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## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Renovated Landry Arena ribbon-cutting Tuesday

Renovations to the Carmelita Landry Arena at the Wallace Civic Center are complete, and there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. **Tuesday, Jan. 23** with campus and community leaders in attendance. The ceremony is open to the public.

Landry Arena will house a new strength and conditioning center for university athletes, along with a practice field that will be open to the community during our athletic off-season. In addition to opening up space at the Recreation Center for university students, faculty and staff, Landry will also be an important resource for Exercise and Sports Science students studying strength and conditioning.

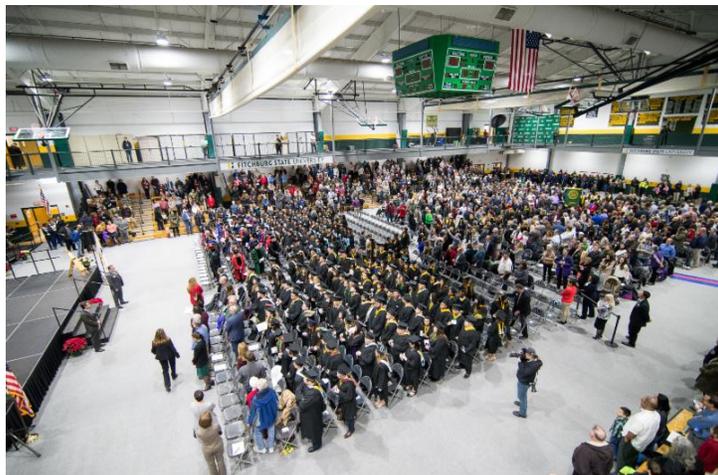


Landry Arena, at right, at the Civic Center complex

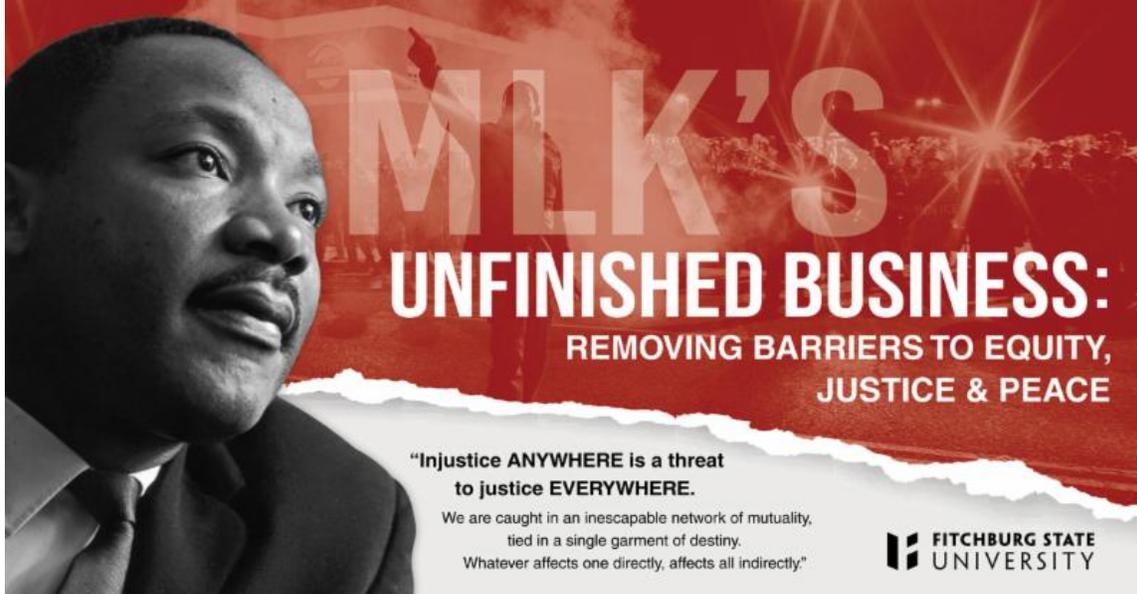
### Winter Commencement a milestone for graduates

The winter commencement ceremony in December was a great night for hundreds of graduates, their families and guests. Read about the ceremony and find links to photos from the celebration by clicking below.

[Learn more](#)



### University celebrates life, legacy of MLK



Fitchburg State will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a series of events designed to enlighten and inspire the campus and wider community. All of the events in the series, entitled "MLK's Unfinished Business: Removing Barriers to Equity, Justice and Peace," will be held in Hammond Hall and are free and open to the public.

The guest keynote address will be given at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Jan. 30** by Martin Henson of Black Lives Matter Boston. Henson will speak in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. His remarks will be preceded by a performance of Sam Cooke's civil rights anthem "A Change is Gonna Come" by the Fitchburg State choirs.

[Learn more](#)

## Celebrating the LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library is sponsoring a series of programs this spring that explore gender and equality. *Journey to Equality: The LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement* will provide timely, relevant and engaging LGBTQ programming to the campus and North Central Massachusetts. All events are free and open to the public.



The spring series begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 31** with a talk by local artist

and Fitchburg State alumna Alex Mancini. She will briefly discuss the evolution of her portrait and interview exhibit *Beyond the Binary*, which showcases 22 non-binary and gender non-conforming individuals.

*Beyond the Binary* will be discussed Wednesday, Jan. 31

[Learn more](#)

## Community Read continues

Our year-long Community Read of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan 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.

The spring events start on a festive note with a free performance by Dan Gabel and the Abletones, an 18-piece big band that will play World War II-era music at 7 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

[Learn more](#)



## Students share vision for host community with city leaders

The city of Fitchburg should focus on building community, strengthening business-friendly policies, supporting efforts that create a positive self-image and celebrating its partnership with Fitchburg State, according to a comprehensive study completed by university students.



The students in Professor Michael Greenwood's business policy and strategy class presented their findings - and the data that supported their conclusions - to Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale and members of his economic development team in December.

[Read more](#)

## Pitch Tank competition still taking submissions

Attention students: do you have a great idea for a new product, or an invention that could be the next big thing if only you could develop it? Fitchburg State's new business plan competition may be for you. The "Pitch Tank" is now open, and the best entries will win cash and in-kind services to take their ideas to the next level.

[Learn more](#)

## Hockey teams to help "Stick it to Alzheimer's" in February

The Fitchburg State Falcons ice hockey team will join with local high school athletes to raise funds for Alzheimer's research on **Friday, Feb. 9** and **Saturday, Feb. 10**, honoring the legacy of longtime Falcons Hockey Coach Terry McNabb.

The "Stick it to Alzheimer's Open Skate" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, where monetary donations will be accepted at the door for Terry McNabb's Team, participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Townsend Ecumenical Outreach will also be accepted Friday night, as McNabb was also a supporter of that organization.

The events continue Saturday, Feb. 10 with Terry & Bette

McNabb's Game, in memory of the late coach and youth hockey advocate. Fitchburg State will take on Framingham State at 5 p.m., with the players clad in purple jerseys to raise Alzheimer's awareness. The game will be followed by high school action between North Middlesex Regional and Lunenburg.

Tickets that allow visitors to see both games are \$10 apiece, and all proceeds will go to Terry McNabb's Team.

[Learn more](#)



Terry McNabb

## CenterStage presents "Tommy: A Bluegrass Opry" on Feb. 10

Experience The Who's classic rock opera "Tommy" reborn as an unforgettable bluegrass work by the progressive Missouri-based band The HillBenders when Fitchburg State [CenterStage](#) welcomes the band on **Saturday, Feb. 10** at the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St.



The HillBenders perform Saturday, Feb. 10.

Tickets are \$28 for adults; \$25 for senior citizens and Fitchburg State alumni and staff; and \$5 for Fitchburg State students. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Weston Box Office in Weston Auditorium, 353 North St., Fitchburg, or by calling 978-665-3347. The box office is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Tickets can also be ordered [online](#).

[Learn more about "Tommy: A Bluegrass Opry"](#)

## In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Faculty Show, through Feb. 21

The semiannual Faculty Show is now on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, through Wednesday, Feb. 21. There will be a gallery reception at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31**, with a film screening at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Featured faculty artists include:

- Jon Amakawa (Communications Media)
- Keith Chenot (Industrial Technology)



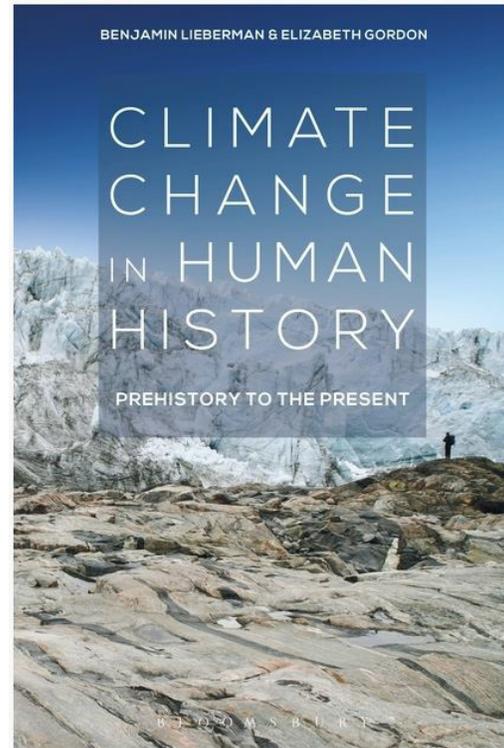
- Petri Flint (Humanities) *Portnacroish #1, Scotland, 2017* by Peter Laytin
- Stephen Goldstein (Communications Media)
- Bob Harris (Communications Media)
- Peter Laytin (Communications Media)
- Sally Moore (Humanities)
- Britt Snyder (Communications Media)
- Don Tarallo (Communications Media)
- Susan Wadsworth (Humanities)
- Jeff Warmouth (Communications Media)

## Faculty Spotlight

Professors **Ben Lieberman** (Economics, History and Political Science) and **Elizabeth Gordon** (Earth and Geographic Sciences) have co-authored a new book about the relationship between human beings and global climate. *Climate Change in Human History* is being published this month by Bloomsbury Academic, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing.

The volume arose out of a team-taught course first offered by the professors in 2012. Both professors were dissatisfied with the available textbooks on the subject, so they decided to write one of their own. The new book took shape as sabbatical projects for both professors in 2015 and 2016.

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