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Antonucci Science Complex to be dedicated May 7



Fitchburg State University's sprawling science complex, a state of the art facility that symbolizes more than a decade of progress for the institution, will be named after President Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci. The public is invited to celebrate with the Fitchburg State campus when the building is dedicated at 4 p.m. **Thursday, May 7.**

There will also be a free barbecue on the main quad from noon to 3 p.m. in advance of the formal ceremony.

President Antonucci is retiring in June after 12 years leading Fitchburg State, where his tenure included continuing major investments in buildings and infrastructure. The Board of Trustees voted this spring to name the 110,000-square-foot facility at 333 North St. in honor of the Antonuccis.

"The science complex is a fitting symbol of President and Mrs. Antonucci's leadership and service to Fitchburg State," Board of Trustees Chairman Martin F. Connors Jr. said. "Their devotion to the institution and its students is legendary, and we are honored that this magnificent building will bear their names."

Campus hosts Board of Education, Board of Higher Education on Tuesday, April 28

The campus will host a [joint session](#) of the state Board of Elementary and Secondary



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Education and Board of Higher Education on **Tuesday, April 28** at 9 a.m. in Hammond Hall.



The joint session will be followed by a meeting of the Board of Higher Education at 11 a.m. in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will also hold its own meeting from 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hammond Hall.

Later Tuesday, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will hold a [public forum](#) on the upcoming decision on whether to sunset the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) and adopt the Partnership for the Assessment of College and Careers ([PARCC](#)). That forum will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in Hammond Hall.

Convocation and Undergraduate Research Conference celebrate student achievement

The university celebrated student achievement last week with the sixth annual Undergraduate Conference on Research and Creative Practice followed by the 38th annual Honors Convocation.

The Honors Convocation, held in Weston Auditorium, included the announcement of the 2015 Faculty Award Recipients. The Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship was presented to **Jeffrey Warmouth** (Communications Media) and the Vincent J. Mara Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to **Benjamin Railton** (English Studies).



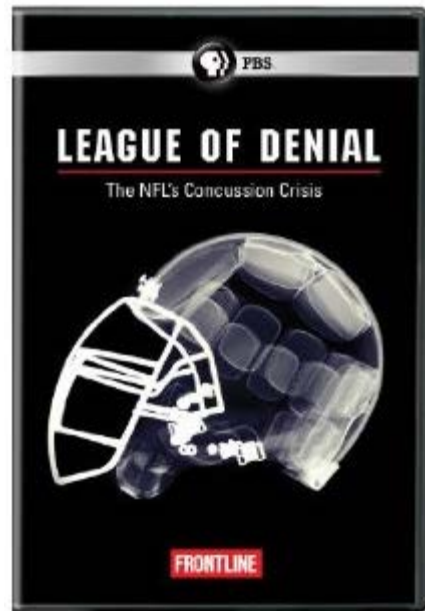
Both faculty members will be further recognized at the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 16.

Center for Conflict Studies looks at violence in sports

The Center for Conflict Studies continues its look at violence in sports on **Monday, April 27** at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall with a panel discussion exploring the question of whether football should be banned. Panelists will include Fitchburg State Athletic Director Sue Lauder, Instructor Monica Maldari (Exercise and Sports Science), Assistant Professor G.L. Mazard Wallace (Behavioral Sciences), David Svolba (Humanities) and Kisha Tracy (English Studies).

Admission is free.

The discussion began earlier this month when the campus hosted a screening of the documentary "League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis."



The discussion of violence in sports included a screening of the documentary "League of Denial" earlier in April.

Biology/Chemistry Club hosts alumni panel talk on April 28

The Biology/Chemistry Club hosts an alumni panel presentation entitled "Careers in Biological Sciences and Teaching" on **Tuesday, April 28** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Randall Lecture Hall in the Condike Wing of the science center.

Speakers will include Supriya Gupta '04, lab director in the Psychiatric and Neurodevelopmental Genetics Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston; Sara-Marie L. Goguen '04, science teacher at Goodrich Academy in the Fitchburg Public Schools; and Crystal McKinnon '11, a research associate for Forma Therapeutics Inc. in Watertown.

The graduates will speak to current students and faculty about their work and how Fitchburg State prepared them for their careers. The event will open with a social hour and refreshments at 3 p.m.

Hear about students' journeys from Fitchburg to Poland

Fitchburg State students who traveled to Poland during spring break will share their experiences at public forums at the Fitchburg Art Museum and at Miller Hall. The talks will be accompanied by Polish food prepared by Chartwells.

First, the students will present at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, April 28** at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St. The group will make another presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5 at Miller Oval in Miller Hall. Admission is free.

From Fitchburg to Poland! -- "Europe Today" -- 2015
The Kraków Renaissance: An Evening's Journey to Poland with Fitchburg State University's Students (& Polish food!)





Two public presentations:
 28 April at the Fitchburg Art Museum (7:00 pm – 185 Elm Street, Fitchburg) &
 5 May at FSU in Miller Oval (7:30 pm)



Faculty members Josh Spero and David Svolba led the trip.

"This was a transformative experience for our students and a hopeful time for them as they'll discuss and engage with our audiences about the triumph and tragedy in Poland; about the amazing renaissance that the city of Kraków has been experiencing for the past quarter century after so much hardship and war," Spero said.

University observes National Poetry Month with visit from writer Chloe Yelena Miller

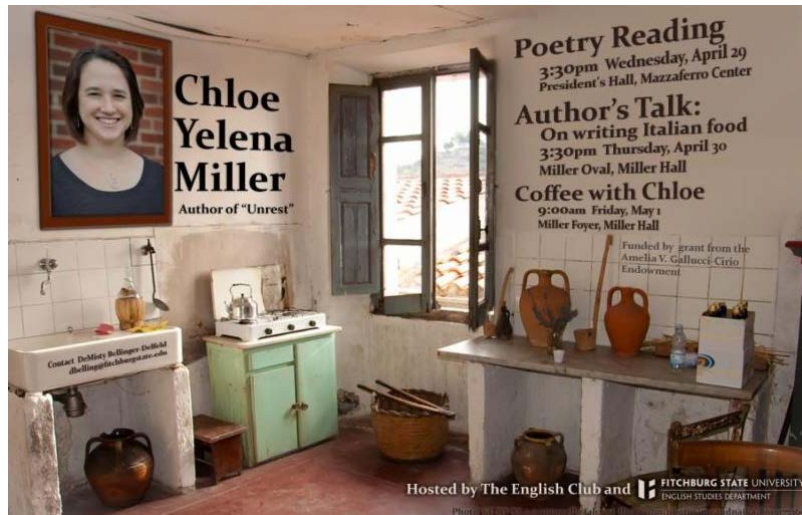
The university observes National Poetry Month with a visit from poet Chloe Yelena Miller this **Wednesday, April 29** through **Friday, May 1**.

Miller is the author of *Unrest* (Finishing Line Press) and has poems published or forthcoming in magazines such as *Alimentum Journal*, *The Cortland Review*, *Literary Mama*, *Narrative Magazine* and *Sink Review*. Her manuscript, *Permission to Stay*, was

a finalist for the Philip Levine Prize in Poetry. She's attended workshops at A Room of Her Own retreat, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Key West Literary Seminar and has been a resident at the Vermont Studio Center.

Miller teaches writing at Politics and Prose Bookstore in Washington, D.C., and online for Fairleigh Dickinson University and the University of Maryland. She received an M.F.A. from Sarah Lawrence College and a B.A. from Smith College. She blogs regularly about her work as a [writing coach](#) and writing about [parenting](#).

Miller will read from her work at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, April 29** at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center and will present an author's talk on "writing Italian food" at 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, April 30** in Miller Oval in Miller Hall. The visit will close with a coffee at 9 a.m. **Friday, May 1** in the foyer at Miller Hall.



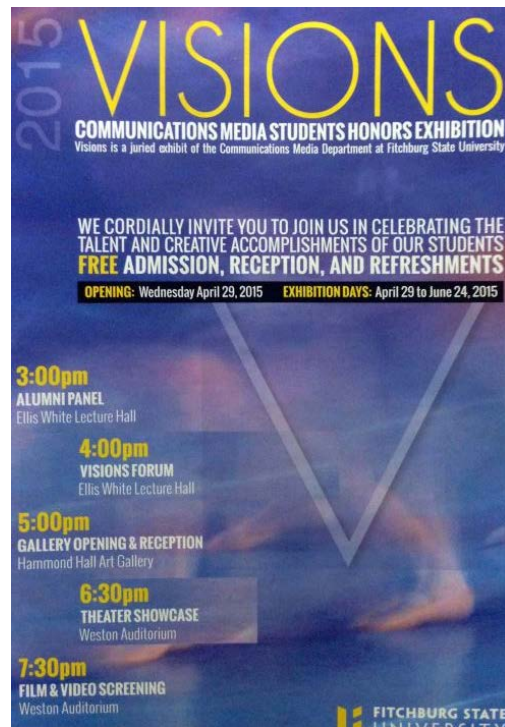
VISIONS opens Wednesday, April 29

[VISIONS](#), the juried exhibit of the Communications Media Department, opens **Wednesday, April 29**.

The annual celebration launches with an alumni panel at 3 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The panel will be followed at 4 p.m. by the Visions Forum, also in Ellis White.

There will be a gallery opening and reception at 5 p.m. in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, followed by a theater showcase at 6:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. The night will conclude with a film and video screening at 7:30 p.m., also in Weston.

The VISIONS gallery exhibit will run through June 24.

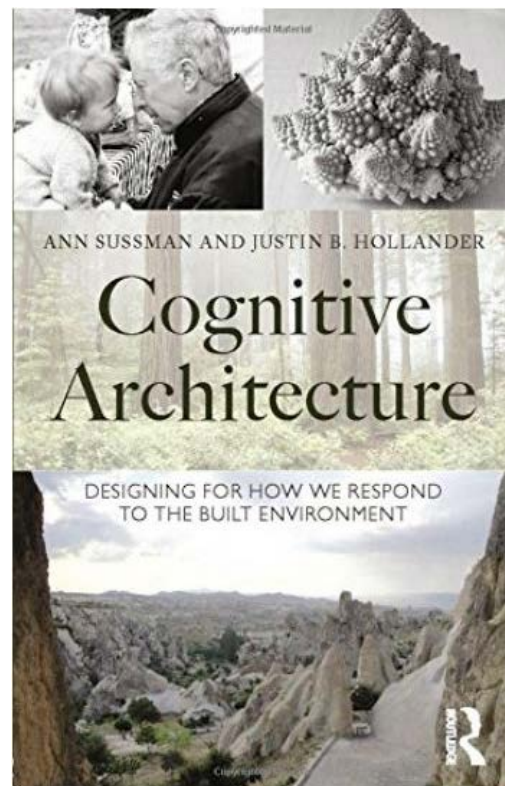


ITEC launches lecture series

Fitchburg State's Industrial Technology Department launches its new lecture series with "New Technology Directions in Architecture" on **Thursday, April 30** at 2 p.m. in the Mazzaferro Center. The talk is by architect Ann Sussman, co-author of *Cognitive Architecture: Designing for How We Respond to the Built Environment*. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Sussman's lecture explores the revolution in the life sciences, including neuroscience happening now, and how it will impact far more than biology. It will change our understanding of the human response to buildings and places. With the availability of affordable biometric devices to measure subconscious traits, new tools for determining how built environments make people feel are possible providing opportunities for research and a comprehensive understanding of our experience of place.

The monthly lecture series will explore topics in technology and industry to help enrich the experiences within the Industrial Technology Department and the wider Fitchburg State community.

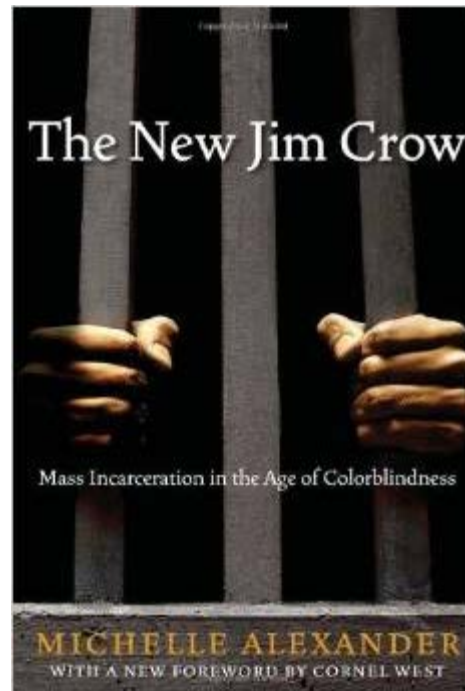


Community Read continues with films, discussions of race and justice

Fitchburg State's year-long [Community Read](#) of legal scholar Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* continues **Thursday, April 30** at 3:30 p.m. with a symposium and discussion of law and race to be held

at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The discussion will be moderated by Fitchburg State faculty member Eric Boehme. Admission is free, and panelists will include:

- New York Law School Professor Nadine Strossen, an educator, author, lecturer and seasoned lawyer in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights.
- American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts Staff Attorney Carlton Williams, an activist and organizer on issues of war, immigrants' rights, LGBT rights, racial justice and Palestinian self-determination.
- Amherst College Senior Lecturer David Delaney, an educator and author focused on law, jurisprudence and social thought.



The Community Read wraps up in May with a Third Thursday screening of the acclaimed film *The Defiant Ones* at the Fitchburg Public Library on **Thursday, May 21** at 4 p.m. Faculty member Joseph Moser will introduce the tale of two escaped convicts chained together, one white and one black, who must learn to get along in order to elude capture.

Throughout the Community Read, Fitchburg State faculty and staff will join with experts and artists from this region and beyond to explore the issues raised in the book. The public is invited to add their voices to the conversation as the university seeks to create community through communication. The series is sponsored by the Carl T. Witherell '32 fund.

Treasurer Goldberg talks college affordability

State Treasurer Deb Goldberg and members of her staff visited the campus Friday to discuss college affordability and the new Office of Economic Empowerment she launched upon being sworn in to office.

Goldberg spoke with students, faculty, administrators and local leaders including Mayor Lisa Wong and State Rep. Stephen DiNatale. She praised university leaders for the [\\$30K Commitment](#), designed to contain costs for students in high-demand programs, and heard from several people in the discussion that additional financial support from Boston is vital to the university's efforts to keep fee increases in check.



President Antonucci, right, explained the importance of financial assistance from Boston in controlling costs for students when state Treasurer Deb Goldberg, left, visited campus Friday. (*Sentinel & Enterprise* photo)

Campus to host U.S. naturalization ceremony Friday, May 1

The campus will once again host a naturalization ceremony for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services this **Friday, May 1** at Weston Auditorium. Details are still being finalized but the ceremony is tentatively scheduled for noon.



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

At the ceremony, new citizens swear an oath of allegiance to the U.S., typically surrounded by family and friends. The event is open to the public.

Speaker Series wraps up for academic year on May 4

The Fitchburg State University Speakers Series will finish its season for the academic year on **Monday, May 4** at 12:30 p.m. when Susan Wadsworth (Humanities) will discuss "Rocks and Ruins: An Artist's Sabbatical in the Southwest." The talk will be given in the Center for Teaching and Learning and refreshments will be served.

Enrollment opens for summer music lessons

Enrollment is now open for the Fitchburg State University Foundation Music Lesson program's five-week summer sessions.

Instrumental and voice lessons are available at all age and skill levels. The five-week summer sessions are a great opportunity to try out a new instrument or brush up on a skill you haven't practiced. Five-week blocks are \$150.

Summer Session I begins the week of May 26 with an enrollment deadline of Friday, May 22. Summer session II begins the week of July 6.

For additional information, contact lesson coordinator Monica Duncan at mduncan3@fitchburgstate.edu or visit fitchburgstate.edu/music.

Mock Trial team acquits itself well in first year

This past winter, Fitchburg State made its inaugural entry to the American Mock Trial Association's national tournament. Led by Assistant Professor Beth Walsh and assisted by attorney-coaches Rob Bowen and Nick Carbone, the six-person team acquitted itself well in its first season. This fall the university will offer another mock trial course through the criminal justice program in Behavioral Sciences, and students are encouraged to contact Walsh or the attorney-coaches for more information. The mock trial team will again be drawn from students taking the course.

This year's team competed in a regional meet in late January at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. The team included Kristin Kelley, Danielle Dusablon, Caitlin Boyden, Sam Gonyea, Jonathan DePina and James Chiafullo. The university squad competed in four trials over the weekend, playing the roles of witnesses and attorney in the civil case of Park v. Duran. The fictional case, involving the tragic death of a young child at the hands of her best friend, was very complex compared to earlier tournament cases. The team had to make a myriad of choices at each trial, including not only which witnesses to call, but even which theories of liability or defenses to pursue. The team did an outstanding job of handling all these moving parts, as well as in their roles as attorneys and witnesses in the trials. Only a few points separated the teams when the rounds were scored.

Against tough competition including veterans of previous years and institutions that sent multiple teams, Walsh, Bowen and Carbone were very proud of the Fitchburg State contingent's accomplishments in its first year.

Music Lesson program presents piano recital

The Fitchburg State University Foundation Music Lesson Program will present a solo piano recital by Grace Betry at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, April 30** at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free.

Betry, a talented young recitalist from the studio of Roy Imperio, has always had a love for music. She started on the piano when she was 4 and had her dad as her teacher. Later she took up violin, bass clarinet, clarinet, organ, and handbells. With all those instruments, she still enjoys piano. She has participated in a various competitions in Wisconsin, Illinois, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. She has received 1st in Classical Piano and Sacred Piano at Bob Jones University High School Fall Fine Arts Festival (2014) and she has twice received 1st at the Great Lakes Music Festival Piano Competition (2013, 2014). She has recently moved from Illinois to Fitchburg. When she is not keeping up with schoolwork, she enjoys reading and travel. She is thankful for the piano teachers that she has had: her dad, Jodi Shaleen and Roy Imperio.

Spring Choral concert Monday, May 4

Fitchburg State University's spring choral concert will feature the talents of three vocal ensembles on **Monday, May 4** at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. Admission is free.



The University Choir will perform two numbers with the Chamber Singers, one a contemporary art song from a requiem and one from "The Prince of Egypt." The Chamber Singers will feature their incredible a cappella singing featuring Randall Thompson's challenging work "Alleluia." Featured soloists include Jillian Bailey, soprano; Sarah Morin, soprano; Dominic Geehan, tenor; and Stephanie Brackett, soprano. The choir and chamber singers will be led by Professor Marjorie Ness and accompanied by William Ness.

Also performing will be the group Harmonic Velocity, under the student leadership of Dominic Geehan and Theo Demosthenes.

Weston Auditorium is handicapped accessible and free parking will be available in the parking lot across the street from the venue.

Art Exhibits

The juried exhibition ARTeries, showcasing the strongest original student work in drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed-media art, is now on display in the Gallery at Sanders in the Sanders Administration Building. ARTeries runs through **Tuesday, May 5**.

The Conlon Hall Media Wall inside Conlon Hall will feature the work of artist Andrea Wallace through **Wednesday, May 13**.

The Conlon Hall Media Wall is a digital HD video display measuring 6 feet by 10 feet that

showcases creative work from students, faculty, alumni and regional artists.

Artist Andrea Wallace is interested in intersections: child and adult, women and men, the dualities of living, success and failure. Andrea Wallace explores how we as human beings experience ourselves; how we define ourselves and are defined by our relationships with each other.



ARTeries is on display in the Gallery at Sanders through Tuesday, May 5.

Faculty Notes

Robin Dinda (Humanities) had a pair of compositions premiered recently. His "Concertino for Organ and String Quartet" was performed on March 7 at First Congregational Church, Shrewsbury, as part of their Arts on the Green concert series. His "Two Moods" for trumpet and piano was performed on April 11 as part of the 37th Annual Seminar on Contemporary Music for the Young at The Rivers School Conservatory, which commissioned the piece.

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