 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 22.**

The webinar will cover requirements and curriculum, admissions and application requirements and more. Attendees will also be able to have their admission application fees waived.

[Learn more](#)



## Communications Media Lecture by Xu Bing on March 6

The university's Communications Media Lecture Series continues in March with a presentation by world-renowned multimedia artist Xu Bing.

Xu Bing will present his latest project, the experimental/documentary film "Dragonfly Eyes," at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, March 6** at Ellis White Lecture Hall.

The accomplished artist has exhibited widely in the U.S. and across the globe. His calligraphic work, collected by major museums, was recently shown in an exhibit of Chinese art that just closed at the Guggenheim Museum in New York.



Xu Bing is pictured here in his studio with his work "Square Word Calligraphy," in which the calligraphy is made of English words.

[Learn more](#)

## Faculty Spotlight

**Allison Shields** (Nursing) was featured in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette's [Faculty Forum](#) on Sunday, Feb. 18. She contributed an essay on the topic of an "end of life options" pending before the state legislature that would allow physicians to prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to terminally ill patients. Shields' essay can be found on the Telegram & Gazette [website](#).



Allison Shields MS, RN

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