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Fahrenheit 451 community read project continues

The university's month-long celebration of Ray Bradbury's classic novel *Fahrenheit 451* continues this week with a performance by the acclaimed Aquila Theatre company of New York of Bradbury's own stage adaptation **Tuesday, Sept. 24** at 7 p.m. at Weston Auditorium.



Using multimedia, the nationally renowned company ignites Bradbury's world where firemen burn books and refugees secretly memorize them. All the while, we are invited to examine that world and our own. The performance is sponsored by Fitchburg Federal/Webster First Federal Credit Union with additional support from MassHumanities, the New England Foundation for the Arts and the Amelia Gallucci-Cirio Endowment at Fitchburg State. The 7 p.m. performance will be preceded by a spotlight talk at 6 p.m. with members of the Aquila Theatre company. There will also be a performance for school groups on **Tuesday, Sept. 24** at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the performances are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$7 for students 17 and under. Tickets for the school performance are \$5.

Film screenings, live performances, art exhibitions, panel discussions and a community-wide read-aloud of the novel form the spine of this unique partnership between Fitchburg State, the Fitchburg Public Library, the Fitchburg Historical Society, Fitchburg Art Museum, Rollstone Studios, the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance, Fitchburg Access Television (FATV) and WPKZ AM-1280. Partner schools include the Fitchburg Public Schools and North Central Charter Essential School.



A panel discussion followed a screening of acclaimed director Francois Truffaut's film version of

Fahrenheit 451 last Tuesday, marking the university's annual observance of Constitution Day. Panelists included faculty

members George Bohrer (Communications Media), Joseph Moser (English Studies) and Daniel Sarefield (Economics, History and Political Science), as well as students Ellen Goldman, P.J. Carmichael and Timothy Michalak.

In his novel, Bradbury created an imaginary world that would come to pass in our daily lives today. From the technology of flat screen monitors, interactive devices and ear buds to the blurry line between censorship and apathy, Bradbury's work was stunningly prescient.

Discussions of the novel will also be held at the Fitchburg State library on **Monday, Sept. 23**, at 12:30 p.m., hosted by the library staff. Discussions will also be held at the [Fitchburg Public Library](#) on **Thursday, Sept. 26**, and **Oct. 3, 10 and 17**, all at 12:30 p.m., with community members reading aloud from the book followed by discussions. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages will be provided.

The series also includes presentations about burned books and banned books with Fitchburg State faculty at the Fitchburg Historical Society, as well as workshops on altered books at Rollstone Studios and the Fitchburg Art Museum. A panel discussion on the role of censorship - formal and informal - in today's society will be held **Wednesday, Oct. 16** at 7 p.m. at the Fitchburg Historical Society, moderated by Fitchburg State faculty emerita Shirley Wagner.

The art museum, historical society and Rollstone studios will also host a progressive art exhibition on **Saturday, Oct. 19**. A full schedule of events relative to the Fahrenheit 451 project will be found online at www.fitchburgstate.edu/f451.

For more information, contact Director of CenterStage Mary Chapin Durling at 978-665-3709 or by email at mdurling@fitchburgstate.edu.

Family Weekend celebrated Sept. 27-29



Rubix Kube performs Sept. 28.

Fitchburg State University celebrates [Family Weekend](#) Friday, Sept. 27, through Sunday, Sept. 29 with mind reading, '80s music, games and activities that highlight all aspects of campus life.

The main event of [Family Weekend](#) occurs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, when '80s tribute band Rubix Kube rocks the Recreation Center at 130 North St. Rubix Kube is taking the universe by storm as the most original '80s tribute band of all time. They perform a one-of-a-kind '80s concert across the planet and to galaxies far, far away. Tickets are \$20 at the door for the public; \$10 for Fitchburg State alumni,

faculty, staff and families of Fitchburg State students; and \$5 for Fitchburg State students with

OneCard and children under 10. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.mktix.com/fscosd>.

Entertainment during Family Weekend also includes mentalist Craig Karges, who will take the stage at Weston Auditorium at 353 North St. at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Karges combines the art of magic with the science of psychology and the power of intuition to create the impression that nothing is impossible. Tables float, minds are read, metal bends and your imagination is challenged because you won't believe your eyes. The audience is a big part of the show. Admission is free.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, catch the Fitchburg State men's soccer team in action at Elliot Field at 10 a.m. when the Falcons take on Maine Maritime. Admission is free.

Visitors are also invited to check out downtown Fitchburg for the 10th annual Blacksmith, Art & Music Festival, being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverfront Park off Boulder Drive. With the addition of musical performances, public art workshops, arts & crafts vendors, and community activities, the former Blacksmith Forge-In Festival is expected to draw thousands from the region.

The 2013 event will be wildly creative and a much bigger festival, partnering with co-organizers Achla Designs, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg State University, and the Central Mass Art and Agriculture Coalition.

There will be trolley service between the campus and athletic complex from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with stations on North Street (beneath the Holmes Dining Commons) and Elliot Field (via the Wallace Civic Center parking lot).

Elliot Field will also host the family fun fair from noon to 3:30 p.m. (with the festivities relocated to the Wallace Civic Center in the event of rain). Student clubs and organizations will be hosting a variety of fundraising booths with giveaways and activities like cotton candy, fried dough, popcorn, a traveling magician, balloon animals, food, Joshua the Camel, and more. The Alternative Spring Break silent auction - with proceeds helping defray the cost for Fitchburg State students who will spend their spring break helping build a home for Habitat for Humanity - will run until 5 p.m. Goodie baskets and survival baskets will be among the items available for bidding. The auction winners will be announced on Saturday at 5 p.m.

In football action, the Falcons will take on Bridgewater State at 1:30 p.m. at Elliot Field. Admission is free with tickets, which can be ordered online at <http://www.mktix.com/fscosd>.

Families can enjoy ice skating while watching the hit movie "Monsters University" projected inside the Civic Center at 3 p.m. There will be some skates available for rent but attendees are encouraged to bring their own skates because supplies are limited.

The action at Elliot Field resumes at 6 p.m. when the women's field hockey team takes on Bridgewater State. Admission is free.

Additional details on everything related to Family Weekend can be found [online](#).

Open House held at new Science Center

The university hosted an open house for the public to view the new science center on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Visitors enjoyed seeing the campus' first new academic building in more than 30 years, and invited guests remarked on the continuing evolution of Fitchburg State.

"It's a wonderful building and students are already using it," said President

Antonucci.

Special tribute was paid to former Trustee Chairman Gregg Lisciotti, for whom the pavilion at the heart of the building is named.

"I wouldn't miss this for the world," Lisciotti said. "It's just an amazing, amazing facility."

Also speaking at the event was state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Commissioner Carole Cornelison, who described an effective and fruitful partnership that has led to the renaissance of the university's physical plant.

Board of Trustees Chairman Carol Vittorioso noted that ground was broken for the science center on the same day Fitchburg State and the other former state colleges achieved official university status.

"That was great timing as we could live up to that status," Vittorioso said.

Professor Meg Hoey, chairman of the Biology/Chemistry Department, said it was a joyous day for the university.

"This new building represents opportunity. This new building represents the hope of new things to come," she said.

Hoey noted that the building's potential will be realized with dedicated faculty and talented students.

"Fortunately, we happen to have both," she said to applause. "I truly feel that with their expertise, their enthusiasm, and their leadership, we will fulfill the promise this building offers. Together we will make this a vibrant and exciting place on campus."

State Sen. Jennifer Flanagan, State Rep. Stephen DiNatale and Fitchburg Mayor Lisa Wong were also among the well-wishers who addressed the crowd.





Fitchburg State was well represented among 600 volunteers at last week's 18th annual United Way of North Central Massachusetts Day of Caring. Crews from employers across the region worked on 74 projects during the day.

Faculty, students work on New York play



Faculty member Kelly Morgan, left, directs "Playing Sinatra" cast members Katharine Cullison, Austin Pendleton and Fitchburg State faculty member Richard McElvain.

Fitchburg State University theater faculty Kelly Morgan and Richard McElvain spent several weeks in New York City this summer mounting the American premiere of playwright Bernard Kops' "Playing Sinatra," which runs at the national award-winning Theater For The New City through Oct. 6. Several Fitchburg State students and alumni are also working on the production, onstage and behind the scenes.

The play tells the story of adult siblings in London who resist their lonely future by idolizing Frank Sinatra. Norman can't leave their family nest; his sister, Sandra, knows she must. Her new friend, Philip, is drawn into their trap to escape his painful past. Morgan is directing the show, which stars Austin Pendleton, Katharine Cullison and McElvain.

Morgan first directed McElvain at Fitchburg State 16 years ago, and said he thought at the time that McElvain's talent - often featured on stages across Boston - belonged in New York City. With "Playing Sinatra," McElvain is making his professional New York debut.

Morgan is also thrilled that so many Fitchburg State students and alumni are having a professional theater experience.

"All of them are going to workshops with people that we know here," Morgan said. "We're setting up a formal theater alumni group. There's so much opportunity here."

"It's been a whirlwind," said McElvain, describing his experience with the play. "It's a really interesting, different character, which I thought would challenge me and change me."

Theater critic Alan Miller, writing in "A Seat on the Aisle," [raved](#) for the play and the talented cast.

"Cullison is absolutely wonderful as Sandra Lewis, at one moment capturing her distraught angst and sexual frustration, in the next portraying her fear of men seeking to get into her knickers, moving on to exhibit her deep devotion to her brother (which almost appears to border the incestuous), only to affirm her dream of finding in Phillip the 'platonic lover' she has long sought," he wrote. "McElvain is equally good as the mentally disturbed Norman, whose delusional quirks run the gamut from a damaging agoraphobia, to a compulsive love of Sinatra, to momentary outbursts of violence to repressed homosexuality. And Pendleton is just grand as the enigmatic and manipulative Phillip who, chameleon-like, manages to allow the other characters and the audience to make of him what they will. This is one hell of a play and deserves a longer run. Go see it."

Read more from the cast and crew [here](#).

ALFA Food for Thought lecture series resumes this month



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

ALFA—ADULT LEARNING IN THE FITCHBURG AREA

Fitchburg State University's Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area ([ALFA](#)) program kicks off its fall [Food for Thought](#) lecture series with a discussion of the

modern history of Israel.

"Israel: A View from Another Perspective" will be offered at 2:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 24** at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The talk will be given by Donald O. Long, pastor of Faith Christian Church on Boutelle Street in Fitchburg and the current Massachusetts director of Christians United for Israel. The talk will seek to provide historical context for understanding competing contemporary views between nation-states of the world. The conflicts in the Middle East, especially regarding the state of Israel, must be understood in the historical context as well as in light of the 20th century. This presentation will take these two historical points of view into consideration in order to gain an understanding of the opposing claims over the land of Israel.

The Food for Thought lecture series continues with "Learning from Loons: Lead, Health and the Environment," which will be presented **Tuesday, Oct. 29** at 2:30 p.m. at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Mark Pokras, associate professor of wildlife medicine, former director of the Tufts Wildlife Clinic and one of the founders of the Tufts Center for Conservation Medicine, will give the lecture.

Lead poisoning is a huge problem for people, wildlife and domestic animals. This presentation will review our knowledge about biological and ecological effects of lead in a wide variety of domestic and wildlife from cows to condors to earthworms. Our current state of knowledge on the toxicity of lead and its behavior in the environment, including the effects on wildlife, humans, and domestic animals will be examined. We will also discuss the importance of bringing together all interest groups to find safe alternatives, to develop new educational and policy initiatives, to eliminate many current uses of lead, and to clean up existing problems.

About ALFA

ALFA is a lifelong learning institute that offers courses and activities designed and implemented in coordination with the professional staff at Fitchburg State University. ALFA provides an

opportunity for lifelong learners with similar interests to meet in an informal setting and pursue learning for enrichment and personal growth. ALFA is sponsored by the Center for Professional Studies and the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State, in collaboration with volunteer representatives of the community.

For more information on the lecture series and the ALFA program, visit their [website](#).

Yard sale Oct. 6 to benefit service trip to Nicaragua

Ten students and three staff members from Fitchburg State University will be traveling to Nicaragua in January for the institution's first-ever international service trip. A yard sale on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wallace Civic Center will help defray the cost of the journey.

Donations for the yard sale will be accepted at Landry Arena at the Wallace Civic Center between noon and 3 p.m. **Monday, Sept. 23; Wednesday, Sept. 25; Monday, Sept. 30; and Wednesday, Oct. 2.**

The service trip will run from Jan. 2-12, 2014. The volunteers will be building a home and working with children during the effort.

At the yard sale in October, items will not carry individual price tags but donations for their value will be accepted.

For several years Fitchburg State has sent students and staff to different parts of the United States in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The Nicaragua trip, in the works for several months, is the institution's first international service voyage.

"This trip was started on the idea of giving back to the community on a global level," said Mallory-Anne Perron, president of the university's Student Government Association. "Being able to help the people of Nicaragua and learn from them is going to be a life-changing experience that will stick with us for the rest of our lives. We all are very fortunate to be able to be a part of this experience and we wouldn't have been able to start up this trip without the help and support of Fitchburg State University and the local community."

Fitchburg State is working with Friends New England (FNE), a non-profit organization founded in 2011 to cultivate education and sustainable development projects in Nicaragua and Peru. In addition to their work abroad, FNE gives presentations throughout New England to raise awareness about poverty issues in the developing world.

For more information on the yard sale or other ways to support the trip, contact Assistant Dean for Student Development and Housing Henry Parkinson at hparkinson@fitchburgstate.edu.

Caveney honored at Wallace Civic Center



The Falcons hockey team recently gathered at the Wallace Civic Center to recognize recent graduate Joseph Caveney, whose exceptional career at Fitchburg State led him to being selected as USCHO East All-American. He was also awarded plaques for leading the nation in a trio of statistical categories at the Division 3 level.

Caveney's framed photo celebrating his accomplishments will be displayed at the Civic Center lobby.

Explore the university's digital archives

Experience student life throughout the history of Fitchburg State University by viewing newly released digitized documents from the [University Archives](#). Several new digital collections provide access to key publications including yearbooks, student handbooks, student newspapers and course catalogs from the very first class of Fitchburg Normal School in 1895 through to the 21st century.



Combined these collections provide access to more than 35,000 pages of archival material that will provide documentary and photographic evidence of student activities as well as student reactions to regional and national news and trends over more than 100 years. Previously only available for on-site researchers, the materials will now be publicly available online via the Internet Archive, <http://digitalarchives.fitchburgstate.edu/>. Researchers will be able to search text, view images and download the files in a variety of formats.

This digital project was managed by former special collections librarian Kate Wells and library Director Robert Foley. Digitization was made possible by a grant award from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners as part of the Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States program administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

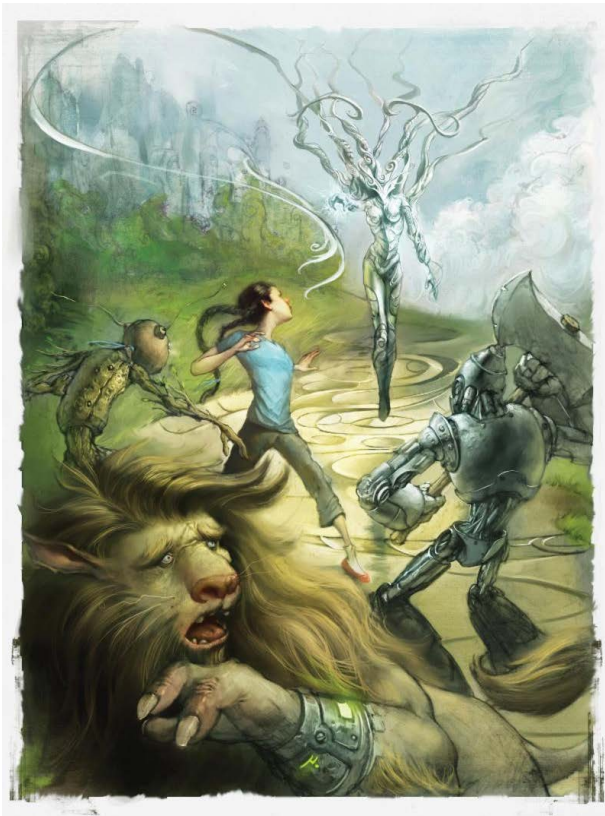
Teaching opportunities in GCE for winter/spring sessions

The office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) is currently accepting requests from faculty to teach for the upcoming 2014 winter session and spring semester. Faculty members interested in teaching should contact the appropriate department chair for approval. All courses offered in the 2014 winter session will again be offered totally online in order to eliminate the challenges of winter weather in an accelerated session, save commuting expenses, reduce energy costs on campus, and provide access to winter session courses for students unable to travel to campus during the winter break.

The deadline for submission of course schedules to GCE is **Friday, September 27**. Please feel free to contact [Brian Bercier](#), Associate Dean, with any questions.

CenterStage and cultural events

The [CenterStage](#) at Fitchburg State University arts and culture series welcomes the work of Britt Snyder for the exhibit "Game Design and Other Art" running through Wednesday, Oct. 23 in



the Gallery at Sanders, 300 Highland Ave. Admission is free.

Snyder works as a character modeler and concept artist in the field of video game development and as a professor in Worcester Polytechnic University's Interactive Media and Game Development program. Video game development is a growing industry tied to tradition while looking to the future. Creation of immersive worlds and believable characters to engage the player are needed for the experience in this new form of interactive storytelling. Through his painting and computer-generated artwork, Snyder is navigating this emerging art movement finding balance between personal statement and collaborative development.

Antonelli returns with documentary

double feature on Wednesday, Oct. 23



Acclaimed documentary filmmaker John Antonelli will return to the Fitchburg State campus on Wednesday, Oct. 23 to present two new documentary films from the award-winning series "The New Environmentalists." *Home to Turkana* and *Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching* will be screened as a double feature at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

Antonelli has won regional Emmy awards and his work has been featured in prestigious showcases like the Sundance Film Festival. The former Fitchburg State

student was back in campus in May when he was awarded an honorary degree in recognition of his contributions to the arts.

The films screening Oct. 23 explore complex environmental issues in Africa.

Home to Turkana takes place in Ethiopia and Kenya. The film is about Ikal Angelei, a young Turkana woman, who is opposing the construction of a \$60 billion dam in Ethiopia that will essentially destroy the ecosystem and threaten the survival of the indigenous people surrounding Lake Turkana and the Omo River.

Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching is set in Swaziland Zambia and contrasts two approaches to solving the poaching issue. Can wildlife conservation efforts go too far? Is killing people ever a just punishment for hunting wild animals? This feature length documentary explores what happens when measures to protect wildlife are in conflict with indigenous peoples' land rights, human rights and their very survival.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.



Tara Mariolis (Nursing), **Carol McKew** (Nursing) and **Kelly Morgan** (Communications Media) presented a poster at the St. Anselm Nursing Educator Conference in May 2013 entitled, *Actors Redefine Mental Health Simulation*. The poster highlighted the benefits of a yearlong collaboration between the Department of Nursing and the Department of Communications Media utilizing actors as patients in simulations of complex health-related scenarios with nursing students providing care in the nursing clinical skills laboratory. The use of actors was made possible through a Fitchburg State Special Projects grant.

María Mercedes Jaramillo (Humanities) as the President of the Colombianist Association hosted the XVIII Conference of the Association at Regis College from July 10-13. The Association of Colombianists is the largest interdisciplinary academic body dedicated to the study of Colombia. A total of 118 scholars attended the conference. Two prominent scholars from Colombia - a historian and a dramatist - were invited to address the Conference on the subject of "Women in Colombia." The Colombianists came from universities in the United States, Colombia, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Belgium, Italy, and Switzerland. There were 35 different sessions, including panels, workshops, film series, and a play, "Dar a luz," with the stellar performance of Nicolas Buenaventura, one of Colombia's best-known actors and storytellers.

Also, Jaramillo presented: "Hotel de vagabundos: un mundo en descomposición" at the 2013 Congress of Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington, D.C., in May; and "Diálogo sobre la experiencia árabe en Colombia, comentarios sobre Meira Delmar, Luis Fayad, Raúl Gómez Jattín, Jorge García Usta y Fernando Cruz Kronfly" at the XVIII Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas, Regis College, Massachusetts, July 2013.

John Paul (Economics, History & Political Science) delivered a lecture on "M.K. Gandhi (1869-1948): The Nonviolent Trailblazer" on Sept. 10 as part of "Mass Humanities Teachers' Institute: Nonviolent Movements in the Modern World," a 10-part series being held at Clark University in Worcester.

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