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## Provost search launches; open forum on Oct. 16



The university is preparing to launch the search for provost/vice president for academic affairs as the presidential search continues.

There will be an open forum for the campus and community to discuss the provost/vice president's search on **Thursday, Oct. 16** at 3:30 p.m. in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave.

The search committee for the vice president/provost will be chaired by Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education Cathy Canney. Also on the committee are faculty members Keith Chenot (industrial technology), Chola Chisunka (English), Randy Howe (communications media), and Rala Diakite (humanities); as well as administrators Papa Sarr (interim director of admissions and director of international education) and Meg Hoey (interim dean of health and natural sciences); and student Abby Cochran. Executive Assistant to the President Michael Shanley and Assistant Vice President for Human Resources/Payroll Jessica Murdoch are *ex officio* members.

Those who are unable to attend the open forum can address their comments to the committee via email at [provostsearch@fitchburgstate.edu](mailto:provostsearch@fitchburgstate.edu).

The [presidential search](#), meanwhile, is continuing. Committee members have begun reviewing dozens of applications from across the nation, though names of candidates will not be public until a slate of finalists has been determined.

The next meeting of the presidential [search committee](#) will be held **Monday, Oct. 27** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center. Meetings are open to the public but members may go into executive session to discuss specific candidates.

Community Read continues in October with talks, films and art exhibit

Fitchburg State University continues its year-long Community Read of *The New Jim Crow* with a series of talks, film screenings and discussions in October.

In the Community Read, Fitchburg State faculty and staff will join with experts and artists from this region and beyond to explore the issues raised in legal scholar Michelle Alexander's controversial book about race and justice. The public is invited to add their voices to the conversation as the university seeks to create community through communication.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 8** at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, Massachusetts Parole Board Deputy Chief Parole Supervisor Lisa Redmond, a Fitchburg State alumna, will present a lecture on changes to mandatory drug sentences and criminal offender records laws. Admission is free and a reception will follow.

The work of award-winning photographer Lou Jones will be presented at the media wall in Conlon Hall, 316 Highland Ave., when "Final Exposure: Portraits from Death Row" is presented from **Thursday, Oct. 9** through Wednesday, Nov. 12. Jones combines powerful images of death row inmates with revealing interviews and commentary in this extraordinary volume. These portraits and voices humanize the condemned men and women without minimizing the magnitude of their crimes or the pain of the victims and their families.



Together, they open one's eyes to discuss his work on Oct. 15 at the media wall in Conlon Hall. the chilling reality of death row and challenge readers to question the morality of capital punishment. Jones will discuss the work on **Wednesday, Oct. 15** at 3:30 p.m. at Conlon Hall. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

The Third Thursday film series, bridging the campus and the city, continues **Thursday, Oct. 16** at 4 p.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library, 610 Main St., with a screening of *Nothing But a Man* (1964). The story focuses on a black couple - a railroad worker and a teacher - starting a new life together in a racist Southern town. The film will be introduced by former Fitchburg State librarian Mark Melchior, who will also lead a post-screening discussion. Admission is free.

On **Tuesday, Oct. 28** at 5:30 p.m., the Fitchburg Public Library at 610 Main St. will feature a community book discussion of *The New Jim Crow*. The discussion will be led by Fitchburg State



criminal justice faculty member Marcel Beausoleil. Admission is free.

The series continues in the spring on a lighter note with a performance by comedian W. Kamau Bell on **Thursday, Feb. 26** at 8 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Just like skinny jeans, superhero movies and celebrity weight loss, racism continues to make a comeback. Comedian W. Kamau Bell is here to make (non)sense of all of it all. The W. Kamau Bell Curve: Ending Racism in About an Hour is a hilarious exploration of the current state of America's racism, combined with a little (unknown) history, a little Powerpoint and a whole bunch of Kamau. The Curve is a seamless mix of stand-up comedy, video and audio clips, personal stories and solo theatrical performance. One part manifesto, one part diatribe and several parts funny, this evening is sure to provide laughs and provoke thought. Be advised, the performance features mature comment. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, Fitchburg State alumni and free for Fitchburg State students and can be purchased at the Weston Box Office, 333 North St., which is open Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets can also be ordered online by visiting [fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage](http://fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage).

The Community Read is sponsored by the university's Carl T. Witherell '32 Fund. A full listing of events, including film screenings and art installations running into the spring, can be found online at [fitchburgstate.edu/communityread](http://fitchburgstate.edu/communityread).

### Family Weekend Oct. 17-19

The comedic basketball stylings of the Harlem Wizards, a sing-along screening of the smash movie *Frozen* and the recognition of accomplished athletes and alumni will be among the highlights of Fitchburg State University's [Family Weekend](#), being held **Friday, Oct. 17** through **Sunday, Oct. 19**.



The Harlem Wizards bring their Slamtastic Tour to the Athletics and Recreation Center, 130 North St., at 8 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 18**. At the game, fans will see amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. The athleticism, tricks, fancy teamwork and ball-handling wizardry, plus wild dunks not even seen in NBA games, engages and wows the most avid hoops fans. The comedy is for everybody. The Wizards look to push the envelope on fun, combining pre-planned comedic acts with spontaneous humor that fans of all ages will find laugh out loud funny. The halftime show with hundreds of kids on the court, plus the postgame interaction with the Wizards who stay until every autograph is signed, is the cherry on top. Admission is free.

Earlier **Saturday, Oct. 18**, there will be a sing-along screening of Disney's *Frozen* at 3 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Popcorn, snacks and other activities will complement the screening, where visitors are encouraged to lend their voices. Admission is free.

The annual Fun Fair will be held **Saturday, Oct. 18** from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Elliot Field (or Hammond Hall in the event of rain). Student clubs, organizations, and sports teams will be hosting a variety of fundraising booths with giveaways and activities like cotton candy, fried dough, popcorn, a traveling magician, balloon animals, food, a petting zoo, and more. The fun fair will also host the Alternative Spring Break silent auction, where goodie and survival baskets will be available for bidding in support of the university's annual spring break trip to build a home for Habitat for Humanity. Bidding starts at noon **Friday, Oct. 17** at Hammond Hall, where winners will be announced at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The weekend also spotlights the Fitchburg State Falcons, who will be in competition all day Saturday. The football team will take on Western Connecticut State at noon at Elliot Field, and the men's soccer team faces Framingham State at 6 p.m., also at Elliot Field. There will also be an alumnae women's softball game at 1:30 p.m. at the Donna Lee-Withington Memorial Field at Coolidge Park. All alumnae that played softball during their time at Fitchburg State University are welcome back to play in (or watch) the alumnae vs. current Falcons game. A coach's meet-and-

greet will follow the game. Alumnae are asked to register online at [support.fitchburgstate.edu/eventregistration](http://support.fitchburgstate.edu/eventregistration).

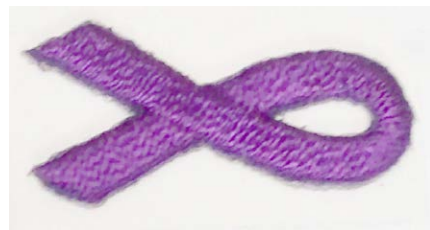
Also Friday, Fitchburg State will hold its biannual Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Every two years, former student athletes, coaches, teams, and individuals who made outstanding contributions to athletics at Fitchburg State University are chosen for induction into the Fitchburg State University Athletics Hall of Fame. This year one team and four athletes are being honored at the invitation-only event.

The recognitions continue **Saturday, Oct. 18**, when the university holds its annual Gold Key Ceremony and Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Hammond Hall. This year the university will honor alumni from the class of 1964, recognizing the collective achievements from that year's graduates. Guests may register online at [support.fitchburgstate.edu/eventregistration](http://support.fitchburgstate.edu/eventregistration).

A full list of events, and how to get tickets, can be found [online](#).

### FAVE reminds you that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

During the month of October, the [Fitchburg Anti- Violence Education](#) (FAVE) program will be continuing its efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence. Members of the campus community are encouraged to wear purple ribbons in October. Ribbons were distributed on campus last week and some are still available at the Information Desk at Hammond Hall.



Please contact FAVE Co-Director [Erin Travia](#) or Interim FAVE Co-Director [Beth Walsh](#) with any questions.

### Mental Health Screening Day Tuesday, Oct. 7

Sometimes people wonder whether what they're feeling is "normal." At Mental Health Screening Day on **Tuesday, Oct. 7**, Counseling Services will offer students the opportunity to find out whether the sadness or stress they're experiencing is typical of the average person, or more significant.

The screening, being held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hammond Hall street level lobby, will offer students the chance to complete an anonymous self-assessment, meet briefly with a member of the Counseling Services staff, and learn whether they're at risk for a depression, anxiety or mood disorder. Those that screen positive may choose to seek help from a mental health professional in Counseling Services or in the local community.

All participants will receive a free snack, courtesy of Chartwells.

### Flu clinics coming in October

[Health Services](#) will hold a flu clinic **Wednesday, Oct. 15** and **Thursday, Oct. 16**, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Hammond Hall, room G01. Participants are asked to bring their insurance cards, and the following plans are accepted: Harvard Pilgrim; Tufts Health Plan; Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts (includes the school insurance plan); MassHealth; Fallon Community Health Plan; UniCare Indemnity Plan; Aetna; and Medicare Part B.

The price is \$25 for those without any of the covered plans, and cash or check will be accepted. For more information, please call Health Services at 978-665-3216.

### University co-sponsoring events leading up to Food Day, Oct. 24

The community is invited to take part in a national



celebration of "real food" and smart policies about what we eat during a week of programs leading up to [Food Day](#) on Friday, Oct. 24.

The events include healthy food demonstrations, discussions of urban agriculture and the benefits of eating local, and sharing stories to promote healthy eating habits in children and families. The events culminate with a citywide "apple crunch" on Friday, Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m., when all elementary students in the city will bite apples at the same time (alternate crunchy fruits or vegetables will be available for anyone with apple allergies).



The local observances have been organized by a committee including representatives from Fitchburg State University, the Fitchburg Public Schools, the Community Health Center, Growing Places and the Montachusett Opportunity Council.

The festivities start Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. when the Community Health Center at the HealthAlliance Burbank Campus hosts a healthy food demonstration. Admission is free.

Also Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library at 610 Main St., Growing Places presents "Growing Food Security in Urban America." Growing Places is sponsoring a screening of the documentary "Growing Cities" with a panel discussion to follow about growing food in urban settings. Admission is free.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 4:30 p.m., Growing Places presents "Let's Rot and Roll" at the Sundial Community Garden on Elm Street. The composting demonstration at the organization's new teaching garden will be led by Fitchburg State Professor Chris Picone. Admission is free.

The Fitchburg Farmers' Market at Riverfront Park off Boulder Drive will be held Thursday, Oct. 23 from 3 to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Also on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 7 p.m., the Fitchburg Public Schools' Title I program will host "Reading, Writing and Tasting!" at South Street Elementary School. Visitors will listen to stories, sample fruits and vegetables, collect recipes and leave with a book to enjoy at home. Admission is free.

The events conclude on Friday, Oct. 24, with the "Apple Crunch!" at Fitchburg's four public elementary schools, where students will share a simultaneous bite to promote healthy, local foods. Apples used for the crunch were grown by Lanni Orchards in Lunenburg.

Also Friday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. the Boulder Bar & Café at 880 Main St. will host the "Help Feed Fitchburg Monster Mash Bash." Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable, healthy item for local food pantries to gain admission. Guests are also encouraged to wear costumes and dance the night away to live music.

### **About Food Day**

Food Day was created by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), but it is powered by a diverse coalition of food movement leaders and organizations, including student leaders, public offices, school districts, and local organizers.

October 24 is a day to resolve to make changes in our own diets and to take action to solve food-related problems in our communities at the local, state, and national level. In 2014, Food Day will have a special focus on food access and justice for food and farm workers.

This annual event involves some of the country's most prominent food activists, united by a vision of food that is healthy, affordable, and produced with care for the environment, farm animals, and the people who grow, harvest, and serve it.

With Food Day, we can celebrate our food system when it works and fix it when it's broken. Across the country, more than 4,700 events took place in 2013 and 3,200 in 2012, from community festivals in Denver, Savannah, and New York City, to a national conference in Washington, DC, to thousands of school activities in Portland, Minneapolis, and elsewhere.

Include "How-to" articles or hints and tips on related subjects. Try a reader's poll. People love to give their opinion, and you can publish the results in your next newsletter. Drive traffic to your website by entering teaser text for the article with a link to your website for readers to view the full text.

### ALFA's Food for Thought lecture series continues this month

Celebrate Fitchburg's 250th anniversary through food at the [Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area](#) (ALFA)'s [Food for Thought](#) lecture on **Tuesday, Oct. 21** at 2:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. Admission is free.



Presenter Bruce Goyette, an ALFA volunteer who has coordinated cooking classes for the past seven years, will guide the audience through the myriad facets of food as it relates to Fitchburg's 250th Anniversary. From early farms to the mill workers' diners and from truly gourmet restaurants during the city's phenomenal growth during the early 1900s to today's fast food establishments will be topics discussed with accompanying PowerPoint visual aids.

The railroad's significant place in the city's expanded role as an industrial power led to the creation of first-class restaurants, as well as live theater. Huge buildings were erected to accommodate boarders and provide restaurants; the American House, Hotel Raymond, and the Johnsonia are examples. A cooking school that attracted more than 5,000 students will be featured as will famous chefs and statesmen who visited this grand city and the emergence of several diners located near mills.

Goyette earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Fitchburg State and taught English for many years. As a journalist, he worked for the *Townsend Times* and *Fitchburg Sentinel* and published a Townsend story in *Yankee Magazine*. In his retirement, Goyette pursues his passions for journalism, reading, music, gardening, and cooking.

### Haunted Lighthouses of New England

On **Tuesday, Oct. 28** at 2:30 p.m., Jeremy D'Entremont will present "Haunted Lighthouses of New England" at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

Lighthouses are picturesque icons that remind us of our rich maritime history, but they also have a dark side. Lighthouses and ghost stories often seem to go hand in hand, as confirmed by the many horror stories and movies that have utilized lighthouses as their settings. This presentation will focus on some of the macabre tales of New England's coastal beacons, including the lovelorn spirit known as Ernie at Connecticut's New London Ledge Light and the piano playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Island Light. Also included will be accounts of strange happenings at two New Hampshire lighthouses, Portsmouth Harbor and White Island.

D'Entremont has taken part in many lighthouse investigations by paranormal research groups. He calls himself an "open-minded skeptic," and he'll share some of his personal experiences. He has appeared on the Syfy Channel's popular Ghost Hunters program, as well as Haunted Lighthouses of America on the Travel Channel. He has also appeared on the History Channel, Public Television, and National Public Radio speaking about lighthouse history.

D'Entremont has been called the leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses. He is the author of more than ten books, including *The Lighthouses of Massachusetts*, *Great Shipwrecks*

of the Maine Coast, *The Lighthouse Handbook: New England*, and *Ocean-Born Mary: The Truth Behind a New Hampshire Legend*. He's a past president and historian for the American Lighthouse Foundation and founder and operations manager of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. His comprehensive website on New England lighthouses, [www.newenglandlighthouses.net](http://www.newenglandlighthouses.net), was launched in 1997.

### Center for Italian Culture launches season with talks and performances

The [Center for Italian Culture](#) at Fitchburg State University is launching its 2014-15 programming with the third year of *Canti e Cantici*, including workshops, presentations and a concert focusing on Italian music and literature.

The series starts with a faculty talk on St. Francis of Assisi by Professor Rala Diakite on **Thursday, Oct. 30** at 12:30 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free. Diakite, chair

of the Humanities Department, will give this interdisciplinary talk on St. Francis and the continuing relevance of his thought and action. She will highlight St. Francis' revolutionary contributions regarding the problem of poverty, animals and the environment; conflict resolution; the equality of women; language innovation and popular culture.

A pair of workshops will follow on **Wednesday, Nov. 5** at 2 and 3:30 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall, with Italian-American soprano Maria Ferrante and Italian-born composer (and Fitchburg State faculty member) Michele Caniato. In the workshops, the pair will provide an overview and demonstrate singing techniques, the composition process, the learning process for performers, collaboration among musicians and recital preparation. The main focus will be Caniato's work based on poetry by Saint Francis of Assisi. Admission is free.

The fall programming concludes with a concert entitled *Una Serata di Musica Italiana* (An Evening of Italian Music) on **Wednesday, Nov. 12** at 7 p.m. at Kent Recital Hall. Italian music from baroque to opera and film soundtracks will be performed by celebrated soprano Maria Ferrante accompanied by Pei-yeh Tsai, piano, and guest singers and instrumentalists. Admission is free.



### 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, Nov. 3, Samuel Tobin (Communications Media) will discuss "Homemade Titans and Chinese Space Marines" in Hammond Hall room 314.

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.

The series began with a talk by Patricia Arend on "Reproducing the Traditional Marriage Proposal: The Role of Women's Social Groups."

## CenterStage at Fitchburg State

### CenterStage Hub Series welcomes Nicholas David on Saturday, Nov. 15

Alternative soul music from the heart, for the heart. Nicholas David Mrozinski is a vibrant, dynamic and multi-talented singer, songwriter and pianist. His powerful voice, enriching lyrics, and liquid piano playing truly set him apart and are the reason Skope Magazine calls him "an authentic artist of this millennium." His one-of-a-kind sound is passionate, captivating, intelligent, diverse, genuine, fresh, and he truly feels it. David was most recently a finalist and a fan favorite on "The Voice."

This November, Nicholas David will perform as part of Fitchburg State University [CenterStage's](#) Hub Series, bringing visitors the unique opportunity to experience national musicians in a local, intimate setting. With just under 200 seats, the Hammond Hall Falcon Hub offers a relaxed, coffeehouse-style listening room with comfortable seating, beverage service and a very cool atmosphere. The Falcon Hub is located in Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St.



Nicholas David, who gained a following on TV's "The Voice," performs at the Falcon Hub on Nov. 15.

The CenterStage Hub Series is 21-plus and general admission. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets reserve you a space at a table, but not specific seats. Please note that most Hub tables seat four people. Because of room size, advanced ticket purchase is encouraged.

Tickets are \$28 for adults; \$25 for seniors and Fitchburg State alumni; and \$5 for students. The Weston Box Office, located inside Weston Auditorium at 353 North St., Fitchburg, is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets can also be ordered [online](#).

### Art Exhibitions

The art exhibitions that opened the CenterStage season continue in venues across campus.

The work of artist Nancy Marks is



on display in The Gallery at Sanders in the Sanders Administration Building, 300 Highland Ave., through Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Marks has been a visual artist for over 25 years: first as a papermaker and now as printmaker and painter. This collection showcases both her paintings and mixed media work.



"The Castinetti Sisters" by David Lang.

The kinetic sculptures of artist David A. Lang will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Wednesday, Oct. 22.

"For the last several years my sculptural work has become largely kinetic and interactive," Lang said. "It is often witty, profound and provocative. Much of it seems to exist in the realm of the unlikely. These days, my mind is in a whirl, trying to understand how to make very complicated things appear to be smooth, slow and coordinated."

A video compilation of other pieces of Lang's kinetic sculptures, entitled "Inventions, Contraptions & Flights of Fancy," is on display on the Conlon Media Wall in Conlon Hall, 316 Highland Ave., through Wednesday, Oct. 8.

More about the upcoming CenterStage at Fitchburg State University arts and culture offerings can be found online at [fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage](http://fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage).

## Faculty Notes

**Eric Budd** (Economics, History and Political Science) was asked by the journal Peace Review to write a book review of the edited volume "Recovering Nonviolent History: Civil resistance in Liberation Struggles" (Lynne Rienner Publishers 2013). The review will be published in a forthcoming issue.

**Chris Picone** (Biology and Chemistry) gave an invited presentation at the fall conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, held at Framingham State University on September 27. The conference was titled "Managing Aquatic Invasive Plants." Picone presented his research on abundance of breeding frogs in lakes treated with aquatic herbicides, and he discussed lessons learned from the permitting process for lake drawdowns and herbicide use.


On Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 4:30 p.m., Dr. Picone will present a workshop on composting, "Let's Rot and Roll," hosted by Growing Places at the Sundial Community Garden on Elm Street in Fitchburg.

**Charlies Sides** (Communications Media) was presented the 2014 CPTSC Award for Excellence in Program Assessment by the Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication in September. The award recognized Sides' "outstanding contributions to program assessment in technical and scientific communication as a practitioner and editor."

Dr. Sides has been the executive editor of the Journal of Technical Writing and Communication (JTWC) for the past 20 years; JTWC is a leading refereed scholarly journal in the discipline. During his tenure with the journal, numerous articles have been selected for national recognition.

In addition, Dr. Sides has been the editor of the prestigious Baywood Technical Communications Series for the past 17 years. Under his leadership, 41 books have been brought to publication, four of which were selected as the best book of the year in scientific and technical communication. He has been particularly committed, through his editorial work, to the mentoring of new scholars in the discipline.

This is the fourth time the Award for Excellence in Program Assessment has been presented and the first time that an individual was selected for the honor.



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