
Fitchburg State University Today

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125th anniversary events continue

Our 125th anniversary celebration continues this week with events highlighting the creative and academic accomplishments of our campus community.

This **Friday and Saturday**, the campus welcomes more than 60 teams of students from 17 colleges and universities for the [American Moot Court Association](#) regional tournament. The tournament pits teams of students on opposing sides of constitutional issues making arguments to panels of judges in a simulated federal appellate court. The winners of the regional tournament will proceed to the national competition being held in January at the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, La. To learn more about the tournament, [click here](#).



Upcoming events include the Communications Media Department's theater program presentation of *Matches*, a series of nine short, two-person plays written by Peter Anderegg.

Anderegg's works comprise an evening of 10-minute plays exploring themes surrounding the idea that happiness is hard to find, and something is always getting in the way. *Matches* will be performed at the Wallace Theatre for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex at **6:30 p.m. tomorrow; 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20; 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.**

Admission is free and open to the public. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Our Community Read of Art Spiegelman's *Maus* also continues this week, with a poster session featuring work by Professor Ben Lieberman's class on Holocaust studies. The poster session will be held at **2 p.m. Wednesday** in Room 210B of the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

[125th Events](#)

Hackathon tonight looks at video games and creative economy

The ideaLab will host its next community "hackathon" from **5 to 7:30 p.m. tonight**, where the topic will be how business and videogames intersect to build a creative economy.

The event will be held in the ideaLab at 717 Main St. Refreshments will be served and a live DJ will be on hand.

Community hackathons bring together members of the Fitchburg community to tackle topics and issues that can help move the city forward. These fun, social brainstorming events value all voices in support of constructive dialogues.

The event's topic is partially inspired by the Entrepreneurship Association as well as the Fitchburg State game design studio at the ideaLab, where students in Massachusetts' only public game design program have the opportunity to develop professional-level original games as their capstone projects.



[Learn more and register](#)

Reminder: Gmail migration coming this month

Staff and faculty emails will be migrating later this month to Gmail. The Technology Department reminds users that access to current Exchange email will end at **5 p.m. Friday**, with email, contacts, and calendar appointments migrating to Google over the weekend. By **Monday, Nov. 25**, users will start utilizing their new Gmail account.



If the transition is completed sooner, it will be announced in the [News](#) section found on the homepage of the university website.

In preparation, the Technology Department has put together informational sessions on Basic Google Calendar & Email functions. You can sign up for those sessions by clicking [here](#).

Reminder: Kendricken Memorial Lecture

Musician and visual artist Walter Wright will present as part of the annual Kendricken Memorial Lecture Series at Fitchburg State University at **3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.



Wright will share his thoughts on new media, collaboration, and improvisation. He specializes in a blend of improvisation that includes computer programming, electro-acoustic music, video, and performance. What Wright loves about improvisation is that the performance is "in the moment" and, like real life communication, it is "always open-ended, fraught with possibility."

[Learn more](#)

Reminder: "Intelligent Lives" screens on Thursday

The Douglas & Isabelle Crocker

Center for Civic Engagement and the non-profit WORK Inc. that supports individuals with disabilities will present a screening of the film "Intelligent Lives" **Thursday at 6 p.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.



The film stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities - Micah, Naieer and Naomie - who

challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce.

The screening and discussion is designed for students, educators, administrators, teachers, and those interested in learning more about disabilities. Following the movie there will be a live panel discussing their disabilities and some of the following:

- What disabilities look like in our current society?
- How this personal perspective from people with disabilities benefit you?
- Tips for future educators/nursing/law enforcement officers regarding supporting individuals with disabilities.

[Register here](#)

Reminder: McAloon Memorial Scholarship application

The Academic Partnerships Joseph McAloon Memorial Scholarship, named for the professor who taught business courses at Fitchburg State from 1984 until his death this year, will be awarded in his honor to an outstanding student who seeks to enroll or continue in Fitchburg State's [Online MBA](#) program. It was established through a generous donation by Dallas, Texas-based Academic Partnerships LLC, the university's technology partner for selected university online programs.

The scholarship award for 2019-2020 is \$12,510 which covers all tuition and fees to complete one full Online MBA concentration consisting of 30 credit hours. Interested candidates may review Fitchburg State's Online MBA program options [here](#).

Applications are due by **Friday**. Selection will be made on or before **Friday, Dec. 13**.

CenterStage and cultural events

Celebrate Christmas with the Celts on Sunday, Dec. 15

Fitchburg State University CenterStage invites you to ring in the holiday season with [Christmas with the Celts](#) at 6 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 15** at Weston Auditorium.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for Fitchburg State alumni, seniors and staff; and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Weston Box Office at the auditorium by calling 978-665-3347 or by ordering [online](#).

Step up your holiday cheer!
Christmas with **The Celts**

Sunday, December 15
6 PM | WESTON AUDITORIUM

Lively traditional Irish music and instrumentation with American pop music and their own originals. Uilleann pipes, Irish whistles, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, five-string bass, drums and, of course — the crowd pleasing Irish dancers!

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The Celts, famous staples of PBS Television's pledge drives, mix lively traditional Irish music and instrumentation with American pop music and their own originals. Complete with an array of top-flight musicians on uilleann pipes, Irish whistles, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, five-string bass, drums and of course, the crowd pleasing Irish dancers.

[Learn more](#)

In the Galleries

The sculpture of artist [Pamela Blum](#) will be featured as part of the [CenterStage](#) arts and culture series this fall. "Dolls & Other Things" will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through **Friday, Dec. 27.**

At the Conlon Hall Media Wall, "The Paper Hat Game" by Torry Bend is on display through December.

Faculty Notes

Professor Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science) attended the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association in Philadelphia earlier this month. There, he presented a paper entitled "Re-imagining the Post-Conflict State: History, Memory, Narratives and the Prospects for Reconciliation." He also chaired a panel on political leadership, participated in a panel on policy effectiveness, attended the Executive Council meetings, and ran the registration table and an election for the General Council. As the Association's First Vice President, Professor Budd will serve as the Program Chair for the entire conference in Boston next November

Professors Charles Sides, Rob Carr, and J.J. Sylvia (Communications Media) recently presented the conference panel: "Science, Art, and History: Multidisciplinarity in a Communications Media Department at a Liberal Arts University" at the 2019 Council on Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication Conference in West Chester, Penn. Professor Sides presented "The Evolution of Political Rhetoric: Public Discourse in the Founding Era and Beyond." Professor Sylvia presented "Post-Human Approaches to Communications Media." Professor Carr presented "Exhibition Catalog Production as an Interdisciplinary Construction Zone." In addition, Professor Sides participated in the annual Editors Roundtable session, representing the Journal of Technical Writing and Communication, as editor-in-chief, and the SUNY Series: Studies in Technical Communication, as co-editor.

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