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Selingo offers hopeful vision of higher ed

Education writer Jeffrey J. Selingo said he was "bullish" on the future of higher education, despite the demographic challenges affecting colleges and universities nationwide.

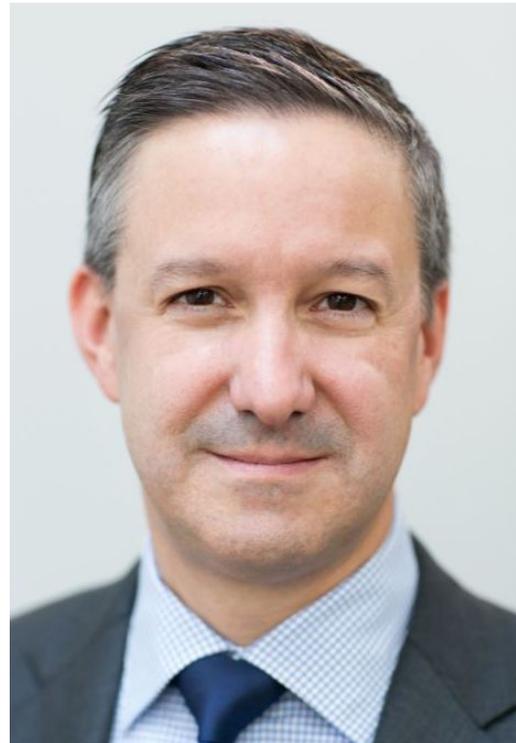
In an address entitled "Trends Affecting the Future of Higher Education," offered as part of the university's [125th Anniversary](#) celebration, Selingo said institutions will need to adapt to changing times by being able to serve learners at all stages of their professional lives.

Selingo, who has written about higher education for two decades, said institutions need to think about education as a lifelong concept, rather than a four-year commitment. "The idea of when we are learning is going to change dramatically," he said. "Education is going to be continual."

Selingo also said colleges must pay attention to the services today's students need. "Services are the new amenities," he said. "What students most want is help getting through and getting out."

He cited academic support, career services and mental health services as crucial to today's students.

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Bernstein talks journalism in age of Trump

Carl Bernstein, the legendary journalist who helped expose the Watergate scandal that toppled the presidency of Richard M. Nixon, discussed the challenges facing journalism in the Trump era at an address Sunday co-sponsored by the university.

The talk was part of our [125th anniversary](#) celebration. Professor Kyle Moody (Communications Media) introduced the talk by discussing the importance of combating "fake news," a topic he has presented on at forums around the region.



Carl Bernstein, right, speaks with WGBH senior political

Several university students were also reporter Adam Reilly at the university-sponsored talk. in attendance and had the opportunity to speak with Bernstein after his remarks and a question-and-answer session with WGBH senior political correspondent Adam Reilly.

Bernstein said that journalism exists for the public good, and not to further the interests of media companies or the agendas of their owners. "Our primary function is to give our readers the best obtainable version of the truth," he said. "That's something that's very difficult to achieve."

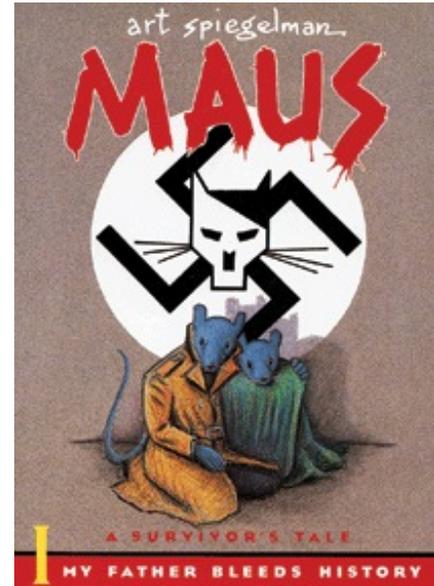
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125th anniversary events continue

The university's [125th anniversary](#) celebration continues this month with additional events in our yearlong Community Read of Art Spiegelman's acclaimed graphic novel *Maus*. There will be a panel discussion entitled "Nazi Symbolism and Propaganda: From Medieval Times to the Present" at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15** at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

In this program, Professors Katherine Jewell, Ben Lieberman and Kisha Tracy will discuss the medieval origins of Nazi symbolism and propaganda, and its historical and contemporary uses from Nazi Germany to modern day Nazi Culture in the United States.

Other upcoming programs include a hands-on workshop entitled "(Mis)appropriation of the Middle Ages: Confronting Misuses of History in the Age of the Meme" that will be held at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22** in the library instruction lab of the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library. In this program, attendees will analyze pre-selected artifacts that represent the misuse of history by the KKK, Nazis, and other groups to articulate their messages. Visitors will learn research techniques to fact check these memes.



[Learn more](#)

Other 125th events happening this month include:

- The sixth annual Science Symposium that will be held from **3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22** in the Lisciotti Pavilion of the Antonucci Science Complex. This poster session will highlight research performed by members of the university's science faculty. Students are encouraged to come and learn about research opportunities within the science departments on campus. Light refreshments will be served.
- An original composition heralding Fitchburg State's 125th anniversary will be premiered during a recital by members of the university's music faculty at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24** in Kent Recital Hall. The performance will include selections from faculty members Robin Dinda (composer), Jane Fiske (piano), Jonathan Harvey (baritone) and Amy McGlothlin (saxophone). The professors are members of the university's Humanities Department. Following individual selections by the faculty performers, together they will present the premiere of "Quasquicentennial" by Professor Dinda, along with two other original compositions making their debut at the concert.

[125th Events](#)

Speaker Series continues today at library

The university Speakers Series starts its fall session **today at 12:30 p.m.** with a talk by **Professor Erin Rehrig** (Biology) entitled "The Evolution of Sex." The talk will be held in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Refreshments will be served.



Library display spotlights faculty scholarship

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio [Library](#) has launched a new [spotlight](#) on Fitchburg State faculty scholarship. Learn about what our faculty are researching and visit the main level of the library to see the display of their work.

The inaugural spotlight focuses on **Charles Sides** (Communications Media) and **Daniel Welsh** (Biology/Chemistry).

Google apps subject of intro sessions this month

Faculty and staff are moving to Gmail in November. Information Technology will be hosting introductory sessions to show highlights of some of the powerful apps within the Google Enterprise Edition that will soon be available.

There will be two sessions on **Monday, Oct. 21**, from **9:30 to 10 a.m.** in Kent Recital Hall and **2 to 2:30 p.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall. There will also be sessions on Thursday, Oct. 24, from **11 to 11:30 a.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall and **3:30 to 4 p.m.** in Kent Recital Hall.

GCE hosting Graduate Fair on Oct. 23

Fitchburg State hosts its third [Graduate Fair](#) from **1 to 4 p.m.**

Wednesday, Oct. 23,

giving local students the opportunity to meet with representatives from various schools and learn about graduate program opportunities across the region.

Thinking about
Graduate School?

GRADUATE EDUCATION FAIR

Oct. 23 / 1-4 PM / Hammond Main Lounge

Popcorn and raffle prizes with merchandise from each of the 10 attending schools will be given away. For more information and to view the list of schools attending, [click here](#).

Flu clinics this month

[Health Services](#) will hold their annual flu clinics this month. The clinics will be held from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29** and **Wednesday, Oct. 30** in the Main Lounge at Hammond Hall. There will also be a clinic from **3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30** at the Athletics and Recreation Center.

Most insurances are accepted so visitors are asked to bring their insurance cards. Those not covered by insurance can pay \$32 in cash for flu vaccine.



Green options include carpool, EV charging spots

Fitchburg State is unveiling two new green transportation options spotlighting our commitment to a greener future, both located behind the Conlon

Fine Arts Building and clearly marked by signage:

- Electric Car (EV) charging station - A ChargePoint two-head charger was installed in September. It is free of charge to use and is accessed by swiping a ChargePoint account to unlock the handle.
- Designated Carpool Parking - Two carpool spots are available to any Fitchburg State employee or student. A separate permit is required for these spaces. For more information on obtaining a permit, contact [Parking Services](#).



Symposium looks at sexual and gender-based violence

The university will host a symposium from **5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23** about what colleges are doing to create a safe and respectful culture, what students can do to promote safety for themselves and others, and legislation (both existing and proposed) that supports the goal of reducing and compassionately managing sexual assaults.

The will include an interactive, scenario-driven workshop followed by a panel discussion on the laws that govern campus violence, including State Rep. Natalie Higgins; Maggie Smith, Staff Attorney at the Victim Rights Law Center; Kristin Murphy, Fitchburg State's Title IX Coordinator; Marienelly Vazquez, Campus Advocate; and representatives of University Police and Student Life, to talk about existing and proposed legislation, reporting, victim rights, and any other questions you may have about violence prevention and response on college campuses.

Register online by clicking [here](#).

CenterStage and cultural events

The Filharmonic performs Saturday, Oct. 18

The Filharmonic, the five-member Filipino-American vocal sensations who were featured in NBC's hit musical competition *The Sing-Off*, will perform at **8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18** at Weston Auditorium. The performance is part of Fitchburg State's [CenterStage](#) arts and culture series.

The Los Angeles-based group made the semi-finals of the NBC program and went on a national tour while also being featured in the hit film *Pitch Perfect 2* and setting off a viral sensation following an appearance on CBS's *The Late Late Show*. The Filharmonic performs a unique blend of hip hop, pop and '90s nostalgia.



The Filharmonic performs Oct. 18.

Tickets for The Filharmonic are \$20 for adults; \$15 for Fitchburg State alumni, seniors and staff, and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the Weston Box Office at 353 North St. from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, or by calling 978-665-3347. Tickets can also be ordered [online](#).

University ensembles present "Musical Mega-Mix" on Oct. 21

Fitchburg State's instrumental and choral

ensembles will present a joint concert at 7 p.m. **Monday, Oct. 21** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The "Music Mega-Mix" will showcase the Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. Admission to the show is free and open to the public. University students interested in joining any of the ensembles for the spring semester can see all the groups in action.

More than 100 musicians from the university community will be taking part in this program, featuring short sets from all five of Fitchburg State's curricular music ensembles.

In the Galleries

The work of Matt Eich, who uses photography to make long-form projects related to memory, family, community, and the American condition, will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through **Friday, Oct. 25**.

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

A poster for the "Music Mega-Mix" event. The top half features a photograph of a concert with blue stage lights and silhouettes of people with their hands raised. Below the photo, the title "MUSIC MEGA-MIX" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath the title, it says "A SHOWCASE OF FITCHBURG STATE'S MUSIC ENSEMBLES" in white. A dark blue box contains the text "FEATURING" in yellow, followed by a list of ensembles: Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. To the right of this list, the date and time "Monday, October 21 7:00 PM" and the location "Weston Auditorium" are listed in white. At the bottom, the Fitchburg State University logo and "HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT" are displayed in white.

MUSIC MEGA-MIX

A SHOWCASE OF FITCHBURG STATE'S MUSIC ENSEMBLES

FEATURING
Concert Band
Symphony Orchestra
Jazz Band
Concert Choir
Chamber Choir

Monday, October 21
7:00 PM
Weston Auditorium

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

Staff Notes

William Cummings (Student Affairs), dean of students and deputy Title IX coordinator, facilitated a two-day Sexual Misconduct Institute on behalf of the Association for Student Conduct Administrators for the Ohio Department of Education. Cummings presented to higher education professionals representing 36 institutions of higher education from across the state of Ohio. The curriculum covered Title IX legislation/regulations, compliance, and fundamental due process, adjudication models, cultural humility, understanding trauma, consent and incapacitation, remedies and sanctioning, and went in-depth into conducting administrative investigations on campuses.

Faculty Notes

Professor Paul Weizer (Economics, History and Political Science) is co-author of a newly published Moot Court guidebook. [*How to Please the Court: A Moot Court Handbook*](#) (West Academic Publishing) is designed for students and teachers to prepare for and participate in undergraduate appellate court simulations. This text is the only one of its kind on the market, focusing on helping undergraduate students try their hand at appellate advocacy.

Professor Jane Fiske (Humanities) presented "Teach Students Critical Writing Skills through Musical Form," at the Fourteenth International Conference on The Arts in Society, at the Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon in June. The approach to teaching critical and creative thinking skills through music is foundational to her teaching at the university, particularly in the course she created, Critical and Creative Thinking.

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