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Inauguration & Homecoming events planned

This October, Fitchburg State celebrates a milestone in its history with the formal [inauguration](#) of President Lapidus. The installation ceremony at 2:30 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 13** at the Athletics and Recreation Center is part of a larger campus celebration of the university's history.

Earlier this year, a cross-campus committee solicited and reviewed proposals for inaugural week programming that would appeal to students, faculty, staff members and the wider community. Those proposals were evaluated and a robust week of [programming](#) is in store for Tuesday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 16.



The inaugural week is being held in conjunction with the revamped Homecoming weekend.

Visit the inauguration website at fitchburgstate.edu/inauguration for additional details.

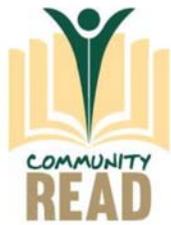
Community Read 2016-17 launches with panel talk today

Fitchburg State will launch its Community Read of Robert Putnam's powerful *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* with a panel talk exploring the legal right to education, and the kind of education this nation's children deserve, on **Monday, Sept. 19**.

The talk, to be held at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, will mark the university's observance of [Constitution Day](#), held annually to recognize the adoption of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. The Community Read events will continue throughout the academic year.

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.

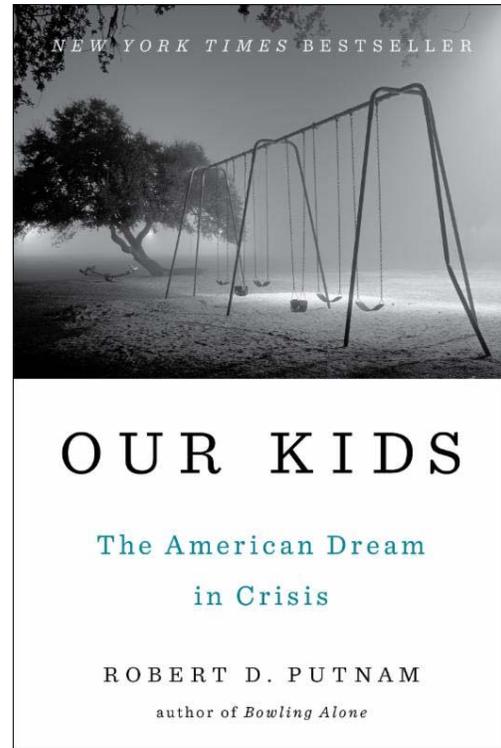
The panel talk on Sept. 19 will feature Associate Dean of Education/McKay Arts Academy



Principal Lourdes Ramirez;
Assistant Professor of
Education Danette Day;
Director of the United
Neighbors of Fitchburg Joana
Dos Santos; Fitchburg High
School Principal Jeremy
Roche; and Professor of

Political Science Paul Weizer.

Admission is free.



Open forums scheduled for dean searches

The university will begin the search process for three dean positions this week: dean of arts and sciences, dean of health and natural sciences and the dean of graduate and continuing education. To begin the process, open forums have been scheduled for the university community.

The university has partnered with the firm Academic Search to assist with the process. Academic Search consultants will be on campus to gather information from our community regarding key characteristics and qualities that members would like the candidates to possess.

There will be an open forum concerning the dean of graduate and continuing education at **11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19** in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center; a forum for the dean of arts and sciences at **2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20** in Presidents' Hall; and a forum for the dean of natural health and sciences at **2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21** in Presidents' Hall. Each forum is scheduled to last one hour.

A survey link will be created so members of the university may offer feedback electronically.

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.

On **Tuesday, Sept. 20**, the police will launch their first 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. The program is delivered over the course of four nights. The first session starts **Tuesday, Sept. 20** from 6 to 9 p.m. in the

Athletics and Recreation Center.

Additional RAD courses will launch **Wednesday, Oct. 26;** Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017; and Wednesday, April 5, 2017. To sign up, contact Lt. Donald Brickman at dbrickma@fitchburgstate.edu.

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 fall courses will be offered **Wednesday, Sept. 21** from 5 to 9 p.m. at McKay 192; **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.

The police force's active shooter response training is also continuing this year, with presentations scheduled at 3 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 21** and 4 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 27** in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building. Additional trainings will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, also in Kent Recital Hall.

For additional information, contact Interim Chief Michael Cloutier at mclouti4@fitchburgstate.edu. 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.



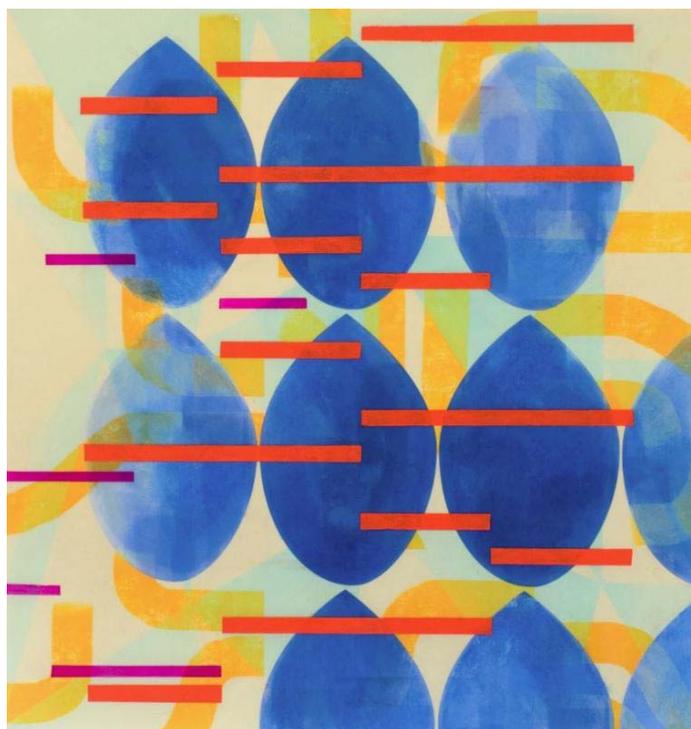
The 30-minute webinar will outline the program and how it can meet the needs of a busy professional schedule. Requirements and curriculum, admissions and the application process will be covered. Participants in the webinar will be eligible to have their \$40 application fee waived.

CenterStage and cultural events

The richly layered, abstract and colorful work of artist Marina Thompson will be on display at the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through October 26, part of the university's CenterStage arts and culture series.

Thompson will discuss her work at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 21** at the gallery, located in Hammond Hall at 160 Pearl St., Fitchburg. Admission is free.

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.



"Subsequent Antecedents" by Marina Thompson

After years of working in the field of illustration, illuminating words with images, Thompson is now imaging patterns of communication and human interaction. Her paintings record an abstracted, layered and introspective experience of her encounters and conversations with people, with herself, and with the world.

"Good communication requires kinetic creativity: many layers of light, color, texture, balance, nuance, and surprise," the artist says. "Pattern and repetition, rhythm and interruption are a big part of what make up our lives. Geometry helps us make sense of the world."

The pulse of color and the play of light and texture are constant sources of stimulation for her. Color creates light, light creates form. Thompson's paintings explore depth, energy and movement with illusions of volume, space, light and time.

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

Faculty notes

Adem Y. Elveren (Economics, History and Political Science) saw the publication of his article "The Effect of Informal Economy on Income Inequality: Evidence from Turkey," coauthored with

Gökçer Özgür, in the journal of Panoeconomicus.

Charles Sides (Communications Media) was recently appointed as co-editor for the Routledge Series on Technical Communication, Rhetoric, and Culture.

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