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University's anti-violence efforts lauded



President Antonucci was recognized this month with the Great Guy Award by the YWCA Central Massachusetts in recognition of the campus-wide [Fitchburg Anti-Violence Education](#) (FAVE) program.

The honor was presented during the Daybreak Breakfast that kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The awards ceremony was held on the College of the Holy Cross campus.

The YWCA Central Massachusetts' created The Great Guy Award in 2004 to recognize the outstanding contributions of men in the central Massachusetts community who have been inspired to learn and better understand the issue of domestic violence, and who have demonstrated their commitment to end violence against women and children.

Antonucci was recognized because of his support for FAVE, launched in 2011 to prevent interpersonal and relationship violence, sexual assault and to support those affected by violence.

"This award recognizes Fitchburg State's commitment to building a safer, healthier community, on campus and beyond," Antonucci said. "I'm proud of the work we have done at the university and our commitment to addressing these issues."

FAVE is directed by Fitchburg State Professor Jannette McMenamy and Erin Travia M.A., LMHC of Fitchburg State's Counseling Services, is its assistant director. FAVE collaborates with the YWCA of Central Massachusetts/Battered Women's Resources to meet training needs and to link survivors with community-based resources.

A key component of FAVE is mandatory educational programming for incoming first-year and transfer students about issues of interpersonal and relationship violence and sexual assault. More than 2,200 students have been trained since the program's inception in 2011.

The FAVE project is supported by a grant awarded to Fitchburg State University by the U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women, through the Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program.

Also recognized as a Great Guy at the awards ceremony was Lyonel Jean-Pierre, staff attorney with Community Legal Aid.

The keynote speaker for the event was actress Lisa Regina, herself a survivor of domestic abuse and the founder of [A Write To Heal](#), a non-profit organization that utilizes the power of words and voices through writing, performance, and filmmaking exercises.

Donald Irving appointed to university Board of Trustees



Irving

Donald R. Irving, founder and president of Data Guide Cable Corp. in Gardner, was recently sworn in as a member of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees.

Irving has run the business, a specialty cable manufacturer with 60 full-time employees, since 1984. Prior to starting Data Guide Cable Corp., he was an engineering manager with Mohawk/Conductron Corp. in Leominster and also worked as an electronics instructor and industrial technology instructor at schools in Ashburnham and Northborough.

He is also president of Nichols Square LLC, a real estate development firm, and in 1993 he was honored by former President George H.W. Bush as the Massachusetts Business Person of the year. He is an avid horologist, building, restoring and collecting clocks (with a specialty in 18th-century brass English clocks), and also holds a patent for a fiber optic connector.

Irving served on the board of trustees for the Applewild School in Fitchburg for 10 years and was also a member of the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee, where he served as chairman. He is the treasurer of the board at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, where he has been a member for 17 years including 12 as its vice president.

Irving is a two-time alumnus of Fitchburg State, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial science and a master's degree in industrial technology from the institution.

Irving and his wife, Karen Lindroth (herself a Fitchburg State alumna) live in Westminster.

Humanities Visiting Speakers Series lecture on Oct. 9 to explore presidential election

Fitchburg State University's Humanities Visiting Speakers Series kicks off the year with a look at the upcoming presidential election with Minnesota State University Professor Joshua Broady Preiss. The lecture will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall.

The professor, from Minnesota's philosophy, politics and economics program, will lecture on the philosophical issues underlying the upcoming presidential election. A discussion will follow the lecture.



Admission is free and open to the public.

Election Guide available online

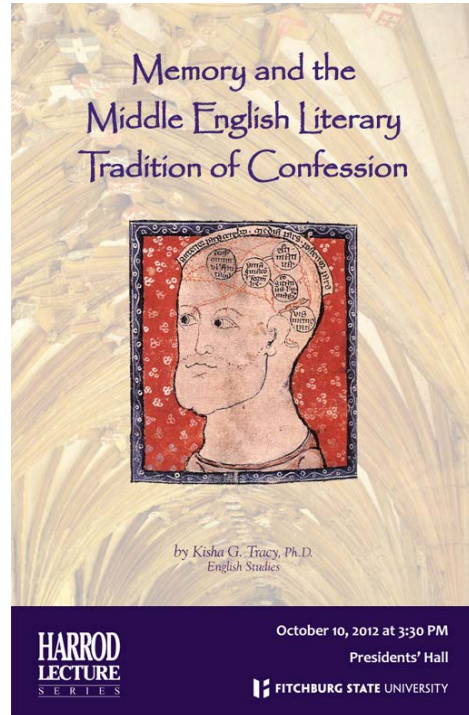
Librarian Mark Melchior has created a non-partisan [online election guide](#) that features background and links to candidates and issues at the local, state and federal level for the Nov. 6 ballot. .

The deadline to register to vote in the election is Oct. 17. Information on how to register is also available at the election guide.

Harrod Lecture by Kisha Tracy on Wednesday, Oct. 10

Professor Kisha Tracy will present the Harrod Lecture "Memory and the Middle English Literary Tradition of Confession" on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 3:30 p.m. in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center.

As a universal human experience, memory has been the subject of study and debate for centuries and, in particular, has become a focus of literary study in the last decades. In medieval texts, recollection is a constant presence and is often allied with images of confession. This talk defines the Middle English literary representations of recollection and forgetfulness and analyzes texts that illustrate the influence of the relationship between recollection and confession.



Hammond Hall ribbon-cutting on Tuesday, Oct. 16



The campus will celebrate the renovations to Hammond Hall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the glass tower facing Pearl and North streets. The campus community is invited to attend.

University, Sentinel & Enterprise co-sponsoring election forums in October

Fitchburg State University and the Sentinel & Enterprise newspaper are sponsoring two debates in October with candidates for federal and state representative seats.

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, and Republican challenger Jon Golnik, of Carlisle, will square off at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building Oct. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The following week, incumbent state Rep. Dennis Rosa, D-Leominster, will face Republican challenger Justin Brooks in a debate for the 4th Worcester District at Leominster City Hall's Tata Auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25.

President Antonucci is scheduled to moderate both debates.

The formats have not been finalized but the candidates are expected to answer questions from a panel but also engage in back and forth discussion with each other.

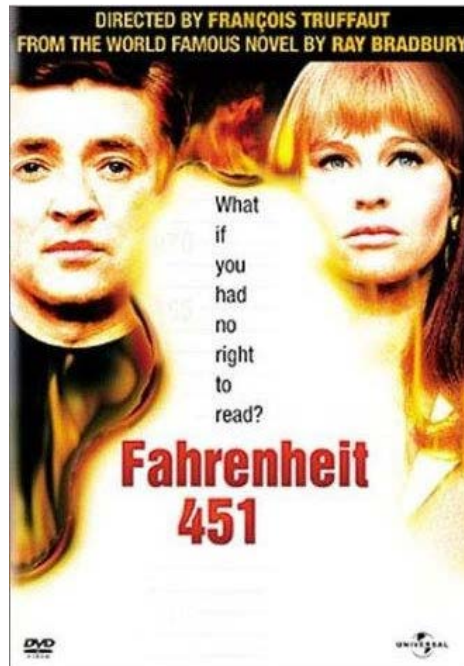
The panel of questioners will include Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Weizer, a representative of the Sentinel & Enterprise, and Fitchburg State students.

Third Thursday Film Series continues Oct. 18 with *Fahrenheit 451*

Fitchburg State University and the [Fitchburg Public Library](#) continue their Third Thursday Film Series with *Fahrenheit 451*, an acclaimed 1966 science fiction film drama by French New Wave director François Truffaut, starring Oskar Werner, Julie Christie, and Cyril Cusack. The screening and discussion will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Fitchburg Public Library, 610 Main St.

Based upon the 1953 dystopian novel by Ray Bradbury, the story concerns a future society where books are banned and firemen burn any house that contains them. The story's protagonist, Guy Montag, is a fireman who after a chance encounter begins to question his existence and wonder what's inside the books he burns. What he finds will change his outlook and his life. This film is a classic critique of censorship and the media as well as a visually stunning image of a possible future.

This film will be hosted by Daniel Sarefield of Fitchburg State's Department of Economics, History, and Political Science, who is an authority on the history of censorship and book burning.



Information session for LPN to BSN bridge program to be held Oct. 22

Fitchburg State's new bridge program for licensed practical nurses seeking their bachelor of science in nursing will be the topic of a free information session on Monday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. in Thompson Hall, Room 312.

The bridge program is designed to transition the licensed practical nurse (LPN) to the role of a baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse. Graduates of this program are prepared to meet societal healthcare needs in a variety of settings. Respect for diversity, social responsibility, and a commitment to excellence in nursing care are emphasized.



Register for the free information session online by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/cgqxq384>.

5K Road Race to benefit Fire Department, Women's Basketball team on Oct. 27

The 5th annual Firefighter Verne E. Roy Memorial 5K Road Race will be held Saturday, Oct. 27.

The walk starts 10 a.m. (arrive by 9 a.m.) and runners start at 11 a.m. (arrive by 9:30 a.m.) The race will begin at Fitchburg Fire headquarters, 33 North St. Proceeds will benefit the Fitchburg Fire Department and the Fitchburg State University Women's Basketball team. Costumes are optional!

Visit <http://www.fitchburgfire5k.com> for more information.

ALFA Food for Thought Lecture continues Oct. 30

Fitchburg State University's [ALFA](#) (Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area) fall lecture series continues Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m., at Weston Auditorium, with "Horror Within Us." Fitchburg State Professor Kelly Morgan from the communications media department will take listeners on an adventure for the Halloween season. Hear of the occult, ghost story-telling, and the nature of fear, and experience the joy of being scared!

For more information, visit <http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices/community-outreach/alfa/alfa-food-for-thought-lecture-series/>.

Reading on Nov. 7 to raise funds for military nurses memorial

Fitchburg State's Communications Media Department's Theater Program will be presenting a one-hour reading of "A Piece of My Heart," by Shirley Lauro and directed by Fitchburg State Professor Kelly Morgan on at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library to assist in raising additional funds for the Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial.

The suggested donation for admission is \$5. Refreshments will be served and a brief post-reading discussion will take place.

The characters in Lauro's play are based upon interviews with real-life veterans, many of which are profiled in a book "A Piece of My Heart" by Keith Walker. Lauro uses fast-moving vignettes to tell the larger story of American women serving as nurses in Vietnam. The six women characters represent varied backgrounds, roles and attitudes. These characters range from stalwart Martha to sweet young Sissy to flower child Leeann. There's the aristocratic Red Cross "donut dolly" Whitney.

There's the hard-nosed intelligence officer Steele and the playful, soulful USO trouper MaryJo. Whether sewing sutures, spreading cheer or performing on stage, they are angels of mercy for

soldiers trapped in a hellish nightmare.

The women cope with laughter, tears, alcohol and smoking joints. Some build "the wall." Others play around. When their service is over, they return home as forgotten as the soldiers they nursed, wanting to put the war behind them but finding they cannot.

About the Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial

The Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial was dedicated on Sept. 16. The event is to help raise the additional \$1,200 needed to add a new stone and plaque to explain the relocation of the Clara Barton memorial. The Clara Barton stone and plaque was originally placed in front of a tree planted in her honor at the former Academy Street School in 1924. When the city of Fitchburg sold the property in 2011, Stephen Twining recovered the monument from the purchaser and got permission to move it to Monument Park and plant a new tree. Its purpose has been expanded to include a memorial to all military nurses. Commemorative bricks to honor those who serve or have served in our military as nurses are being sold for \$30 apiece and will be placed along the walkway in front of the Memorial. Forms to order the engraved bricks are available in the mayor's office, from the Veterans' Service Agent in the Senior Center and at the Public Library.

CenterStage and cultural events at Fitchburg State



"Coke Machine" by Scott Listfield.

The [CenterStage](#) at Fitchburg State University arts and culture series invites you to take an outsider's look at the pop culture world around you with artist Scott Listfield's otherworldly gallery exhibit "Astronaut."

Listfield's paintings feature a lone exploratory astronaut lost in a landscape cluttered with pop-culture icons, corporate logos, and tongue-in-cheek science-fiction references. Raised on cartoons, movies, and comic books, Listfield expected he'd be living on the moon with his robot best friend by now. But the future he grew up into wasn't the one he envisioned. So the artist has sent an astronaut from the fictional 21st century of his youth to explore our present world—a place that's stranger than one might think.

"Astronaut" will be featured in the art gallery in the Sanders Administration Building, 300 Highland Ave., from Oct. 24 through Nov. 27. The show opens with an artist talk Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Condiak Science

Lecture Hall adjacent to the gallery.

Faculty Notes

María Mercedes Jaramillo (Humanities) presented a paper about Afro-Colombian theatre at the XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in San Francisco in May. Also, she presented a paper about Afro-Colombian writers at the X Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latinoamericana (JALLA) held at Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia in August. During her trip to Colombia she was invited by Universidad Autónoma de Cali to present *Hijas del Muntu: biografías críticas de mujeres afrodescendientes de América Latina* a book she co-edited with Dr. Lucía Ortiz. Prof. Jaramillo's paper "El teatro como terapia colectiva" was published in *Teatro contra el olvido*, a book edited by Dr. Laurietz Seda (Lima: Universidad Científica del Sur, 2012).

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