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Presidential finalists named; campus visits scheduled



The Presidential Search Committee has presented the university's Board of Trustees a list of three finalists to become the institution's 11th president.

The next president will succeed Dr. Robert V. Antonucci, who is retiring in June after 12 years at Fitchburg State University. His tenure has been marked by extensive capital investment in the campus, the launching of new academic programs and strengthened ties between the university and community.

The finalists will be brought to Fitchburg State for a series of [interviews and meetings](#) with campus constituencies and the public, starting Tuesday, Dec. 2.

"Narrowing down such an outstanding group of candidates was extremely difficult," said Board of Trustees Chairman Carol Vittorioso. "But I know I speak for the entire committee when I say that we are thrilled to present to the campus these three extraordinary educators."

The finalists were selected from an initial pool of more than 85 candidates. In the order of their impending campus visits, they are:

- Dr. Carol M. Bresnahan, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Rollins College. Dr. Bresnahan completed her PhD in history from Brown University in 1986. Before starting work at Rollins College in 2011, where she is also a tenured professor of history, Dr. Bresnahan was provost and executive vice president at the College of New Jersey and also worked as vice provost for academic programs and policies at the University of Toledo. She will meet with the public from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 3** at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave.

- Dr. Richard S. Lapidus, dean of the College of Business Administration at California Polytechnic University. Dr. Lapidus completed his PhD in marketing from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1991 and a certificate in management and leadership in education from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2012. He has worked at California State Polytechnic University since 2009, and prior to that posting was associate dean of administration at the College of Business and Economics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Lapidus will meet with the public from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 5** at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave.
- Dr. Beverly A. Kopper, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Dr. Kopper completed her PhD in psychology from Iowa State University in 1988 and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology, along with a master's in social work. Also at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where she has worked since 2010, she served as interim chancellor as well as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Dr. Kopper will meet with the public from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 9** at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave.

Detailed information on the candidates' backgrounds is available at fitchburgstate.edu/presidentialsearch.

Speaker Series resumes for 2014-15

The Fitchburg State University Speakers Series has resumed for the academic year. All the talks will be held from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

On **Monday, Dec. 1**, Heather Urbanski (English Studies) will discuss "Social and Cultural Memory in *The Hunger Games*" in Hammond Hall room 314.

On **Feb. 2, 2015**, Kisha Tracy (English Studies) will discuss "Maternal Lament and Misremembering" in the Center for Teaching and Learning.

On **March 2, 2015**, Luis Rosero (Economics, History and Political Science) will discuss "Sustainability of the Decline in Inequality in Latin America: The Effects of Changing Trade Patterns" in the Center for Teaching and Learning.

On **April 6, 2015**, Rob Carr, Jon Krasner and Randy Howe (Communications Media) will discuss "Human-Technology Interactivity and Agency in Media Environments" in the Center for Teaching and Learning.

And on **May 4, 2015**, Susan Wadsworth (Humanities) will discuss "Rocks and Ruins: An Artist's Sabbatical in the Southwest" in the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Explore "The Origins of Prejudice" on Tuesday, Dec. 2

The Center for Conflict Studies will hold a panel discussion on "The Origins of Prejudice" on **Tuesday, Dec. 2** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Ellis White Lecture Hall.

Join faculty members Jason Nwankwo (Behavioral Sciences), Jannette McMenemy (interim assistant vice president for academic affairs), John Chetro-Szivos (Communications Media) and

Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science) for the discussion.

Learn the "Nuts and Bolts" of starting your own business on Dec. 2

The Fitchburg State University Business Society and Entrepreneurship Club invites prospective entrepreneurs to learn the "nuts and bolts" of starting one's own business at a free seminar on **Tuesday, Dec. 2** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Admission is free.

The program will feature four individuals from different concentrations of business discussing what steps young entrepreneurs need to take in order to make their dreams a reality. The event is a great opportunity for prospective business owners to find out how to get started in realizing their aspirations.

Interested in starting your own business?
Are you a motivated entrepreneur?

Fitchburg State University
Presents:

**NUTS AND BOLTS
SEMINAR**

When: 6pm – 8 pm
December 2nd
Where: Fitchburg State
University Ellis White
Hammond Building
(Next to game room
G-level floor)

Important Topics:

- Structuring your
New venture
- Marketing
- Financing

Leadership
Management
Innovation
Entrepreneurship
Networking
Marketing
Motivation

Hosted by:
Business Society
&
Entrepreneurship Club

Free and Open to the Public

Strategic Planning update

The next meeting of the [Strategic Planning Committee](#) will be held **Friday, Dec. 5** from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Presidents' Hall.

The subcommittees on academic planning, academic values, community, financial structure, admissions/marketing, student services and technology have presented their draft white papers for review by the campus. All of the planning documents are available [online](#).

Students meet industry professionals at L.A. conference

In late October, 10 Fitchburg State students traveled to the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers ([SMPTE](#)) annual technical conference and exhibition held in Los Angeles, where they participated in workshops and seminars and networked with industry professionals.

Among the highlights of their week in LA: seeing George Lucas receive a lifetime achievement award from SMPTE at the conference banquet and previewing some of the latest advances in Ultra High Definition (UHD) and 3D technology. They also attended a live



From left, Fitchburg State students Robert Roy, Charlotte Fackre, Angela Talbot, Joshua Piccone, Jack Lynch, Jordan Tofalo, Nicholas Bohling, Eric Bergquist, and Dustin Bragga attended the SMPTE annual technical conference in Los Angeles in October. (Photo by advisor Joe Phelan)

They also attended a live

taping of "The Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson and saw the sights.

SMPTE is an international professional association of engineers working in the motion imaging industries with over 6,000 members. SMPTE is responsible for codifying most of the standards used in the field and is closely involved with the development of new video technologies.

The Fitchburg State student chapter of SMPTE is one of only 16 officially recognized university-based chapters of the organization. At the annual conference, Fitchburg State brought the largest contingent of students of any group attending the conference, and were affectionately known as the "Fitchburgers" by conference organizers, according to advisor and faculty member Kevin McCarthy.

More recently, two Fitchburg State students - seniors Eric Berquist (the chapter president) and Joshua Piccone (its treasurer) - were invited to give a talk to the SMPTE New England members meeting on the annual conference in Los Angeles. The pair presented at the group's meeting, held at Rule Boston Camera in Boston on November 18.

"Having a SMPTE chapter on campus offers important educational and networking opportunities to the students in the Communications Media department and Fitchburg State community," McCarthy said. In addition to their trip to Los Angeles, the university chapter regularly travels to Boston to attend meetings of the Boston Creative Pro User Group (BOSCPUG) and SMPTE New England meetings held at WCVB and WGBH television.

Business students place at competition

Fitchburg State seniors Michael Rebello, Jonathan Storfer, Smit Patel, Vanessa Lugo and junior Alicia Mazzola competed in the [Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition](#) hosted by Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. on Nov. 14. Students from 14 institutions, including Bryant University, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Southern New Hampshire University, and Plymouth State University, Providence College and University of Dayton, Ohio, participated in the sales competition. Fitchburg State was the only Massachusetts state university represented at the event.

Assistant Professor of Marketing Dr. Renee Scapparone encouraged her students to join her at this event for the second consecutive year. Along with the five competitors, Scapparone was joined by 11 other students. All students were able to participate in networking sessions, where they were able to speak directly with recruiters for internships and full-time sales positions with industry leaders such as Microsoft, EMC, Medix, TekSystems, Liberty Mutual, and Fidelity Investments, to name a few.

In addition to the networking and recruiting sessions, informational seminars were held throughout the day. From a field of 85 competitors, both Rebello and Stofer advanced to the quarterfinals with 30 other competitors.

"The students were a fine representation of Fitchburg State University," said Scapparone, who plans to attend this event again next year with even more students. She is also preparing to teach a course on how to sell schedule for the fall of 2015, prior to this event.



From left, students Smit Patel, Michael Rebello, Vanessa Lugo, Assistant Professor Renee Scapparone, and students Alicia Mazzola, Jonathan Storfer at the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition.

Choral, instrumental ensembles hold winter concerts in December

The Fitchburg State University Humanities Department will ring in the holiday season with a series of free concerts in December on the university campus.

The festivities begin with a choral concert at 7:30 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 8** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The concert will feature a variety of choral literature and vocal arrangements. The 34-member Fitchburg State University Choir, directed by faculty member Marjorie Ness and accompanied by William Ness will perform, as well as the 13-member Fitchburg State Chamber Singers, also conducted by Marjorie Ness.



The music continues at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 10** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. when the Fitchburg State University Band and Ensembles perform. The concert band will present an evening of new band music as well as traditional favorites including "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music; "Whiplash;" a modern piece by Eliot Del Borgo entitled "Ancient Air and Dance;" and a medley from Beauty and the Beast. The jazz band will present classics ranging from the swing-era "Stompin' at the Savoy" to the modern piece "Short Story." The guitar ensemble will play traditional tunes such as "Scarborough Fair," "Greensleeves" and "Jingle Bells." The percussion ensemble will have many surprises in store.

More about the concerts can be found online at fitchburgstate.edu/music.

CenterStage at Fitchburg State

Coming this month: "In the Christmas Mood" with the Glenn Miller Orchestra

Fitchburg State invites the community to get into the holiday spirit with the Glenn Miller Orchestra on **Saturday, Dec. 13** at 7 p.m. in Weston Auditorium, 353 North St.

Tickets for "In the Christmas Mood" are \$28 for adults; \$25 for seniors and Fitchburg State alumni; and \$5 for students. The Weston Box Office, located inside Weston Auditorium, is open Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets may also be purchased [online](#).



The Glenn Miller Orchestra performs Saturday, Dec. 13.

With its celebration of swing and jazz, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest bands of all time. Combined with traditional holiday classics like "Winter Wonderland," "Jingle Bells" and "Let it Snow," they will surely get you in the Christmas mood. Featuring an ensemble of 18 musicians, this holiday concert spectacular brings the season to life with timeless sound and iconic melodies of Miller's unmistakable music.

About the Glenn Miller Orchestra

The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all dance bandleaders back in the Swing Era of the 1930s and '40s. A matchless string of hit records, the constant impact of radio broadcasts and the drawing power at theatres, hotels and dance pavilion, built and sustained the momentum of popularity.

Miller disbanded his musical organization in 1942 at the height of its popularity to volunteer for the Army, leading the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band to entertain servicemen at live and radio shows. On Dec. 15, 1944, he took off in a single engine plane from Europe to precede his band to France, disappearing over the English Channel, never to be seen again.

The band reformed in 1956 and has been on the road ever since, led since January 2012 by vocalist Nick Hilscher. Today, the 18 member ensemble continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements both from the civilian band and the AAFB libraries. Additionally, it also plays some more modern selections arranged and performed in the Miller style and sound.

Art Exhibits

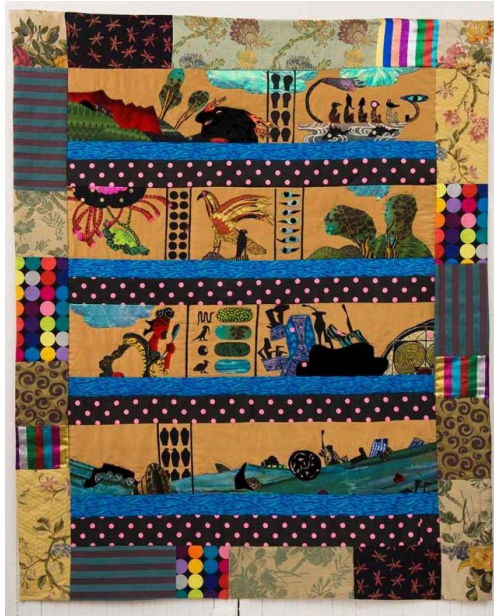
In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, acclaimed quilt maker [Clara Wainwright](#) will be displaying works through **Wednesday, Dec. 17**. Wainwright stitches together personal and moving stories using vibrant fabrics and community. Through a craft that has roots deeply sewn into the heart of America, Wainwright's cloth narratives explore war, climate change, delight and fantasy. This exhibition will consist of a group of quilts made over the past 10 years that deal with life, politics and joy.

In the Gallery at Sanders, inside the Sanders Administration Building, design and music aficionado [Clifford Stoltze](#) will share his "POSTGIG," his traveling exhibition of original music posters. Stoltze, author of 1000 Music Graphics, will present original works by Modern dog, Aesthetic Apparatus, Patent Pending, The Small Stakes, Seripop, Hammerpress, The Decoder Ring, Hatch Show Print and many more.

At the media wall in Conlon Hall, images from photographer and cinematographer [Nathan McGarigal](#) will be on display through **Friday, Dec. 19**. Through McGarigal's work, viewers will take a trip across the bottom of three continents in this visual diary of wanderings across Argentina, South Africa, India, and Myanmar.

The Conlon Hall Media Wall is a digital HD video display measuring six feet by 10 feet that showcases creative work from students, faculty, alumni and regional artists.

McGarigal will discuss the work at a wall talk **Thursday, Dec. 4** at 3:30 p.m. inside Conlon Hall.



***Egyptian Comics* by Clara Wainwright**



"Burmese Standoff" by Nathan McGarigal

Faculty Notes

Kisha Tracy (English Studies) saw her article "Julian of Norwich and the Sin of Forgetting" accepted for publication in the Journal of Medieval Religious Cultures. Also, Tracy has been

awarded a mini-grant from the New England Association of Teachers of English for a project entitled "Chaucer Pilgrimage Site," which she will be implementing in her Major Authors: Chaucer course in the spring. This is the first this award has been given to a college project.

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