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Center for Conflict Studies explores violence



The question of whether violence in the media causes mass shootings will be the topic of a panel discussion **Tuesday, April 2**, sponsored by the university's Center for Conflict Studies.

The talk will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Percival Auditorium, 254 Highland Ave. Admission is free and the talk is open to the public.

The panelists will be Fitchburg State faculty members Laura Garofoli and Randall Grometstein (Behavioral Sciences), Joseph Moser (English), Sam Tobin (Communications Media) and Director of Counseling Services Robert Hynes.

"From rock music to violent TV shows and movies to video games, violence in the media has, over the years, been blamed for causing violence in society. But does it? Is there a connection?" said Professor Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science), one of the founders of the center. "This panel will address this issue from an inter-disciplinary perspective."

The discussion is part of a semester-long exploration of violence by the Center for Conflict Studies.

On **Wednesday, April 17**, at 3:30 p.m. in the Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, the center will host a free screening of the controversial film "Straw Dogs" (1971), starring Dustin Hoffman and directed by Sam Peckinpah. Professor Robert Harris (Communications Media) will lead a discussion after the screening.

On **Wednesday, May 1**, David Hemenway from the Harvard School of Public Health will present a talk entitled "Reducing Gun Violence: The Public Health Approach" from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

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Speaker Series continues Monday, April 1 at Center for Teaching and Learning

The Fitchburg State Speakers Series continues **Monday, April 1**, with a presentation by Professor John Chetro-Szivos (Communicatinos Media) on "Human Interaction and Risk Communication in Addressing Public Health Issues in North Africa and the Middle East."

The talk will be given in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Take Back the Night, April 2



The university's sixth annual Take Back the Night event will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, April 2**, on the quad.

Take Back the Night events are organized on campuses nationwide to raise awareness about sexual violence, promote dialogue, and increase support for survivors. [Counseling Services](#), with support from [FAVE](#) (Fitchburg Anti-Violence Education), is excited to sponsor the program at Fitchburg State

again this year, as the event has drawn hundreds of students, faculty, and staff in years past.

Teaching opportunities in Graduate and Continuing Education

The Office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) is currently accepting requests from faculty to teach for the upcoming fall 2013 semester. Faculty members interested in teaching should contact the appropriate department chair for approval. The deadline for submitting course schedules to GCE is **Monday, April 1**. Please feel free to contact [Brian Bercier](#), Associate Dean, with any questions.

Learn how to interview with confidence on April 3

Ethan Becker '93, president of The Speech Improvement Company, will present a workshop for all students and alumni entitled "Interviewing with Confidence" at 3 p.m. **Wednesday, April 3**, in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. The presentation is free.

Becker is a speech coach and trainer, and co-author of the best-selling book "Mastering Communication at Work." His skills are sought by business and political leaders around the world.

A 1993 graduate of Fitchburg State, Becker delivered the commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony last May and was awarded an honorary doctorate.



Learn about issues in health care at weekend seminar April 6-7



The office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) will offer a one-credit weekend seminar in April exploring financial issues in health care.

The program, running **Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7**, at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road, will give participants a better understanding of financial management, insurance, capital management and health care economics. The cost of the program is \$289.

Participants may register by April 1 by calling 978-665-4196. Additional information

is at www.fitchburgstate.edu/gce. The program will be run by faculty member Renee Scapparone.

"This is an excellent opportunity to get a crash course on health care finance, earn a graduate credit applicable to a degree or certificate and network with other students interested in the field," said Brian Bercier, associate dean of Graduate and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State.

Scholarship support for internships available

The university has received funding designed to increase internship opportunities for our students. Scholarships are now available for the upcoming summer with applications due by **Monday, April 8**.

The program is open to current full-time day undergraduate students who are Massachusetts residents, have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and have a valid 2012-2013 FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office. All majors will be considered but priority will be given to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and business/finance majors. Scholarship amounts will range from \$1,000-\$5,000.



Questions may be directed to Dean of Enrollment Management Pamela McCafferty at pmccafferty@fitchburgstate.edu.

Fitchburg Art Museum director to discuss "Land Art" on April 10

Fitchburg Art Museum Director Nick Capasso will discuss contemporary art on **Wednesday, April 10**, as part of Fitchburg State University's Humanities Visiting Speaker Series.

Capasso, a recognized authority on contemporary

sculpture and public art, will present "Understanding Land Art" at 3:30 p.m. April 10 at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. His remarks will explain art history and major aesthetic themes in American earthworks and site-specific sculpture from the late 1960s to the present. The Land Art movement will be traced from its roots in minimalism through its engagements with ancient architecture, the American West, environmentalism and public commemoration. Artists to be discussed include Walter di Maria, Robert Smithson, Nancy Holt, Christo, Alan Sonfist, Patricia Johanson, Maya Lin and Andy Goldsworthy.



"Spiral Jetty" Robert Smithson.

Admission is free and open to the public.

International Studies speaker series welcomes ambassador April 11



Ambassador Adrian Basora

Fitchburg State University will welcome Ambassador Adrian A. Basora - national security strategic and scenario planner, scholar and business leader - to deliver the address at the International and Conflict Studies Keynote Speaker Series in April.

Basora will discuss "the challenges for post-communist democracies surviving a continued Euro-crisis" at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, April 11**, at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

Basora is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute and director of its Project on Democratic Transitions. He served in diplomatic posts in the Czech Republic, Spain and France and was also a member of the National Security Council in Washington, D.C., where he shaped the U.S. response to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the first Gulf War.

Prof. Joshua Spero (Economics, History and Political Science), coordinator of the International Studies Minor Program, will introduce the ambassador and moderate the discussion.

Basora is a recognized expert on political, economic and social transitions of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union since the fall of communism. He is a trustee of the International Research and Exchanges Board and a director of the National Futures Exchange,

and was also independent director of the Quaker Investment Trust and chairman of its audit committee.

Among his diplomatic posts, Basora served as the U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic from 1992 to 1995, where he received the Presidential Performance Award for his overall achievements in Prague and he was director of European Affairs for the National Security Council from 1989 to 1991.

His presentation, free and open to the public, is supported by the Office of Academic Affairs and sponsored and hosted by the university's International Studies Minor. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Economics, History and Political Science, the Center for Conflict Studies, the Office of International Education, the Office of Career Services, and the Office of Student Development.

Graduate and Continuing Education info session April 18

Learn about the educational opportunities available at Fitchburg State University when the Office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) (GCE) hosts an information session on Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m.

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

GCE at Fitchburg State offers more than 45 graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs in traditional and online formats. Take the first steps toward achieving your educational goals and register for the information session today.



Special information sessions will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for the new LPN to BS in nursing bridge program, the online RN to BS in nursing, forensic nursing, the online MBA, and graduate special education, education (early childhood, elementary, middle school) and counseling programs.

Drop in anytime between 5 and 6:30 p.m. to meet with Fitchburg State's distance/online learning coordinator to learn more about the university's online programs.

Visit <http://web.fitchburgstate.edu/gce/infosession/> to register.

"(Sacco-Vanzetti) Vince, Al & Teddy" runs April 2-7

A new play that examines "otherness" in America through the immigrant experience - and framed against the backdrop of the polarizing Sacco-Vanzetti trial of the 1920s - will have its world premiere as Fitchburg State's spring theater production, running **April 2-7**.

"(Sacco-Vanzetti) Vince, Al & Teddy," written by Bruce Robinson, will be performed at the Wallace Theater for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Performances will be at **6 p.m.**



"(Sacco-Vanzetti) Vince, Al & Teddy" cast members
Thomas Karner, left, and Richard McElvain.

Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 through Saturday, April 6; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Admission is free.

The play, presented by the university's Communications Media and Industrial Technology departments, is directed by faculty member Kelly Morgan.

Set in 1925, "(Sacco-Vanzetti) Vince, Al & Teddy" explores painfully relevant themes. As it does on our time, the shadow of war and political disquiet made fear the atmosphere and personal liberty a luxury. As in our time, anyone too different or foreign caused apprehension.

This two-act play uses the trial of Sacco-Vanzetti as a touchstone and an emblem. It testifies to a time not so long ago when Italians were marginalized - and were deported or executed because of their beliefs. It witnesses a complex family and a young man changing against a dynamic background - of course, all executed in a highly theatrical way.

A talk with scholar Michael Topp will precede the performance at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3. Topp will discuss the reverberations from world-wide protests and cultural upheaval surrounding the 1927 execution of the two laborers, provoking anti-Italian, anti-immigrant and anti-anarchist sentiments that still resonate.

A conversation will also follow the final performance on Sunday, April 7, where playwright Bruce Robinson, director Kelly Morgan and regional scholars will reflect on the play's premiere, Robinson's three-week residency and the relevance of the play's issues.

CenterStage and cultural events



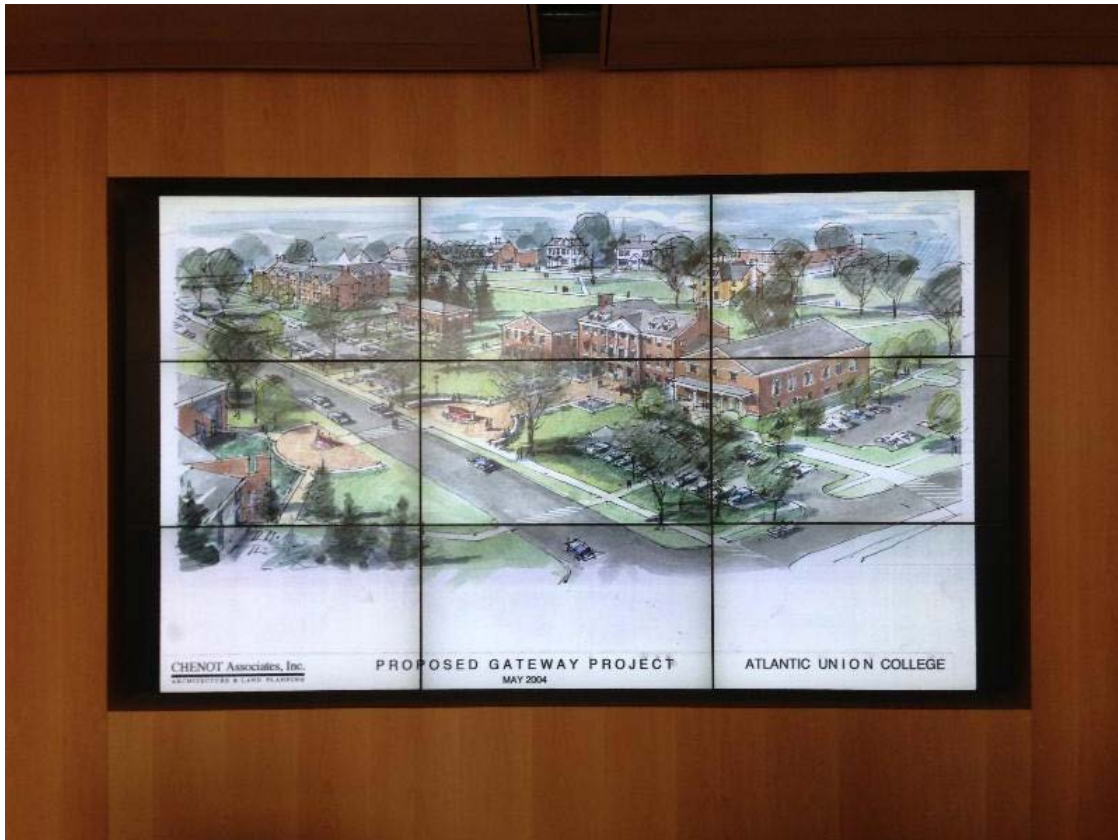
In the Gallery at Sanders: "When the Wheels Fall Off"

A collection of bold images depicting a vivid equilibrium of color, composition and movement are featured in Fitchburg State's latest gallery exhibition, "When the Wheels Fall Off" by New Hampshire artist David Preston Wells. The works will be featured in the Gallery at Sanders, at 300 Highland Ave., through April 9.

"It is not unlike how I experience my life," Wells writes of his work. "'When the Wheels Fall Off'-that time when events, often beyond one's control, just happen. Doors open and close, seemingly to govern our passage over time. As a life participant, observer, and artist, the process of assembling visual snippets collected over time

produces multiple frames of reference, abstract narratives both lyrical and somber, where ground meshes with the aerial. Images are multi-faceted, woven in and out of pictorial compositions. These juxtapositions of compositions create stereoscopic glimpses of inherited past/present narratives. The whole kit and caboodle is reflected in my eternal buoyancy."

On the Conlon Media Wall: The Art and Architecture of Keith Chenot



Professor Keith Chenot's keen eye, balance and artistry pervade all his work. See the work of this Industrial Technology faculty member on the Conlon Media Wall through April 10.

Coming in April: American Idol Stars celebrate Broadway!

[CenterStage](#) at Fitchburg State invites you to experience Broadway presented as only "American Idol" can! Will it be Frenchie from Season 2 or Matt Giraud from Season 8? Four stars from the past seasons of "American Idol" will take the Weston stage-accompanied by a live band-belt out solos, duets and ensemble numbers from *Mamma Mia!*, *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys* and more. Broadway never sounded so good!

Leading up to the performance is a talent shows for Fitchburg State students. Check out the winners as they perform with American Idol stars!

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Faculty Notes

Paul Beaudoin (Humanities) had an article "Managing Your Online Time" published in the Chronicle of Higher Education. The article can be found [here](#).

Eric Budd (Economics, History & Political Science) took his Model United Nations class to a Model Arab League competition at Northeastern University on Saturday March 23. The students represented four Arab league states across three committees. Shannon Jones and Erica Richards received an Honorable Mention for their representation of Somalia at the Economic Summit.

John Paul (Humanities) attended a two-day symposium on "How Bodies Matter: The Intersection of Science, Religion, and the Humanities in the Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World," Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University. Earlier this spring, Paul reviewed a monograph, *Towards a Critical Medical Practice: Reflections on the Dilemmas of Medical Culture Today*, edited by Anand Zachariah, R. Srivatsan and Susie Tharu (New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2010) for the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences (2012).

Charles H. Sides (Communications Media), the executive editor of the Journal of Technical Writing and Communication (JTWC), was presented an Award of Merit by the Society for Technical Communication, Washington, D.C. Los Alamos National Laboratories and Westinghouse Electric Company were among other recipients of this distinction at the 2012-2013 Summit



The STC Washington, DC - Baltimore Chapter Presents



Charles Sides

with an

Award of Merit

in the 2012-2013 Summit Competition
for Technical Communication for the entry:

Journal of Technical Writing and Communication

Competition. The award is the second presented to the journal in the past five years.

Annita A. Ruddy
Competition Manager

Theresa A. Wilson
President

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