
Fitchburg State University Today

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New agreement will bring faculty members to China

Fitchburg State faculty members will take their talents to China as part of a new agreement with the [AUIA International Summer School](#).

AUIA collaborates with American universities to provide credit-bearing summer courses, taught in English, to Chinese students during the summer months. The students are typically enrolled at other U.S. universities during the academic year but use the summer sessions to keep their English language skills sharp and to catch up on credits while still visiting family in China.

Under the new agreement, Fitchburg State faculty will teach students at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics in China during the summer sessions.



AUIA President Yefei Xu and President Lapidus signed the new agreement in Presidents' Hall.

[Read more](#)

Save the date: Winter Commencement Friday, Dec. 21

The [Winter Commencement](#) ceremony will be held at **6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21** at the Athletics and Recreation Center, where undergraduate and graduate degrees will be conferred.

In addition to President Lapidus' address, valedictorian Quinn Staley (graduating with a degree in Communications Media) and Graduate Student Leadership Award winner Carolyn Perla (completing an MBA) will make remarks.



Nursing students help homeless

Several nursing students who have been collecting winter clothes since late September distributed items to members of the local homeless population last week in Leominster.

The *Sentinel & Enterprise* featured the project on the [front page](#) of a recent edition.

The effort grew from an assignment about studying an issue that was affecting their local community.

[Read the story](#)



American Institute of Architects to discuss evolving tech

The Central Massachusetts chapter of the American Institute of Architects will meet at **5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11** at Conlon Hall for a review of student projects followed by a discussion of how virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are changing the architecture, engineering and construction industry.



AIA Central Massachusetts

The meeting will include a discussion of how VR and AR technology is increasingly being used to close communication gaps and enable better collaboration between the owner, design team and construction team. The guest speaker for the evening is Jack Moran of Consigli Construction.

Members of the campus community may register for the event by contacting Professor Keith Chenot at kchenot@fitchburgstate.edu.

[Learn more](#)

GCE info session to be held Wednesday, Jan. 9

Learn about the educational opportunities available at Fitchburg State University when the Office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) (GCE) hosts an [information session](#) on **Wednesday, Jan. 9** at 5 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the session will be held Thursday, Jan. 10.

The free session, where attendees will have the opportunity to speak with advisors, admission counselors, program chairs, financial aid representatives and register for classes, will take place in Hammond Hall.



GCE at Fitchburg State offers more than 45 graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs.

Please visit www.fitchburgstate.edu/infosession to register or learn more.

Welcome new (and returning) employees

The campus community is welcoming several new faces (and one returning face) to campus this

month.

- **Joseph LoBuono**, assistant vice president in Capital Planning & Maintenance Department, can be contacted by email at jlobuono@fitchburgstate.edu. LoBuono is returning to Fitchburg State after several years away.
- **Robert Ekross**, Campus Police Officer I, can be reached at rekross@fitchburgstate.edu.
- **Jonathan Paiva '18**, Campus Police Officer I, can be reached at jpaiva4@fitchburgstate.edu.
- **Claritza Taylor '17**, Campus Police Officer I, can be reached at ctaylo22@fitchburgstate.edu.

CenterStage and cultural events

University and high school voices combine for Choral Kaleidoscope tonight

Fitchburg State's choral ensembles will be joined by voices from several area high schools at the "Choral Kaleidoscope" concert at **7 p.m. tonight** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The show will feature more than 100 voices, with the university Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and the student-run a cappella ensemble, Harmonic Velocity, being joined by the Gardner High School Select Choir, the Fitchburg High School Concert Choir and the Narragansett Regional High School Concert Chorus.



"The Choral Kaleidoscope concert, which is now an annual tradition here at Fitchburg State, is a wonderful opportunity to hear so many different groups and styles all in one performance," said Professor Jonathan Harvey, who conducts the university's choral program.

Selections for the show include everything from pop to classical to jazz to gospel to Renaissance, from the U.S., Germany, Kenya, Italy, England, and Canada.

"It also runs the gamut from some of the most famous music ever written, such as Handel's "Messiah," to never-recorded works by several unheralded women composers and composers of color," said Harvey.

For more information, please visit fitchburgstate.edu/music.

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery and the Conlon Hall Media Wall: Pavel Romaniko

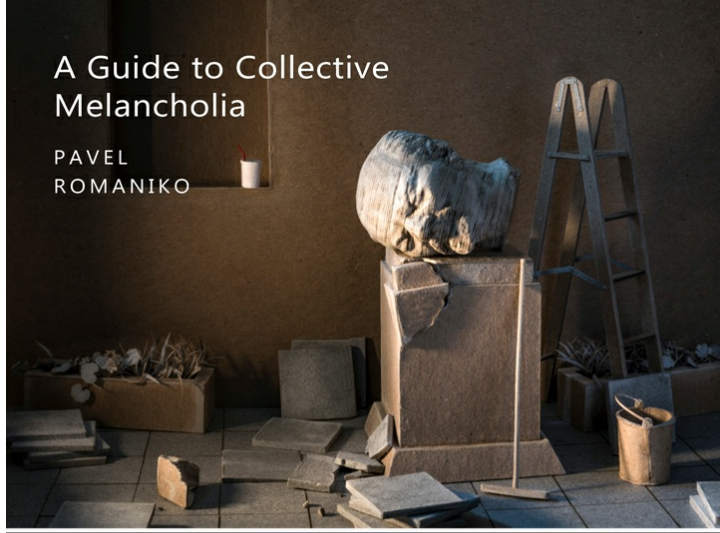
"A Guide to Collective Melancholia," featuring the work of artist [Pavel Romaniko](#), will be featured in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery and the Conlon Hall Media Wall through December 28.

Pavel Romaniko was born outside of Moscow, Russia, in 1980 and came to the United States at the age of 17. Romaniko completed a BA in Studio Arts from Northwestern College in Saint Paul, Minnesota (2002), and an MFA in Imaging Arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology (2009). He is currently on faculty

at the University of
Massachusetts, Lowell.

A Guide to Collective Melancholia

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Hammond Hall Art Gallery & Conlon Hall Media Wall
NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 28

Artist Talk & Reception | Hammond Hall Art Gallery
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 3:30 PM

Faculty Notes

Robin Dinda (Humanities) had his volume of organ music "Seasonal Hymn Preludes: Trinity and Trinity Season" published by Wayne Leupold Editions. This is his ninth publication in the series; the 10 compositions in this volume bring the total number of preludes to 109.

Jane Fiske's (Humanities, Music) proposal, "Teach Students Critical Writing Skills through Musical Form," has been accepted for the Fourteenth International Conference on The Arts in Society, at the Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon in June 2019. Her paper, "Teach Critical and Creative Thinking Skills by Playing an Instrument," was presented in June 2018 at the Thirteenth International Conference on The Arts in Society, at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC Canada. 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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