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Inauguration & Homecoming this month

Fitchburg State University will mark a milestone in its history with the formal inauguration of its 11th president, Richard S. Lapidus, on **Thursday, Oct. 13**, with the event surrounded by several



days of entertaining and educational programs that are open to the wider community. The week includes the university's Homecoming celebration.

There will also be an inauguration celebration at 6:30 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 15** in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall. Tickets for this public event are \$100 and can be ordered [online](#). Proceeds will benefit the Fitchburg State University Foundation.

The inauguration and homecoming week programming was selected earlier this year after submissions from the campus and surrounding community were solicited and reviewed. The events are designed to celebrate the history of Fitchburg State and its contributions to the civic life of the city and region.

Among the offerings during inauguration and homecoming week:

- Explore the climate of Mars and take a deep dive into the works of renowned local author Robert E. Cormier.
- Learn about the impact of income inequality from celebrated economist James K. Galbraith, and laugh at the culture-clash comedy of off-Broadway sensation Steve Solomon and his acclaimed show "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy."
- Hear from returning military veterans as they describe their journey from the battlefield to the college classroom, and take in the cultural vibrancy of the region with an evening of music and Latin dancing.
- Celebrate the 25th anniversary of women's studies on the Fitchburg State campus and learn about the landmark free speech case that pitted students against administration in federal court.

All of the following events are open to the public (please note, some are ticketed).

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Climate Change on the Red Planet--Assistant Professor Reid Parsons will discuss what his NASA-funded research has revealed about the climate history of our celestial neighbor at 11 a.m. in Randall Lecture Hall in the Antonucci Science Complex, 333 North St.

Dreaming of Whales--This shadow puppet presentation by Assistant Professor Sally Moore is a fable without words that transports us to an imaginary world. The

presentation will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Holmes Dining Commons.

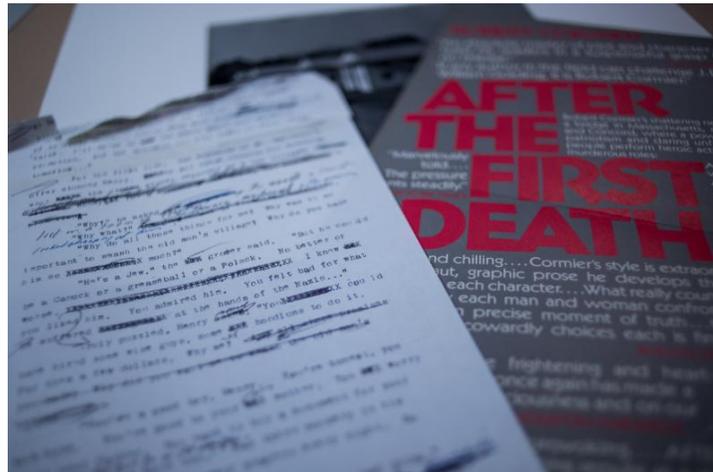
From Warrior to Citizen Soldier-Student veterans, along with veterans from Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan host a roundtable discussion that covers transition from service to citizen life, along with coping, success, failures and criticisms of veterans who have undergone war and combat. The discussion will be held in Randall Lecture Hall in the Antonucci Science Complex, 333 North St.

Inequality: The Economic Issue of our Age-Economist Dr. James K. Galbraith looks at the impact of free trade and globalization on American workers and post-industrial cities such as Fitchburg for this program, being held at 6:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. A reception will follow the talk.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

The Robert E. Cormier Symposium: An Interdisciplinary Forum on Hate, Bullying, and Terrorism-Celebrated local author Robert Cormier explored many types of violence in his enduring works, and this presentation will view them through a keynote address and several panel discussions. The symposium will begin at 11 a.m. in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St.

There will be a keynote address by Elizabeth Englander, director and founder of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center and professor of psychology at Bridgewater State University, on the impact of the dramatization of extreme physical violence on how we perceive more typical violence that occurs. That talk will be followed by a panel discussion at 12:20 p.m. entitled "Abuse, Bullying and Cultures of Violence." Another panel talk will follow at 1:10 p.m., entitled "Pressures of a Group: Gang Violence, Discrimination and Harassment." A student-led discussion of Cormier's *Tunes for Bears to Dance to* and R.J. Palacio's novel *Wonder* will follow at 2 p.m. The event will conclude with a final panel talk at 2:35 p.m. on "Understanding Extremism: Terrorism, Intimidation and Hate."



Artifacts from the university's Robert E. Cormier collection will be displayed during the symposium.

Visitors will also be able to look at artifacts from the university's Cormier collection in its archives. For those unable to attend the entire event, it will be streamed live [online](#).

Welcome and Noche Caliente-Campus clubs and organizations including the Student Government Association, Dance Club, Greek Council, Latin American Student Organization and the students of the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness welcome President Lapidus and Provost Cardelle to Fitchburg. Enjoy "a taste of Fitchburg" from local restaurants, a Latin band, free dance lessons and commemorative novelties. Campus radio station WXPL will keep the dancing going into the night. The event starts at 6 p.m. in the main lounge of Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St.

Women's Soccer vs. Dean College-The Falcons take on Dean College at Elliot Field at 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

The Battle for Free Speech at Fitchburg State-Professor Laura Baker, alumnus William McSheehy and current students explore a landmark free speech



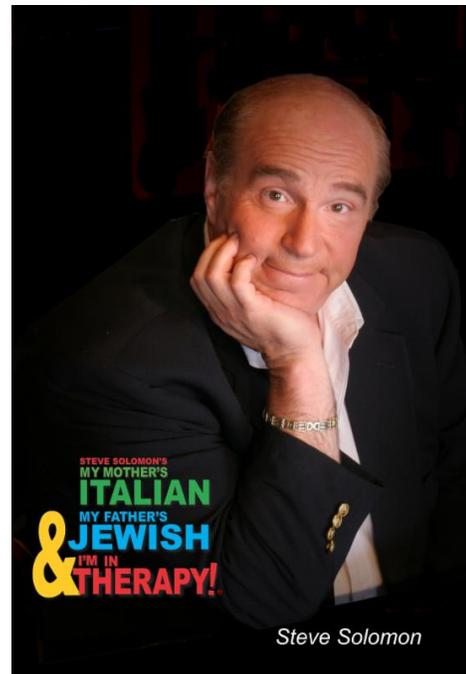
battle that pitted students against administration on the Fitchburg State campus in the fall of 1969. The case was a significant moment in our history when students played an important role in shaping the institution's policies and campus culture. The program starts at 11 a.m. in Room S08 of Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Items from the university's archives related to the case will also be on display.



Items from the Antonelli v. Hammond case are stored in the library archives.

Installation Ceremony-President Lapidus will be formally installed as Fitchburg State's 11th president at this formal academic event, where he will welcome students, faculty, staff, alumni and honored guests from other institutions of higher learning and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Athletics and Recreation Center, 130 North St. Attendees are asked to RSVP [online](#).

"My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy"-Join writer/star Steve Solomon for an evening of hysterical comedy in this presentation of one of the longest running one-man shows ever. Topped off with the voices of almost 30 of the most hilarious characters and situations you've ever seen, side-splitting laughter is guaranteed. Sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State, this event will be held at 7 p.m. in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall. Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered [online](#).



Field Hockey vs. Rivier College-The Falcons face Rivier College at 7 p.m. at Elliot Field.

Friday, Oct. 14

Class of 1963 Scholarship Luncheon-In celebration of endowing their first scholarship in 2016-17, the Class of 1963 is hosting a luncheon for the classmates to meet and congratulate their scholarship recipient. The luncheon will be held at noon in the main lounge at Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. For tickets, visit <https://support.fitchburgstate.edu/eventregistration>.

Women's Studies at 25-Join us for a symposium in which students and current and emeritae faculty speak about the founding and history of the women's studies program at Fitchburg State 25 years ago, and celebrate the launch of women, gender and sexuality studies. The program will start at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St., featuring Roberta Adams, Margo Kempers, Simone Blake, Viera Lorencova, Christina Arcy, Troy Zaher, Shirley Wagner and Jane Fiske. Admission is free. The symposium will be followed by a dinner at 5 p.m. featuring a keynote address by state Sen. Jennifer L. Flanagan. Tickets to the dinner are \$20 for adults and \$5 for Fitchburg State students. To order tickets, [click here](#).



Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner-Every two years, former student athletes, coaches, teams, and individuals who made outstanding contributions to athletics at Fitchburg State University are chosen for induction into our Athletics Hall of Fame. This year one team and five athletes are being honored at the ceremony, being held at 5:30 p.m. in the main lounge at Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Call 978-665-4555 for tickets.

Movies under the Stars-Grab a blanket and hit the quad for an action-packed double feature of *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice* and *Suicide Squad*. Popcorn and snacks will be provided at this event, which starts at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Gold Key Breakfast-Members of the class of 1966 and earlier are invited back to campus for their Gold Key Society induction. This annual ceremony is held to recognize the collective achievements of those in the society and to induct the 50th reunion class. Alumni from earlier class years who have not yet received their Gold Key are welcome to receive it at this event. Register [online](#).

Women's Soccer vs. Bridgewater State-The Falcons kick off a day full of athletic competition at Elliot Field at 10 a.m.

The History of Fitchburg State-Explore the university's journey from its founding in 1894 as a teacher-training school to the innovative, comprehensive institution it has become. Campus tours will follow this program, which starts at 11:30 a.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Visitors are asked to register [online](#).

Football vs. Western Connecticut State-It wouldn't be Homecoming without a football game. Western Connecticut State goes head to head with the Falcons at this game, being held at 1:30 p.m. at Elliot Field. Away from the field, the event will feature food trucks as well as the Alumni End Zone Club beginning at 1 p.m., where visitors 21 and over can enjoy an adult beverage.



Alumnae Softball Game-Former players take on the current Falcon softball squad at 2:30 p.m. at Donna-Lee Withington Memorial Field at Coolidge Park, followed by a meet-and-greet at Slattery's. Register [online](#).

Field Hockey vs. Salem State-The Falcons square off at Elliot Field at 6 p.m.

Inauguration Celebration-This celebration of President Lapidus' inauguration will feature station dining and live entertainment. The formal event, black tie optional, will be an opportunity for members of the campus and wider community to share this milestone in university history and reflect on Fitchburg State's past and celebrate its future. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Tickets can be purchased [online](#).

The Comedy of Carly Aquilino-Comedian and regular on MTV's "Girl Code" Carly Aquilino closes out our celebratory Inauguration week with her unique brand of stand-up comedy. Comedian Emma Willmann opens the show, which is for audiences 18 and over. For tickets, [click here](#).

Sunday, October 16

Patriots Party-Gather in the Falcon Hub to cheer on the New England Patriots with your fellow Falcons. Food and beverages will be served in this venue, for guests 18 and over.

Community Read continues

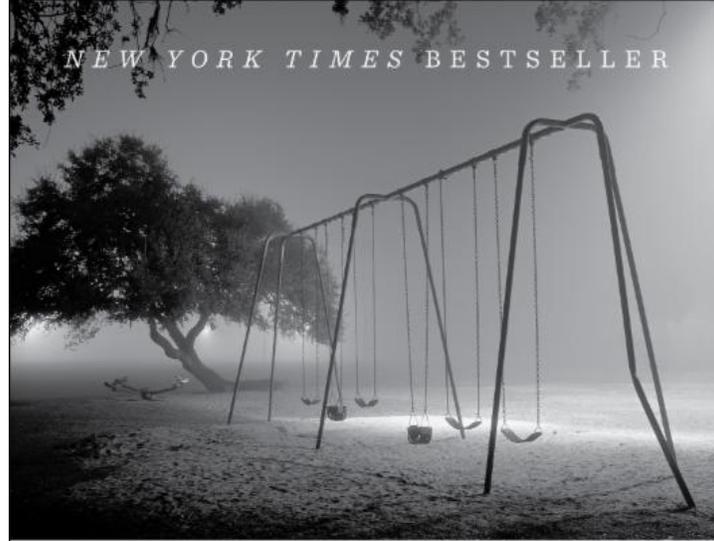
Fitchburg State's [Community](#)

[Read](#) of Robert Putnam's *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* will continue with a movie marathon starting at 11 a.m. **Saturday, Oct. 8** at the [Leominster Public Library](#). The films "99 Homes" (2014) and "Poor Kids" (2012) will screen for free at the library, located at 30 West St., Leominster. Associate Professor Joseph Moser will lead a discussion after the screenings. Admission is free.

Themes explored in the book will also be discussed in a talk by renowned economist James Galbraith, who will present "Inequality: The Economic Issue of Our Age" at 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 11** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Dr. Galbraith's talk is also part of the university's [inauguration and homecoming week](#) programming. Admission is free.

The film "Inequality for All" will screen at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 1** at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The film will be introduced by Assistant Professor Christa Marr. Admission is free.

Our Kids is a New York Times bestseller and "a passionate, urgent" (The New Yorker) examination of the growing inequality gap. Putnam's volume offers a personal and authoritative look at a new American crisis where a growing "opportunity gap" has emerged over the past 25 years. The crisis challenges the traditional assumption that Americans who have talent and try hard will succeed.



OUR KIDS

The American Dream
in Crisis

ROBERT D. PUTNAM

author of *Bowling Alone*

Teaching opportunities in Graduate and Continuing Education

The office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#), as part of the university-wide course scheduling process for 2017-2018, is currently accepting requests from faculty to teach for the summer 2017, fall 2017, winter 2018, and spring 2018 semesters. Faculty members interested in teaching should contact the appropriate department chair to express their interest and for 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. 2, 2016.

Campus police offering self-defense, first aid courses

The Fitchburg State campus [police department](#) is once again offering a series of education courses for all members of the campus community, including self-defense, CPR and active shooter response. The programs are offered free of charge.

The police force's active shooter response training is also continuing this year, with presentations scheduled at 4 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 4** Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building.



Additional training sessions will be held in the spring semester, and may be ordered for campus groups and organizations by contacting Chief Cloutier at mclouti4@fitchburgstate.edu.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 26**, the police will start their next Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System course for the year. The 12-hour self-defense course is a program of realistic tactics and techniques for women, beginning with awareness, prevention, risk education and avoidance and progressing to hands-on defensive training. To register, contact Lt. Donald Brickman at dbrickma@fitchburgstate.edu. Additional RAD courses will launch in the spring.

Campus police are also offering community first aid and CPR training to the general university population. The training course will provide individuals with the practical skill set and knowledge to provide basic and critical care to a sick or injured person until full medical treatment or a first responder is available.

The remaining fall courses will be offered **Wednesday, Oct. 19** from 5 to 9 p.m. in Hammond S08; and **Wednesday, Nov. 16** from 5 to 9 p.m. in Hammond S08. Attendees are asked to register by contacting Lt. William Fisher at wfisher@fitchburgstate.edu. Space is limited.

Additional details on the police force's other community outreach programs can be found on their [website](#).

Webinar to be held Oct. 20 for forensic nursing program

Learn about Fitchburg State's online graduate degree in forensic nursing with a free webinar at 1 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 20**. Visit <http://info.fitchburgstate.edu/forensic> for more information or to register.

Fitchburg State's Master of Science in Nursing is designed for registered nurses who wish to pursue advanced leadership positions in the community and the health care system. The forensic nursing program, run entirely online, prepares nurses to apply their knowledge and skills to a variety of settings, including emergency health services, schools, correctional facilities, law enforcement agencies, insurance companies and law firms.



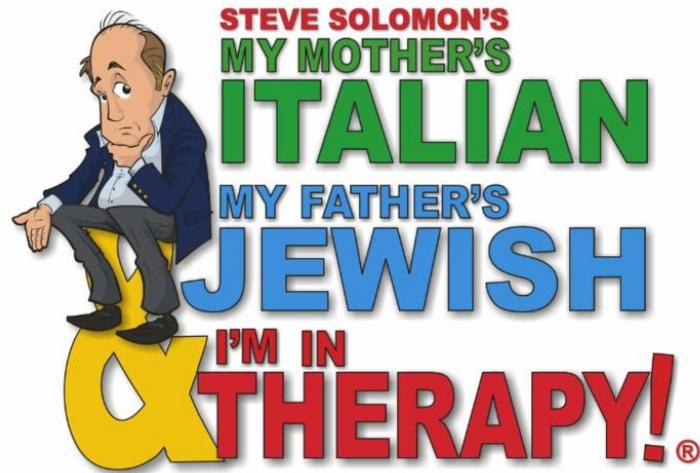
The 30-minute webinar will outline the program and how it can meet the needs of a busy professional schedule. Requirements and curriculum, admissions and the application process will be covered. Participants in the webinar will be eligible to have their \$40 application fee waived.

CenterStage and cultural events

In the Falcon Hub: "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy"

Join writer/star Steve Solomon for an evening of hysterical comedy in this presentation of one of the longest running one-man shows ever. Topped off with the voices of almost 30 of the most hilarious characters and situations you've ever seen, side-splitting laughter is guaranteed. Sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State, this event will be held at 7 p.m. in the

Falcon Hub at Hammond Hall. Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered online or at the Weston Box Office, which is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The box office can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets can be ordered [online](#). The program is part of the university's [inauguration and homecoming](#) week festivities.



Center for Italian Culture explores late Renaissance and early Baroque eras

The Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State marks its 16th year this fall with another series of talks and performances focused on the late Renaissance and early Baroque eras.

The Renaissance ("rebirth") was a period of great flourishing of the arts, supported by the patronage of Italian city states such as Florence and Venice, and the popes in Rome. Classical Humanism stimulated the recovery, study, and translation of ancient Greek and Roman texts, and artists such as Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo infused classical principles with modern scientific procedures in their studies of anatomy and observations of the natural world.

The invention of the movable type printing press gave rise to a thriving music publishing industry. Madrigals, motets, and masses flooded the market ushering in a veritable golden age of a-cappella singing. Musicians such as Giovanni Gabrieli contributed to the expansion of instrumental music, Claudio Monteverdi pioneered the nascent opera, and Antonio Vivaldi followed with the concerto genre.

November 9 at 7 PM
KENT RECITAL HALL
 FREE ADMISSION

Elise Groves SOPRANO
 Caroline Rossiter Olsen MEZZO-SOPRANO
 Sean Lair TENOR
 Elijah Blaisdell BARITONE
 Triton Brass Quintet

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
 CENTER FOR ITALIAN CULTURE

FACULTY TALK:
The Restoration of Musical Performance Venues in Venice and Rome
 OCT. 26 AT 12:30 PM | KENT RECITAL HALL

Dr. Teresa Fava Thomas will discuss efforts to save and restore historic Italian churches and performance halls where musicians like Vivaldi, Palestrina, Monteverdi, and Strozzi played their music four hundred years ago.

The programs start with a talk by Professor Teresa Fava Thomas entitled "The Restoration of Musical Performance Venues in Venice and Rome." The lecture will be presented at 12:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 26** in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free. Thomas will discuss efforts to save and restore historic Italian churches and performance halls where musicians like Vivaldi, Palestrina, Monteverdi, and Strozzi performed their music 400 years ago.

Programming continues on **Friday, Nov. 4**, with a lecture and demonstration on brass music and composition with French horn player Shelagh Abate and composer Michele Caniato. That program will be held at 12:30 and 2 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall. Admission is free.

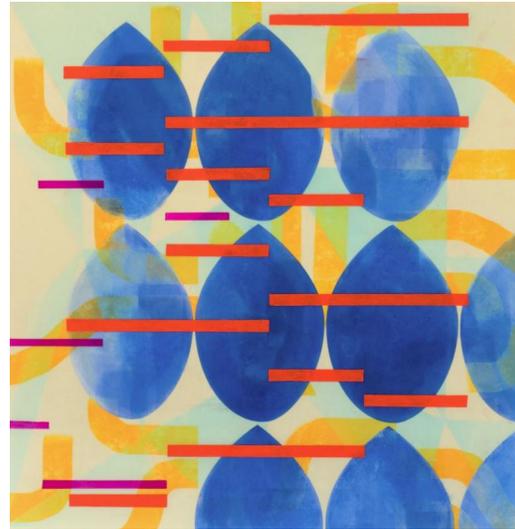
There will also be a concert at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 9**, in Kent Recital Hall entitled "Music in the Age of Humanism and Scientific Revolution: Composers of the Renaissance and Baroque Era," featuring Elise Groves, soprano, Carloline Rossiter Olsen, mezzo-soprano, Sean Lair, tenor, Elijah Blaisdell, baritone, and the Triton Brass Quintet. Admission is free.

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Reversible Floating Spaces

The richly layered, abstract and colorful work of artist Marina Thompson is on display at the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through October 26.

Thompson's paintings explore a richly layered, abstracted, and introspective experience of her encounters and conversations with people, with herself, and with the world. This colorful and graphic work merges printmaking with oil paint, gouache, flashe, and the ancient art of encaustic.

Learn more about the artist at her website, marinathompson.com.



"Subsequent Antecedents" by Marina Thompson

Faculty notes

Danette Day (Education) spent several weeks in the summer of 2016 in India, conducting research on women's pathways into educational leadership. She is hoping to develop an opportunity for undergraduates to travel to India and perhaps organize a future exchange. Day maintained a blog of her travels that can be viewed online at ddayindiasummer2016.blogspot.com.

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