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Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon - Homecoming 2017

Homecoming 2017 brought Falcons of all ages together Sept. 22-24 to celebrate Fitchburg State's traditions and create new memories of their university.

The weekend began with hundreds of students taking part in the Falcon Fun Color Run before enjoying a bonfire and spirit rally, capped off by a spectacular fireworks display. A huge crowd gathered at Elliot Field the next day for a thrilling football game that saw the Falcons edge Bridgewater State.

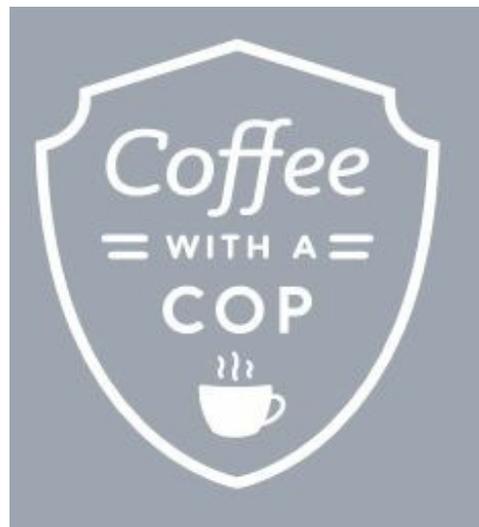


[View photo gallery](#)

Enjoy Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation at "Coffee with a Cop" from 7:30 to 10 a.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 4** at the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. The event is designed to remove agendas and allow opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.



Personal safety offerings through University Police

The [Fitchburg State University Police Department](#) is once again offering a series of personal safety programs this academic year. The classes are free.

The offerings include Rape Aggression Defense ([RAD](#)) training for women. The program is based in education and awareness and includes hands-on self-defense techniques suited for women of all ages and abilities. It is open to all women affiliated with Fitchburg State, including students, staff, faculty, friends and family members. The course consists of four sessions running from 6 to 9 p.m. The course will be offered four times this year, with sessions beginning **Tuesday, Oct. 3; Thursday, Nov. 2; Thursday, Feb. 1; and Tuesday, April 3.**

Other course offerings include [community response to active shooter events](#) training from 4 to 6 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 10** at Kent Recital Hall in Conlon Hall. The 90-minute course, based on federal Department of Homeland Security recommendations, covers how to respond as well as ways to spot concerning behavior and notify appropriate authorities. The training will be offered again Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The department will also be offering [first aid, CPR and AED](#) training from 5 to 9 p.m. **Wednesdays Oct. 11; Nov. 8; and Dec. 13.** The course covers the basics on treating injuries and illness from splinters to cardiac arrest and requires no prior training or experience.

To sign up or to request a class, contact [Nicole Arcangeli](#). Course offerings are also listed on the university police [website](#).



Save the Date: Athletics Day of Giving Tuesday, Oct. 17

On **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, the alumni office holds its first-ever day of giving to support our athletic teams. The #GoFalconsChallenge will raise funds from alumni, friends and family to support Fitchburg State Athletics. By making a gift to the general athletic booster fund or a specific team, supporters will provide the margin of excellence that allows our program to grow and succeed. These experiences give the next generation of athletes an opportunity to compete at a higher level and keeps them motivated to keep working hard throughout the season.



[Learn more](#)

Community Read continues this month

Fitchburg State's year-long Community Read of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan continues this month with an inter-generational discussion at 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 17** at the [Fitchburg Public Library](#), 610 Main St., featuring Professor Robert Carr and his students.

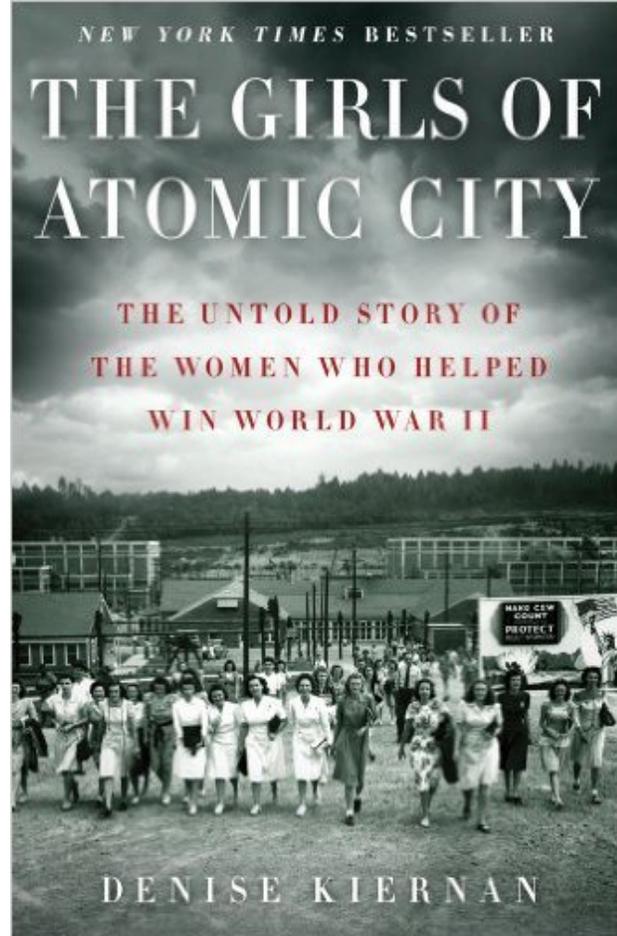
The best-selling book tells the story of the young women of Oak Ridge, Tenn., who unwittingly played a crucial role in one of the most significant moments in U.S.

history: the development of the atomic bomb.

Community Read events will enable a broad examination of Kiernan's work through lectures, film screenings and discussions over the next several months, culminating in March with a presentation and book signing featuring the author.

The series opened in September with a panel talk on the atomic bomb's development and legacy, as well as a look at the science behind its operation.

[Learn More](#)



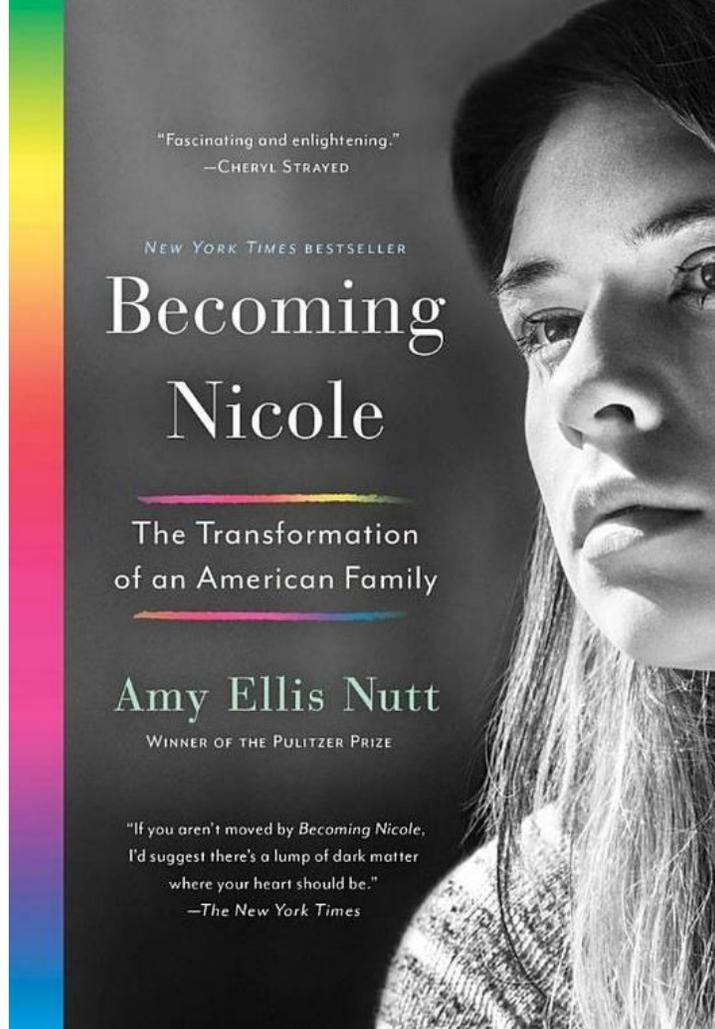
Equity & Diversity series spotlights LGBTQ issues

The Equity & Diversity Committee presents a series of art exhibits, film screenings and discussions this fall exploring gender and equality, including a keynote presentation by Nicole Maines, subject of the best-selling book *Becoming Nicole - A Transformation of an American Family*.

The library is hosting two related art exhibits that will be on display throughout the fall. "Journey to Equality: The History of the LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement" chronicles the crusade from World War II to the present, while "Acting Up to Fight AIDS: Remembering the ACT UP Movement 30 Years Later" examines the epidemic in the 1980s and efforts to bring awareness to the crisis.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibits at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 10**, with Professor Kate Jewell offering a historical overview of the LGBTQ civil rights movement.

[Learn More](#)



Teaching opportunities in Graduate & Continuing Education

The [Office of Graduate and Continuing Education](#), as part of the university-wide course scheduling process for 2018-2019, is currently accepting requests from faculty to teach for the Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Winter 2019, and Spring 2019 semesters.

Faculty members interested in teaching should contact the appropriate department chair to express their interest and to obtain the chair's approval. The call for courses for the year is issued by the registrar, and the deadline for departments to submit course schedules in EMS is **Dec. 1, 2017**.

CenterStage and cultural events

Concert: Trio Orione performs on Oct. 4

Trio Orione - featuring April Showers (flute), Mary Carfagna (cello) and Roy Imperio (piano) - will present a free concert at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 4** in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building. Imperio is an instructor in the university's [Community Music Lesson Program](#).

The performance, sponsored by the Humanities Department and the Center for Professional Studies, will feature music by Haydn, Rocherolle, Callendo and Piazzola.

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Community Snapshot

The campus community is invited to take over the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Wednesday, Oct. 25. Anyone and everyone is welcome to pin up one or two 4 x 6 photographs at the gallery. Even if you don't submit any works, check it out.

Visions of the moon and beyond at the Conlon Hall Media Wall

Cosmic Vision: NASA On the Moon and Beyond is now on display at the Conlon Hall Media Wall.

Through photography we can preserve the past but might we also imagine the future? Since its inception, photography has provided images of the frontier. NASA's missions explore our extraterrestrial frontier. The images of the moon, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn record a moment in proximate space and immediate time. The images of galaxies record light that has traveled for many millions of years to arrive at the camera's sensor.



Trio Orione performs at Kent Recital Hall on Wednesday.

community snapshot

September 27 - October 25

com·mu·ni·ty
(kə-myōō-nī-tē)

n. A group of people having a particular characteristic in common.

snap·shot
(snăp'-shōt')

n. A photograph taken with a small handheld camera.

Faculty Notes

Kisha Tracy (English Studies) recently received the Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education Professional Development Award to support her ongoing project entitled "[Teacher-Photographer: Transforming Perceptions of Cultural Heritage with Image.](#)" During the project Tracy will work with students to create physical and digital exhibitions related to cultural heritage and to share the work with the community. She will start working with students at the Boys and Girls Club in November. Anyone interested in joining the project or recommending it to students, community organizations or others should contact Tracy at kracy3@fitchburgstate.edu.

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