

Fitchburg State University Today

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Women's History Month observations begin

Fitchburg State will observe Women's History Month with a series of talks and performances highlighting the work of students as well as guest lecturers including Boston Globe associate editor and columnist Renée Graham.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The observations begin **today** with International Women's Day, when empowerment-themed student organizations will make presentations from 1 to 2 p.m. in room G01 of Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Participating organization include Feminist Conversations, Fitchburg Anti-Violence Education, the Gay Straight Alliance, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Tau, and World Integrated Nations.

The event continues at 2 p.m. with the "Herstory" discussion circle facilitated by students in Professor Viera Lorencová's intercultural communication class and Professor Özge Ozay's political economy of gender class.

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**MARCH 5, 2019 1:00 - 3:30 PM
HAMMOND HALL G01**

1-2 PM: Women's Empowerment-themed Student Organization Fair featuring tables by Feminist Conversations, Gay Straight Alliance, FAVE Club, Sigma Sigma Sigma, PhiSigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Tau & World Integrated Nations

2-3:30 PM: "Herstory" discussion circle with international students co-facilitated by students from Dr. Viera Lorencová's Intercultural Communication class and Dr. Ozge Ozay's Political Economy of Gender class



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University initiatives shared at student affairs conference

Professionals from Fitchburg State are presenting for peers from across the globe at this week's American College Personnel Association [conference](#) in Boston, on topics including the university's coordinated care model, how to leverage University Police in the service of student success initiatives, and inter-generational dialogues (the full program can be downloaded [here](#)).



Fitchburg State students Kiya Bodendorf '19 and Demetra Zouzias '19 are also attending as part

of the organization's "NextGen" conference, preparing future student affairs leaders.

[Learn more](#)

Acclaimed Italian writer Dacia Maraini to speak today

Acclaimed novelist, playwright, poet, and journalist Dacia Maraini will discuss her work **today at 5 p.m.** in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall.

The daughter of a Sicilian princess and a Florentine ethnologist, Maraini was interned in a Japanese concentration camp with her family for refusing to recognize Mussolini's Republic of Salo. She went on to become one of the clearest voices for social justice of her generation.



During a life of world travel, she has written novels, short stories, plays, several investigative studies, and collections of poetry and essays, and her works have been translated into more than 30 languages and adapted for award-winning films.

She has won major Italian literary prizes and was a nominee for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2012.

Maraini's visit is sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture and the university's Division of Arts & Sciences.

Alumni panel lets students meet stars in their fields

Approximately 100 students turned out for last week's Alumni Career Night, bringing a variety of professionals to campus to educate students about potential career paths.

The event was sponsored by the Biology & Chemistry, Communications Media, Exercise & Sports Science, and Mathematics Departments, in collaboration with the Office of Alumni and Development.

A dinner featuring an etiquette speaker followed the breakout sessions and afforded students additional time for networking.



Communications Media Department Chair Mary Baker addresses alumni Dawn Morton '90, Janine Mudge '82, Danny Quinn '11, and Erik Weikert '10.

Students help with Fitchburg Art Museum rebranding

With the help of Fitchburg State students, the [Fitchburg Art Museum](#) recently launched an updated brand identity to reflect its current mission, recent revitalization and increased commitment to the community.

The new brand represents a fresh approach to design, messaging, text, and images, anchored by its new red, black and white logo.

Graduate Fair will demonstrate options for students

The university will host its second [graduate fair](#) from **1 to 4 p.m. today** in the Hammond Main Lounge, providing undergraduate students and members of the community to meet with representatives from various schools and learn about graduate program opportunities across the region.

Thinking about
Graduate School?

GRADUATE EDUCATION FAIR

Mar. 5 / 1-4 PM / Hammond Main Lounge

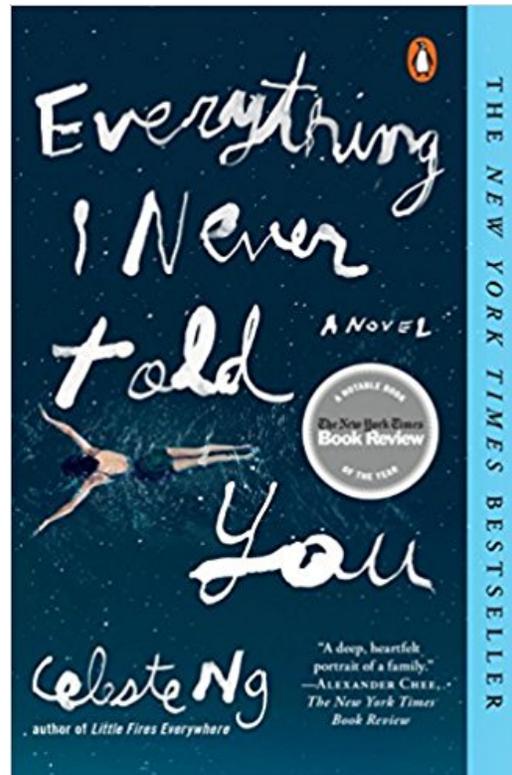
To learn more, please contact the office of Graduate and Continuing Education at gce@fitzburgstate.edu or 978-665-3182.

Community Read events continue this month

Fitchburg State's [Community Read](#) of Celeste Ng's novel *Everything I Never Told You* continues with a series of talks, exhibitions and screenings that will be held on- and off-campus. The acclaimed book focuses on love, loss, and the meaning of family.

Among the Spring events:

- There will be a screening and discussion of the film "Loving" **tonight at 5:30 p.m.** at Fitchburg High School. The film tells the true story of Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple, and the landmark Supreme Court case that outlawed state laws prohibiting interracial marriages. Following the film, Marcia Ladd and Dr. Kim Cochrane will facilitate a discussion of the film and how the social climate of the 1960s and 1970s affected the Lee family.
- There will be a panel and group discussion entitled "Everything You Need to Know About the Lee Family" at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6** in the Hammond Main Lounge. The discussion will explore various ways of viewing and considering the intersections of gender, race, family, self, and identity performance at work within Ng's piece. Panelists will include Dr. Katharine Covino-Poutasse, Dr. Danette Day, Dr. Lena Ficco, and Dr. Kori Ryan. Dean of Library, Jacalyn Kremer, will moderate the session.
- The Community Read Keynote Event will be held at **6:30 p.m. Monday, April 1** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall, when we welcome screenwriter Julia Cox, who is adapting Ng's novel for the screen. Cox will discuss the process she used to create her screenplay and the intersection of art and industry when transforming a novel to film. There will be a book and movie trivia event after the talk.



Keep up to date with all Community Read events by visiting fitzburgcommunityread.com.

Speakers Series continues this month in library

The university's Speaker Series continues at **12:30 p.m. Monday, March 25** with a talk by **Professor DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld** (English Studies) on "The Ordinary as Resistance in Trauma: Continuing the Tradition of Black Women Poetry Writing through Trauma."

The talk will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library. Refreshments will be served.



Black women are resilient,
but this does not mean
that we do not feel
the weight of pain.
this does not mean
that our shoulders do not
bend, fracture, or break.
it is our tears that bait floods,
our cries that entice hurricanes,
our sobs that provoke tsunamis.
it is our pain
that aches the earth.
do you feel it?

CenterStage and cultural events

ARTeries opens this week

ARTeries, the juried showcase of original student artwork in drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media that celebrates the artistic talents and expressions of Fitchburg State students, opens this week. There will be an opening reception at **3:30 p.m. tomorrow** in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery.

ARTeries will be on display through Thursday, April 18.

Plotkin returns

For the 11th year, Fitchburg State University [CenterStage](#) will welcome renowned author and gourmand [Fred Plotkin](#) to campus to lead a culinary tour of Italy on **Friday, March 22** and **Saturday, March 23**.

Plotkin's visits are always a popular draw, so guests are advised to buy tickets early. This year's event will focus on the Italian region of Piemonte. Plotkin will enlighten guests about the history, culture and cuisine of this mountainous land. An authentic menu of specialty dishes will set accompany the verbal tour.

Tickets are \$40, inclusive of tax and tap. Advance purchase is required and there will be a cash bar featuring regional wines. There will be seatings at 6 p.m. Friday, March 22; and 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each dinner.



Fred Plotkin

Tickets may be purchased at the Weston Box Office inside Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The box office is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets may also be ordered [online](#).

The talk is sponsored by the Sandro and Lillian Clementi Lecture Fund of Fitchburg State University.

Staff notes

Chief Michael Cloutier (University Police) authored a poem on law enforcement that has been published by the site [PoliceOne.com](#). "If you could see what I see" offers a glimpse into the tragedies police officers see every day that strengthen their resolve to serve their communities. Read the poem [here](#).

Faculty notes

Kisha Tracy (English Studies) was published in the journal *The Public Medievalist*. "Werewolves as a Metaphor for Domestic Abusers" can be viewed online [here](#).

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