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University observes Constitution Day with immigration talk

Questions on the role states should play in enforcement of immigration law and the power of the federal government to deport undocumented immigrants will be explored in a Fitchburg State University panel discussion at 3:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 19** at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The discussion will mark the university's annual observance of Constitution Day, celebrating the ratification of the nation's founding document in 1787. Immigration has been at the forefront of the national discussion for years, with law and policy debated across all levels of government, from executive orders to court rulings.

Professor Will Cortezia will moderate a discussion the topic with a panel including Carlos Nicholas Formaggia, an attorney specializing in immigration; Eladia Romero, aide to U.S. Rep. James McGovern; and Eric Budd, professor and chair of the university's Economics, History and Political Science Department.



Over the last few years, immigration has been on the forefront of our news. Immigration law and policy has been debated across our different levels of government. These debates are entwined in areas of constitutional law. Just this year, the Courts heard multiple cases concerning the constitutionality of President Trump's Executive Order, banning travelers from specific countries. Last year, they heard cases on President Obama's executive order that would have granted millions of undocumented immigrants legal status.

Therefore, immigration is a policy and legal area that is important for North Central Massachusetts and has constitutional implications. For example, what role should the states have in enforcing the immigration laws? Can religious tests be constitutionally applied to immigrants? Are there any constitutional limitations on the power of the federal government to deport all 11 million undocumented immigrants?

To celebrate Constitution Day we will have a panel of experts to discuss these and other issues that concern immigration and our Constitution.

Tuesday, September 19 / 3:30 PM
Ellis White Lecture Hall

 **FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

Community Read launches this week

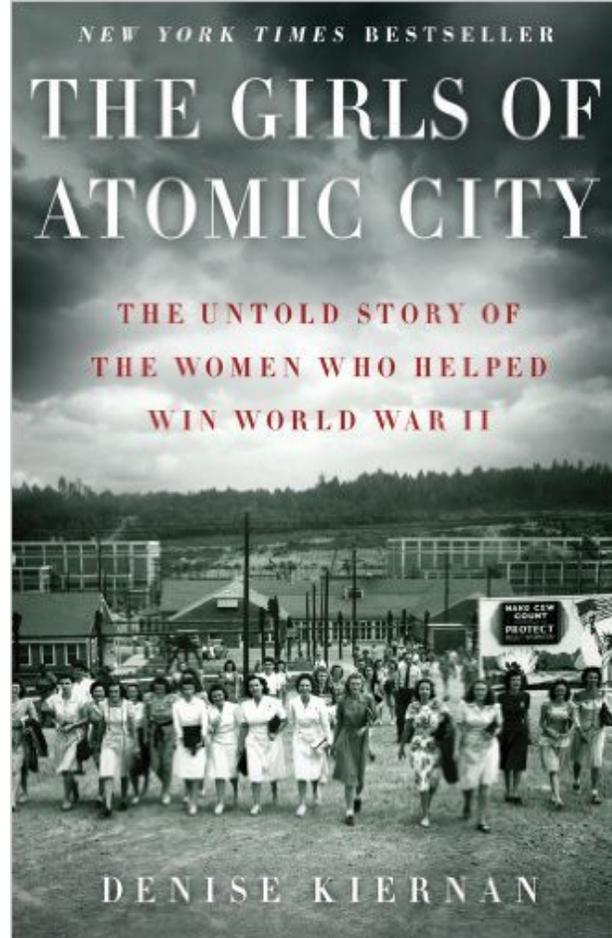
Fitchburg State kicks off its year-long Community Read of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan with a panel talk on the development, consequences and legacy of the atomic bomb at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 20** in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library in Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The discussion marks the start of a year-long exploration of the best-selling book that 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.

The panel talk on Sept. 20 will include professors Katherine Jewell (Economics, History and Political Science), Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science), Elizabeth Gordon (Earth and Geographic Sciences) and Emma Downs (Biology/Chemistry), along with Dean of Health and Natural Sciences John Schaumloffel. A question-and-answer session will follow the panelists' remarks, moderated by librarian Connie Strittmatter.

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Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon - Homecoming Sept. 22-24

Enjoy food, football and fireworks when Fitchburg State holds its 2017 Homecoming Weekend, **Friday, Sept. 22** through **Sunday, Sept. 24**. The weekend's events will inspire visitors to embrace their Falcon pride, reconnect with old friends and make new memories at what will always be their university.

The roster of events includes a performance by platinum-selling pop star [Jesse McCartney](#), a Homecoming barbecue, bonfire and spirit rally, and the must-see Falcons football game where local food trucks will be stationed and adult beverages will be available.

Teams can also enter the [Falcon Fun Color Run](#), a one-mile fun run/walk starting at 5 p.m. Friday at the Civic Center.

The university will also pay tribute to the Class of 1967 on the occasion of their 50th anniversary reunion.

[Learn More](#)

HOME COMING CONCERT:
Jesse McCartney

SATURDAY
Sept. 23
at 8 PM

(DOORS OPEN 7 PM)
Recreation Center
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
Ages 17+

TICKET PURCHASE INFO:
eventbrite.com
Students \$10 / Student Guest \$20
Alumni & Campus Community \$25
Meet / Photo with Jesse \$40

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HOME COMING!
Sept. 22-24, 2017
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Jesse McCartney performs Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Athletics and Recreation Center.

ALFA presents a look at service dogs on Sept. 26

Learn about the National Education for Assistance Dogs Service ([NEADS](#)) program at a free presentation at 2:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 26** in Hammond Hall, room G01. The talk is sponsored by Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area ([ALFA](#)).



John Moon, from NEADS Service Dogs in Princeton, will join us to share how service dogs, properly trained and matched with their human partners, are able to lighten the load of "simple everyday tasks" most of us take for granted. He will discuss how NEADS dogs can help children with autism, veterans grappling with PTSD or a physical injury, adults with hearing or vision impairment, and even how teachers working with special needs children can interact with NEADS dogs in the classroom. Moon will also review the successful NEADS inmate training program that utilizes inmates as dog trainers.

Students in education, nursing, human services, criminal justice or the new deaf studies minor will be interested in this event. For more information, [contact](#) the ALFA office.

Equity & Diversity series spotlights LGBTQ issues

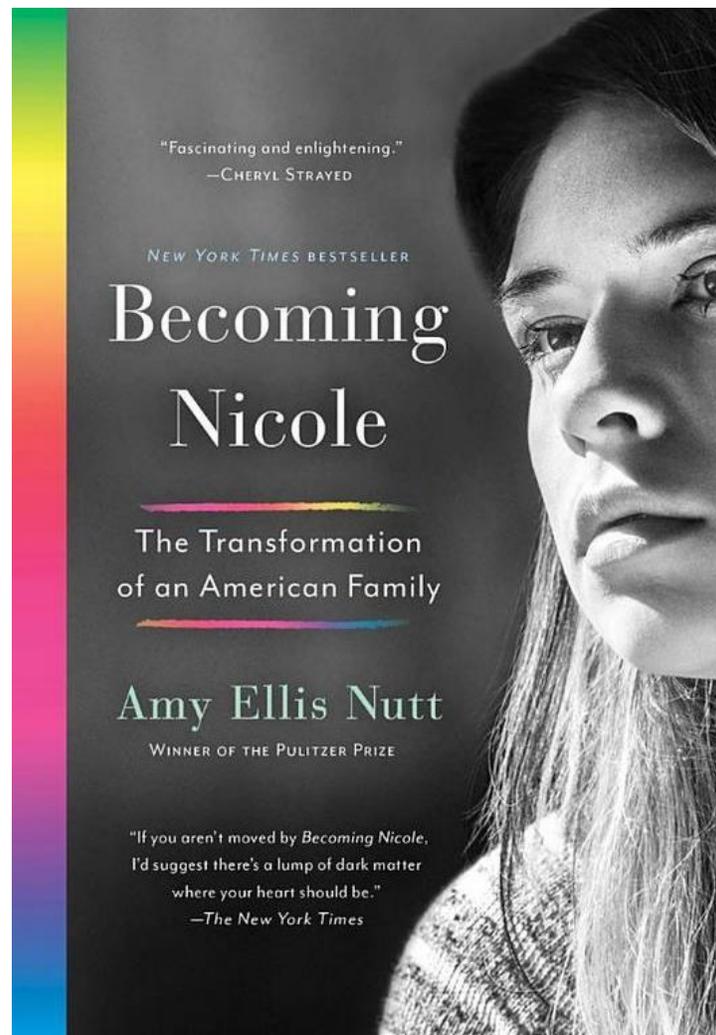
The Equity & Diversity Committee presents a series of art exhibits, film screenings and discussions this fall exploring gender and equality, including a keynote presentation by Nicole Maines, subject of the best-selling book *Becoming Nicole - A Transformation of an American Family*.

The events open with a panel discussion featuring local college and high school students sharing their personal stories of gender identity. The talk will be held at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 27** in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library in Hammond Hall.

The library is also hosting two 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](#)



Hydration stations promote recycling and health

Are you thirsty? Do you have a reusable water

bottle that you've been dying to fill? Do you have a recyclable water bottle that you just don't want to see go to waste yet?

Then the Office of Environmental Health and Safety has good news for you. Fitchburg State has six complimentary hydration stations where you can fill up across campus. Check them out in the Rec Center, McKay Complex, Holmes Dining Commons, Russell Towers, Conlon Fine Arts Building, and Percival Hall.

Help contribute to saving the planet by refilling water bottles across campus with ease. An indicator on the unit will help you see how many bottles have been filled.



This hydration station in the Holmes Dining Commons has kept more than 35,000 plastic bottles from entering the waste stream.

CenterStage and cultural events

Lunar visions on the Conlon Hall Media Wall

COSMIC VISION: NASA On the Moon and Beyond opens with a wall talk at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the media wall in Conlon Hall.

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.



Musical performance: 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.



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