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Ready for duty: Police Program holds first graduation

The first recruit officer class of Fitchburg State's [police program](#) took the oath of honor Thursday afternoon, marking a milestone in the program believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

Fitchburg State created the five-year police program in close collaboration with the state's Municipal Police Training Committee. Graduates of the program will finish with bachelor's and master's degrees as well as certification to work full-time in municipal police departments across Massachusetts.



After years of academic study, the recruit officers spent the last 17 weeks in a comprehensive program of physical training and tactical skills development that included qualification at the firing range and emergency vehicle operations.

Click [here](#) to see a photo gallery from the ceremony.

[Read more](#)

Homecoming and Spirit Week events planned

The university celebrates Homecoming and Spirit Week this month, offering students and alumni a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new memories.



Current Falcons can participate in spirit week activities beginning on **Monday, Sept. 24** and leading into our Homecoming weekend celebrations **Friday, Sept. 28** through **Sunday, Sept. 30**.

[Learn more](#)

2nd Amendment is focus of Constitution Day talk

A civil discussion of the 2nd Amendment will mark Fitchburg State's observance of Constitution Day tomorrow.

Political science students Philip Spadano '19 and Matthew Badagliacca '20 will discuss the topic

from alternative viewpoints at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 18** at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The discussion is open to the public.

Spadano and Badagliacca took a U.S. government class together in 2017 and often found themselves on opposite sides of issues that arose. Spadano thought a measured approach to what can be a contentious issue was warranted again. "Let's try to take the emotion out of it," he said.

[Learn more](#)



CONSTITUTION DAY PANEL:
Students discuss their viewpoints on the 2nd Amendment

The Right to Bear Arms
"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Tuesday, September 18 / 3:30 PM
Ellis White Lecture Hall
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Community Read launches Sept. 19

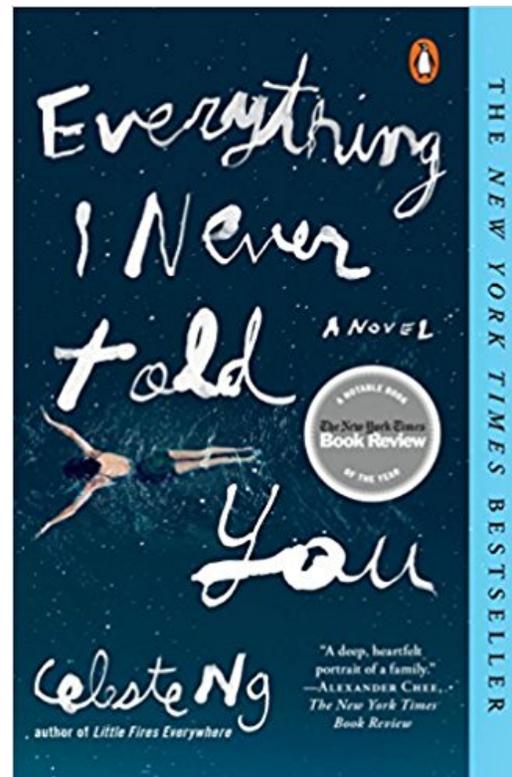
Fitchburg State University's [Community Read](#) of 2018-19 - Celeste Ng's acclaimed novel *Everything I Never Told You* - will begin with a talk by Professor Ben Railton (English Studies) at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 19** in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Railton will deliver a talk entitled "Everything They Never Told You about Immigration Histories and Stories."

In Ng's novel, *Everything I Never Told You*, a family's secrets are closely tied to themes of immigration and ethnic identity. As it turns out, much of American immigration history is also far too secret, and in this talk, Railton will share some of the histories and stories that we are never (or hardly ever) told.

The Telegram & Gazette interviewed Railton for an article about the presentation that can be read online [here](#).

[Community Read Events](#)



Banned Books Week observed Sept. 23-29

Banned Books Week, observed Sept. 23-29, celebrates the freedom to read and draws attention to banned and challenged books.

In addition to displaying and providing information about banned and challenged books, the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library is hosting "The Written Word: A Celebration of the Book," a series of talks that explore the historical and artistic

elements of the written word. Both events will be held on the first floor of the library.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 25** at 3:30 p.m. - A Select History of Books and Typography. Professor Donald Tarallo (Communications Media) will discuss the evolution of books and printing with a special emphasis on Italian typography and printing.
- **Thursday, Sept. 27** at 3:30 p.m. - Flights of Imagination: Juliet, Kate and Ophelia. Over the summer, artist KK Kozik painted a mural in the library's stairwell. Kozik will discuss how the depiction of tumbling books relates to her use of the Four Humors to reflect the personalities of female Shakespeare characters.



Artist KK Kozik painted a mural that spans several floors of the library stairwell.

Change in name for accreditation agency

The Commission of Higher Education (CIHE) under the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is now a separate entity, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE, pronounced *neh-chee*). This action was taken to align with the U.S. Department of Education's requirement that CIHE, as the higher education commission of NEASC, operates as a separate and independent entity.

Formerly both the Commission of Public Schools (K-12) and the Commission of Higher Education were under the NEASC umbrella. The standards for accreditation remain the same.

[Learn more](#)

CenterStage and cultural events

The Fitchburg State University CenterStage arts and culture series has begun the 2018-19 year with a sculpture exhibit in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. "Figure-Figuration," featuring the work of Claudia Olds Goldie, will run through Friday, Oct. 26. There will be an artist talk and reception at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 26** at the gallery.

Claudia Olds Goldie holds a BFA from Boston University College of Visual Arts. She teaches at Harvard University in the Ceramics Program and at Dexter Southfield School in Brookline. A member of Boston Sculptors Gallery since 2015, she is also represented by several other galleries in the U.S.

Her awards include recognition from the Massachusetts Cultural Council as a 2017 grant finalist, an Artist Award from the Society of Arts and Crafts, a Kiln God Residency from Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, a residency fellowship from the Vermont Studio Center, a nomination for a Boston Foundation Brother Thomas fellowship, and numerous awards from Bay State Clay Biennial exhibitions. Her work was featured in the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Biennial in Houston and the Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design (SOFA) Fair in Chicago.



Bustle and Calm by Claudia Olds Goldie

Cultural Heritage through Image project on display at FAM

The [Cultural Heritage through Image](#) project, led by **Professor Kisha G. Tracy** (English Studies) with collaborators including **Professor Peter Laytin** (Communications Media) and **Asher Jackson** (Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library) has its first [installation](#) on display in the community gallery at the [Fitchburg Art Museum](#), through **Sept. 30**.



**Cultural Heritage
Through Image**

The project parallels through photography the ancient to medieval cultural heritage stories from other countries to the cultural heritage stories of local communities, particularly centered on New England and Fitchburg. Cultural heritage is the manifestation of common human experiences, and, by drawing these parallels, we can emphasize those connections and the shared need for preservation and the study of the past.

Faculty Notes

Joshua Spero (Economics, History and Political Science) spoke on "Serving Communities Larger Than Ourselves" as the guest speaker for the Chelmsford Military Community Covenant's 9/11 annual commemoration.

Save the dates!

- The campus will host three Open Houses for prospective students. This fall's events will be **Saturday, Oct. 13, Oct. 27** and **Nov. 10**.
- The holiday tree lighting will be held at 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 29**.

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