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CES and Student Activities Present Nat Geo Live's 'Mysterious Seas'



A closeup of a fluorescent eel by David Gruber, left, and a photo by Diva Amon

CES and the FSU Student Activities program will present "Mysterious Seas," a free streaming event from the National Geographic Live Virtual Speaker Series, on **Tuesday, March 30**, at 7 p.m. Through stories and conversation, the live program brings viewers behind the scenes with two leading marine biologists and National

Geographic Explorers who provide a glimpse into the ocean's greatest depths and the fascinating creatures that live there.

David Gruber searches the oceans for bioluminescent and biofluorescent marine species and designs delicate, noninvasive tools to study and interact with deep-sea life. Diva Amon participates in expeditions around the world to study the unusual animals living in a variety of deep-sea habitats and how they are impacted by humans.

The next and final program in the series, "Women and Migration," will take place on **Tuesday, April 13**.

All events in this series require prior registration by visiting tickets.frostburg.edu. For info, contact ces@frostburg.edu.

Help for Students

Have Issues or Concerns?

Be sure to continue to pass on your concerns to **President Nowaczyk** at president@frostburg.edu or, for specific academic issues, to **Dr. Michael Mathias** at provost@frostburg.edu. Students with individual concerns can be directed to resources by emailing spring2021@frostburg.edu. And for the spring 2021 plan and information, visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/spring2021>.

A Message From CAPS

If you are having difficulty taking care of your daily needs and/or notice that your mood has been more depressed or anxious, you are not alone. Help is available at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Counseling is being provided over confidential telehealth programs.

If you are interested in individual counseling or participating in one of the groups CAPS offers, call 301-687-4234.

If you need of immediate support, call 301-687-4234 during business hours or 301-687-4223 in the evening or on the weekend.

Other crisis resources are available at:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Trevor LifeLine: 1-866-488-7386

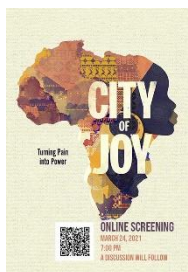
Veterans' Crisis Hotline: 1-877-VET2VET (1-877-838-2838)

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 for free, 24/7 crisis counseling

911

Films

Women's Studies Presents 'City of Joy'



To celebrate Women's History Month, Women's Studies will offer a free movie screening of "City of Joy" on **Wednesday, March 24**, at 7 p.m. "City of Joy" is a documentary about a leadership community for women who are survivors of gender violence in Bukavu, in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo that opened in 2011 and has since served more than 1,500 women. This is a place that turns "pain into power" and provides women with a space to heal and learn valuable skills. The film tells the story of the first class of women to graduate from the program, as well as the way that this amazing organization came to be.

There will be a discussion following the film. Note: The film may be disturbing to victims of sexual violence, and faculty will be on hand virtually to provide support.

For info, contact Dr. Jill Morris at jamorris@frostburg.edu.

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Music

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, musical performances before live audiences of the general public will not be held until conditions warrant. However, the Department of Music is continuing its series of online presentations. Links will be posted at www.frostburg.edu/concerts.

Visit www.frostburg.edu/concerts and click an event to be directed to the FSU Localist Events page; click the red "Join Stream" button on the right side of page to join the livestream.

Unless otherwise noted, concerts are free to view online. For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

If you miss the livestreams, Music Department recitals are available for viewing on YouTube: Frostburg Music Department.

Chamber Singers, University Chorale and Troubadours Tenor-Bass Choir in Livestreamed Jewish Composers Showcase

FSU's Department of Music will present the FSU Chamber Singers, University Chorale and Troubadours Tenor-Bass Choir in a livestreamed concert, titled "L'Chaim – To Life! A Jewish Composers Showcase," on **Friday, March 26**, at 7:30 p.m.

Per FSU event guidelines and COVID restrictions, the general public may only attend the online streamed event. The recital is open to 50 members of FSU community – faculty, staff or students – on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conducted by **Dr. Scott Rieker**, the Chamber Singers, University Chorale and Troubadours Tenor-Bass Choir will be joined by Cantor Richard Bessman from B'er Chayim in this wide-ranging evening of choral masterworks, folk melodies and avant-garde compositions. They will be accompanied by pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen**.

The concert features compositions by Ernest Bloch, Salamone Rossi, Meredith Monk, Coreen Duffy and more, including two newly composed settings of "Psalms" by Dr. Moshe Knoll and a premiere by guest conductor Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld of Mount St. Mary's University.

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Student Robert Bittinger Presents Livestreamed Senior Piano Recital

FSU's Department of Music will present **Robert Bittinger** in a livestreamed senior piano recital on **Sunday, March 28**, at 3 p.m.

Bittinger will perform "Sonata K. 27" and "Sonata K. 208" by Domenico Scarlatti, "Sonata in B Minor, Hob.XVI:32" by Joseph Haydn, "Suite bergamasque" by Claude Debussy, "Nocturne No. 13" by Gabriel Fauré and "Polonaise Op. 40, No. 2" by Frédéric Chopin.

Student Nathan Richards Will Perform Livestreamed Senior Guitar Recital, 'Here, There Be Dragons'

FSU's Department of Music will present **Nathan Richards** in a livestreamed senior guitar recital, "Here, There Be Dragons," on **Friday, April 2**, at 7:30 p.m. He will be accompanied by FSU student **Shawn Zimmerman** and **Dr. Isaac Greene**.

Richards will perform "The Rose in the Garden" by Carlo Domeniconi, "Les Adieux, Op. 21" by Fernando Sor, "Etude, Op. 60, No. 7" by Matteo Carcassi, "Etude 4" from "Estudios Sencillos" by Leo Brouwer, "Partita in A Minor" by Johann Anton Logy, "¡Adelita!" and "Lágrima" by Francisco Tárrega, "Variations on a Sarabande by Handel" by Ferdinand Rebay and "Fantasia of Three Parts" by Orlando Gibbons.

Dr. Joseph Yungen to Perform in Online Faculty Artist Series Concert

The FSU Department of Music will present pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen** in a livestreamed Faculty Artist Series concert on **Sunday, April 4**, at 3 p.m. from FSU's Pealer Recital Hall.

Per FSU event guidelines and COVID restrictions, the general public may only attend the online streamed event. The recital is open to 50 members of FSU community – faculty, staff or students – on a first-come, first-served basis.

Yungen will perform "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 860 From 'The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1'" by Johann Sebastian Bach; "Allegro maestoso," "Andante cantabile con espressione" and "Presto" from "Piano Sonata No. 8 in A Minor, K. 310" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; "Allegro inquieto," "Andante caloroso" and "Precipitato" from "Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83" by Sergei Prokofiev; "Mazurka in D-flat Major, Op. 30, No. 3," "Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 17, No. 4," "Mazurka in A-flat Major, Op. 59, No. 2" and "Mazurka in B Minor, Op. 33, No. 4" by Frédéric Chopin, as well as "Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54" and "Barcarolle in F-sharp Major, Op. 60," also by Chopin.

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (or simply "Joy") is a piece of music derived from a chorale setting of the cantata "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV 147" ("Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life") Bach composed in 1723. It is often performed slowly and reverently at wedding ceremonies, as well as during Christian festive seasons like Christmas and Easter.

"The Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 846–893" is a collection of two sets of preludes and fugues in all 24 major and minor keys, composed for solo keyboard. In Bach's time, *clavier* (keyboard) was a generic name indicating a variety of keyboard instruments. Book 1 was composed in the early 1720s.

"Piano Sonata No. 8 in A Minor, K. 310" was written in 1778, the first of only two Mozart piano sonatas in a minor key. It was composed in the summer of 1778 around the time of his mother's death, one of the most tragic times of his life.

Prokofiev's "Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83" (1942), which is occasionally called the "Stalingrad," is a sonata composed for solo piano, the second of the three "War Sonatas." The piece was first performed in 1943 in Moscow.

Over the years 1825-1849, Chopin wrote at least 59 mazurkas for piano, based on the traditional Polish dance. However, while he used the traditional mazurka as his model, he was able to transform his pieces into an entirely new genre, one that became known as the "Chopin genre." His composition of these mazurkas also signaled new ideas of nationalism.

Chopin composed "Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54" in 1842. Unlike the preceding three scherzi, the E-major is generally calmer in temperament, though it still possesses some exceptionally passionate and dramatic moments.

"Barcarolle in F-sharp Major, Op. 60" is a piece for solo piano Chopin composed between 1845 and 1846, three years before his death. Based on the barcarolle rhythm and mood, it features a sweepingly romantic and slightly wistful tone. This is one of Chopin's last major compositions and is often considered one of his more demanding.

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Readings

CLA to Host Virtual Reading by Bestselling Author Russell Shorto



As part of its Spring Reading Series, FSU's Center for Literary Arts will host a virtual reading by writer Russell Shorto on **Thursday, April 1**, at 7:30 p.m. This semester, readings will be livestreamed to YouTube and will thereafter be available on the CLA channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqtBS9H9vtPSR4Vfd3pudTw>, or search for Frostburg Center for Literary Arts on YouTube.

Shorto is a bestselling American author, historian and journalist. His most recent book of narrative history, “Smalltime,” is about his grandfather, a mob boss in Johnstown, Pa. He is best known for his book on the Dutch origins of New York City, “The Island at the Center of the World.” Shorto’s previous books have been published in 14 languages and have won numerous awards.

In 2009, he was given a knighthood by the Dutch government for advancing Dutch-American historical awareness. In 2018 he was inducted into the New York State Writers Hall of Fame. He is a senior scholar at the New Netherland Institute and a contributing writer at the New York Times Magazine.

Shorto was recently interviewed on NPR’s “Fresh Air.” The interview can be heard at <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/963158398/author-digs-into-familys-smalltime-mob-operation-finds-family-secrets>.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at 301-687-4340 or cla@frostburg.edu.

Webinars

Physics and Engineering Alumni Webinar Series – ‘Internships and Capstones: Pathways to a Career’

“Internships and Capstones: Pathways to a Career” will be held on **Monday, March 22**, from 6 to 7 p.m. Three alums will share internship and capstone experiences at FSU in this next installment.

Join the Webex meeting directly at <https://frostburg.webex.com/webappng/sites/frostburg/meeting/download/0a37083c69fd4873bef6eba9bb108448?siteurl=frostburg&MTID=m281615e9cde513d0984491edbc2a0978>. Alternatively, you can check out the webinar in Gira Center 186 (Planetarium). Email ejmoore@frostburg.edu for more ways to join!

Sean Black ’20 graduated from FSU with a double major in engineering (materials engineering concentration) and physics (traditional physics track), along with a minor in math. He completed two capstones for each of the majors: “Exploring the Geometry of Spiral Galaxies” (physics) and “Solar Water Heater for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Application” (engineering). Black held seven internships (across five programs) in fields ranging from additive manufacturing to ship design to systems engineering. His last internship landed him a full-time job offer at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory as a systems engineer, combat system analyst and artificial intelligence engineer.

Adam Bosley ’15/M’16 graduated with a bachelor’s in physics (engineering physics track) and a minor in sociology. His capstone was a collaboration with fellow panelist **W. Michael Prohonic III** under the mentorship of **Dr. Jason Speights**. They created a prototype apparatus for measuring microthermal variations as a proof of concept for classifying atmospheric seeing relative to the turbulent layer on a ground-based planar sheet. Bosley had multiple internship-like opportunities at FSU, including at the Physics of Solar and Wind Power Summer Center and sky-viewing seminars with Speights. While completing his master’s, Bosley taught as an adjunct lecturer for PHYS 215 General Physics I. He is an engineer at Special Operations Solutions. He is also completing another master’s in systems engineering from Cornell University.

W. Michael Prohonic III ’16 is a graduate in engineering (electrical engineering concentration) and physics (engineering physics track). While at FSU, he was an engineering intern at Phenix Technologies in Accident, Md., then a lab assistant at FSU in the Physics and Engineering Department. He collaborated with **Bosley** for his physics capstone. Prohonic also designed, tested and constructed a high-powered RF amplifier with **Dr. Gregory Latta** for his engineering capstone. Prohonic is a systems integration and test engineer on the E2-D Advanced Hawkeye program at Northrop Grumman in Saint Augustine, Fla. He recently finished his first class toward a master’s in systems engineering at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Presentations

Appalachian Laboratory to Host Dr. Rob Dunn for Next Watershed Moments Event

The newest season of the Appalachian Laboratory’s Watershed Moments Community Learning Series begins on **Thursday, March 25**, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom when Dr. Rob Dunn discusses his newest book “Delicious,” co-authored with Monica Sanchez. Dunn and Sanchez argue that deliciousness is an overlooked feature of the history of animal evolution and life in general and of human evolution and life in particular. Registration is required. Once registered, attendees will receive the Zoom information via email.

Register at <https://www.usmf.org/robdunn>. For info, visit www.umces.edu/watershed-moments or contact Rhonda Schwinabart at rschwinabart@umces.edu.

Exhibits

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Department of Visual Arts to Host All-Campus Juried Art Exhibition



FSU's Department of Visual Arts will host the spring 2021 All-Campus Juried Art exhibition, which will open on **Friday, April 2**, at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building. This exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will be on display through **Friday, April 16**.

Students may enter up to five artworks for a fee of \$3 a piece. Work must be ready to hang. Work can be delivered to Ashley Lester's office, in Fine Arts 106B, **from Monday, March 22, to Friday, March 26**, between 1 and 3 p.m. Work must be picked up on **Monday, April 19**, in the Roper Gallery from 1 to 5 p.m. The juror,

Jennifer Browne, Department of English and Foreign Languages, will choose who will win the following awards: first place – \$100, second – \$75.00, third – \$50.00 and honorable mention – \$50.

For info, contact Lester at allester@frostburg.edu.

Rachel Underwood's 'Sleepwalking Toward Extinction' at Roper Gallery



Fire by Rachel Underwood

FSU's Department of Visual Arts will present an exhibition by Rachel Underwood, titled "Sleepwalking Toward Extinction," through **Friday, March 26**, at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building. This exhibition is free and open to the public.

The existential and conceptual problems posed by the current geological age are those at the heart of humanistic inquiry: what does it mean to be human, to live during this time? Underwood's large-scale paintings explore moments of animalistic urges, death, adaption and the consequences of human actions. She often uses a life-size scale so the viewer can directly relate to and be confronted by the painting. Humans tend to primarily see themselves as apart from nature, rather than a part of it. Underwood examines the similarities and differences between the human animal and nature and what those relationships mean for the future.

For this exhibition, the Roper Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. For info, contact the Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

Points of Pride

Dr. Suranjana Nabar-Bhaduri Presents Paper at Global Academic Webinar

Dr. Suranjana Nabar-Bhaduri, an assistant professor in FSU's Department of Economics, presented her recently published paper, "The Economic Consequences of COVID-19: The Great Shutdown and the Rethinking of Economic Policy," at a global academic webinar co-hosted by the "International Journal of Political Economy" and "The Review of Political Economy" on March 9. This timely and globally relevant paper (co-authored with Dr. Matías Vernengo, an economics professor at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.) was published in a special issue of the "International Journal of Political Economy" devoted to the COVID-19 crisis (Vol. 49, Issue 4, Winter 2020).

It examines the implications of COVID-19 for economic policy and the role of the state and the Federal Reserve System in the U.S. economy. It argues that the main effect will be the reinforcement of trends with respect to counter-cyclical fiscal and monetary policies that had begun during the 2007-2009 Great Recession. The scale of fiscal policy responses needed will have significant implications for the size of the federal debt and are, therefore, likely to face political resistance and calls for fiscal austerity. Geopolitical concerns, aggravated by the pandemic, will be another significant factor contributing to the growing role of the state. The paper also argues that the financing needs of fiscal interventions will reinforce trends with respect to the role of Federal Reserve System as the fiscal agent of the Treasury previously witnessed during the Great Depression and the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

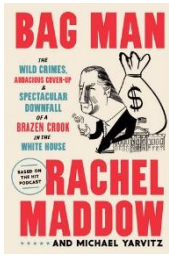
Dr. James Saku Featured in Anthology of Black Geographers



Dr. James Saku, a professor in FSU's Department of Geography, is profiled in a publication by the American Geographical Society, titled "Celebrating Black Geographers: 1900-2000 Cohort." This anthology of Black geographers in the U.S. provides a single-source database of the contributions of Black geographers to their discipline.

For info about the anthology, visit <https://americangeo.org/black-geographers-1900-2000>.

J. Glenn Beall Archives Credited as Primary Source in ‘Bag Man’



The J. Glenn Beall Archives at FSU’s Ort Library are credited as a primary source in Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz’s new book on Maryland’s own Spiro Agnew, “Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-Up and Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House,” published by Crown in December (<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/622176/bag-man-by-rachel-maddow-and-michael-yarvitz/9780593136683>).

A hero of the book is the late George Beall, the U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland who pursued the vice president despite serious pressure to drop the case from his fellow Republicans, including future U.S. President George Herbert Walker Bush. Based on Maddow’s MSNBC podcast of the same title (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXpfCpZ6CdM>), which specifically credits Ort Library director *Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott* as a “superhero,” “Bag Man” is being developed as a film by Focus Features, to be directed by Ben Stiller and co-written by Adam Perlman, whose TV credits include “Billions,” “The Good Wife” and “The Newsroom.” Dedicated in 2002, with an endowment from U.S. Sen. J. Glenn Beall Jr. and Margaret Beall, the Beall Archives house four major collections, including the Beall family papers.

For info, visit <https://libguides.frostburg.edu/archives/home>.

Take Note

Be Sure to Support WFWM During Its On-Air Fund Drive!



Through all of the challenges during the past year, WFWM has remained on the air to provide its unique blend of music, news and entertainment that keeps fans tuning in day after day.

For more than three decades, the Western Maryland area has come to rely on WFWM. Its largest expense, every year, comes from sourcing the world-class radio programs.

The WFWM Fund Drive takes place **Monday, March 22, to Saturday, March 27**, but you can make your gift now by clicking <https://www.givecampus.com/schools/FrostburgStateUniversity/2021-wfwm-on-air-fund-drive/?a=4363897>. WFWM will kick-off the 2021 drive with on-air shout-outs to all the loyal listeners who gave ahead of time. To hear your name on the air, simply make a gift to WFWM today!

For info, contact Chuck Dicken at cdicken@frostburg.edu.

Faculty/Staff/Student Submissions Sought for Institutional Repository



Scholarly works or projects are being sought for the Ort Library’s consortial Institutional Repository eScholarship@frostburg.edu.

The faculty collection link is <https://mdsoar.org/handle/11603/2187> and the staff collection link is <https://mdsoar.org/handle/11603/2188>.

eScholarship@frostburg.edu is also used for campus publications – <https://mdsoar.org/handle/11603/2855>. All yearbooks and most commencement programs are there. The State-to-Date Newspaper (previous name for The Bottom Line) will be next.

The Maryland Shared Open Access Repository (MD-SOAR) is a shared digital repository platform for 12 colleges and universities in Maryland. MD-SOAR is jointly governed by all participating libraries; each library provides customized repository services and collections that meet local institutional needs. As managed by the Ort Library, MD-SOAR allows for the storage and access to academic materials created at FSU or related to FSU.

For info on how to submit items to MD-SOAR, contact Liza Zakharova, Special Collections librarian/archivist, at lyzakharova@frostburg.edu.

SGA Election Information



Positions are available for 10 on-campus senators, 10 off-campus senators, eight at-large senators, president, vice president and treasurer.

Campaigning will continue through **Tuesday, March 23**.

The election will be held on **Wednesday, March 24**, from 9 a.m. through midnight on **Thursday, March 25**. The election will be on Bobcat Connect – a link will be emailed to all students at 9 a.m. on **March 24**.

Results of the election will be posted on the SGA Office Door, Lane 223, within 24 hours after the results are officially tabulated.

Bittersweet Literary Magazine Accepting Submissions for Print and Digital Editions

Bittersweet, FSU's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for the spring 2021 edition. Creative works for the print edition can be poetry, short stories, photography, visual art and creative nonfiction. These works should be between one and five pages and are due **Monday, March 22**. Other creative works, including podcast episodes, audio clips and video submissions, will be considered for online publication on Bittersweet's website, www.bittersweetmag.com. The spring 2021 magazine will center around the theme of "Life Under Lockdown" as a way to commemorate the last year amid the coronavirus pandemic; however, creative works on any topic are encouraged.

For info, contact **Phillip Fralin**, the editor, at bittersweetfsu@gmail.com. Fralin talked about this year's Bittersweet magazine during an episode of "The Bottom Line on Air." Check out the segment at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsZC_dY4kNM.

The 2021 Bittersweet edition will be available in print on **Saturday, May 1**, with details about an opening reception to follow.

Info Sessions – Ask Anything About NSE

National Student Exchange colleges and universities welcome you for the summer 2021, fall 2021 and/or spring 2022 collegiate student exchange. To learn more about NSE, join a virtual NSE Info Session where the basics of NSE (tuition, financial aid, course options, housing and research tips) will be reviewed and your questions answered. All you need is a computer or phone with audio.

Dates and times of the sessions are as follows: **Thursday, March 25**, from 1 to 2 p.m. (Eastern), **Friday, April 2**, from 11 a.m. to noon (Eastern) and **Thursday, April 15**, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Eastern).

For info, contact Amy Shimko at ashimko@frostburg.edu or visit <https://nse.org/exchange/info/?z=1#homeinfo>.

Growing a Healthy Food System in a Pandemic World – A Virtual Three-Day Conference

The 2021 Western Maryland Food Council Virtual Conference, a three-day event, will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the following **Thursdays: March 25 and April 1 and 8**.

Info on the three sessions follows:

Session One on March 25

Keynote Speaker: Mark Winne, senior advisor for the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future and author of the book "Food Town, USA."

Theme: "Becoming a Food Town, USA: Building a Robust Western Maryland Food System." The online discussion will address challenges facing Western Maryland's food growers, food distributors and food consumers.

Session Two on April 1

Theme: "Food is Medicine." This online discussion will address the increasing prevalence of obesity, diabetes and other food-related diseases indicative of a failing food system, as well as techniques for healthy living using mind-body connection strategies.

Session Three on April 8

Theme: "Food Access." The online discussion will address the challenges of making healthy food accessible to vulnerable populations during a pandemic and will include a special community dialogue, "Eat. Learn. Council: A Day of Civility," with guidance from Allegany County's Choose Civility chapter, Allegany College of Maryland's Democracy Commitment Committee and the **FSU Department of Communication's Communication Leadership Lab**.

For info, visit <https://go.umd.edu/2021WMFCConference> or contact Willie Lantz at 301-334-6960 or wlantz@umd.edu.

Note: FSU's Communication Leadership Lab will partner with ACM's Democracy Commitment to facilitate a discussion about what was learned during the three-day WMFC Conference on **Thursday, April 8**, at 2 p.m. as part of Allegany County's Day of Civility 2021.

Leadership Residency Program on Nonprofit Leadership

The annual Leadership Residency program will be held on **Tuesday, March 30**, at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Leadership Studies program and the Department of Management, "Why Not Nonprofit? Three Local Leaders Discuss the Relevance of Nonprofit Leadership Today" will feature a virtual discussion among Leah Shaffer of the Community Trust Foundation, Julie Westendorff of the Allegany Arts Council and Jennifer Walsh of The Greater Cumberland Committee. The leaders will discuss how they became involved and invested in nonprofit leadership, as well as strategies for addressing Zoom fatigue, projecting an engaging presence online, balancing work and life obligations, building a network locally and supporting each other.



Shaffer is the executive director of the Community Trust Foundation, Inc. Since joining the organization in 2017, she has successfully doubled its assets, increased name recognition and helped many philanthropic donors enhance the quality of life in their community. Shaffer’s career has always been guided by her underlying passion for youth development and community wellness. She brings her strong professional experience in small business ownership, grant management and nonprofit work to help make a positive difference in the region. Originally from Bedford, Pa., Shaffer returned to the area after earning her degrees and resides in Mineral County, W.Va.



Westendorff serves as executive director of the Allegany Arts Council. She joined the organization in 2018 after relocating from the Washington, D.C., area, with the specific intention to get involved in a small, rural community. Her career includes more than 15 years of corporate event planning and nonprofit management, as well as several years spent traveling with two lawmakers, where she was responsible for managing logistics around the globe. Westendorff is active in the community and serves on the boards of the Western Maryland Health System Auxiliary and Allegany County Chamber of Commerce.



Walsh is the executive director of The Greater Cumberland Committee. Following law school, she served as a law clerk for Justice Joseph Baca at the New Mexico Supreme Court in Santa Fe, then for Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo at the District of Columbia Superior Court in Washington, D.C. Walsh worked as a legislative assistant at the U.S. Senate for former U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman before moving to Cumberland. She has been practicing law in Cumberland since 2004 and practices part time in the areas of estate and long-term care planning at Geppert McMullen Paye & Getty. She is a fellow in the inaugural 2019-2020 Appalachian Leadership Institute Class.

This annual event is free and open to the public. Register for access to the virtual event link at <https://bit.ly/3qkUE1>. For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

Nominations for Student Affairs Leadership and Engagement Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Student Affairs Leadership and Engagement Awards (formerly the Leadership Awards). The award categories have been expanded to highlight the exceptional leadership experienced on campus, as well as excellence in engagement, which often goes together with leadership.

Do you know a great student leader from your class, a recognized student organization you are involved with or one of your advisees? Do you work with an amazing colleague who has gone above and beyond and deserves to be recognized? Be sure to take a few moments and nominate them for one of the many award categories available.

Nominations are being accepted for the period **April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021**, with a **Wednesday, March 31**, submission deadline for this year’s awards. For info on award categories, eligibility information or frequently asked questions, or to submit a nomination, visit the Leadership and Engagement Awards website at <http://involvement.frostburg.edu/LUC/Awards>.

Student Affairs Leadership and Engagement Awards will be held virtually on **Thursday, April 29**, at 6 p.m.

Choose Civility: Allegany County Celebrates Day of Civility

The annual Day of Civility focuses on spreading kindness, building understanding and strengthening civility throughout the community. Check out the Choose Civility: Allegany County Facebook page for information regarding Day of Civility events happening on **Thursday, April 8**, including a virtual session on Communication Leadership that will focus on civil discourse across differences and how to best define “civility.” Participants will explore what communication leadership will look like locally to increase cooperation and collaboration to solve the community’s challenges. Details will follow. Other events are already set, so watch for event link information on social media and through available links.

On **April 8** from 2 to 3 p.m., join in a virtual community dialogue, titled “Eat. Learn. Council: A Day of Civility.” As part of Western Maryland Food Council’s three-day conference dedicated to growing a healthy food system in a pandemic world, this free session will be guided by Allegany College of Maryland’s Democracy Commitment Committee and FSU’s Communication Leadership Lab and will focus on the discussion of food systems in relation to Choose Civility principals. Information about how to attend this session will be posted to the Choose Civility: Allegany County Facebook page and website, www.alleganycountylibrary.info/choosecivility. For info on the Western Maryland Food Council and the annual conference, visit www.wmdfoodcouncil.com/conference.html.

On **April 8** from 7 to 8 p.m., join in a virtual Braver Angels college debate, organized and moderated by students from FSU’s Debate Team and LEAD 401 Citizen Leadership class. Allegany College of Maryland’s Democracy Commitment Committee and FSU’s Communication Leadership Lab will co-sponsor the event, guided by Choose Civility principals. Info about how to attend this session will be posted to the Choose Civility: Allegany County Facebook page and website, www.alleganycountylibrary.info/choosecivilitypartners.

‘Reacting to the Past’ Game for Faculty, Staff and Students

“Reacting to the Past” is an innovative teaching pedagogy that engages students in the learning process by assigning them historic roles for an extended in-class role-play game that encourages them to actively engage with discussion and debate around important “intellectual collisions.” The Center for Teaching Excellence has sponsored several games in the past (Frederick Douglas, Greenwich Village and Climate Change), and FSU has been an institutional member of this group for many years.

With the support of the University Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the College of Business Dean’s Office, the Center for Teaching Excellence and International Studies Program, the online role-playing game for students, staff and faculty will be held

virtually on **Friday, April 9**, and **Saturday, April 10**, and participants should be available that Friday from 3 p.m. to Saturday at 4 p.m. for various sessions. The game will be played in Gather.town, an innovate online teaching tool that provides an interactive classroom space.

This RTTP game is about the presence of the U.S. company, Firestone Tire and Rubber, in the West African country of Liberia in the 1930s. There are 30 roles to be “cast” in the game, so each participant will play a specific role; a variety of issues will be discussed and debated. Roles include W.E.B. DuBois, Harvey Firestone Jr., Marcus Garvey, Winston Churchill and Amelia Earhart, among others.

If you cannot attend the entire event, consider attending a Zoom conversation with Jennifer Worth, the director of “Reacting to the Past,” at 10 a.m. on **April 10**.

For info, contact Suzanne McCoskey at skmccoskey@frostburg.edu.

Focus Frostburg Coming Up April 18 Through 22



Focus Frostburg 2021: “Learn-In” for a Sustainable Future, a week of virtual learning, will be held this year **Sunday, April 18, through Thursday, April 22**. Depending on the pandemic, there will be a limited number of outdoor exhibits – with virtual presentations and discussions.

Focus Frostburg features programs, discussions and hands-on activities highlighting issues of sustainability and climate awareness.

For info, contact Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at krögersthomas@frostburg.edu.

Undergraduate Research Symposium

This year the FSU Undergraduate Research Symposium will be virtual (details to follow) and will be on **Friday, April 23, rather than the traditional first Friday in May**. Students who planned to present last year will be given the opportunity to participate this year if they are still interested.

The schedule for the day's events will be determined once the number of participating students is known, but plans are to hold the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as in previous years.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at klkeller@frostburg.edu.

Civility Cup Nominations Sought



The Communication Leadership Lab will award the seventh annual Civil Citizen Communicator Award **this May**. This award is given to an FSU student who has, within the previous year, demonstrated communication leadership or a commitment through word and actions to civility and constructive change within an organization or community. This person should have demonstrated communication competence, leadership competence and an awareness of and responsiveness to matters of civility that impact others. This award aligns with the mission of our programs and FSU to support the oral communication competency and leadership development of our students, and it supports regional

development through recognition of efforts linking the campus to community partners.

Do you know someone who fits this description, someone who is committed to changing the University, another organization or society for the better? Is that person you? If so, submit a nomination for the Civil Citizen Communicator Award. Nominations will be accepted until the deadline of **Friday, April 30**.

Nominate a candidate or yourself by emailing Connie Capacchione, administrative assistant of the Department of Communication, at ccapacchione@frostburg.edu.

Judges for the award include **Trevor Jones '17**, who works for Baltimore County Councilman Julian Jones; **Renee Mason '16**, of the Allegany County Library System; and **Sherry White**, who works for News and Media Services (Advancement) at FSU.



Throughout his tenure at FSU as a communication studies and philosophy major, Jones secured internships within all three levels of government – local, state and federal. While at FSU, he worked alongside the president of the regional NAACP in Allegany County, Md., as the FSU student liaison and member of the Political Action Committee. Jones was granted TS clearance through Pacific Architect Engineers and spent time working for the FBI as a legal administrative specialist. He works as a legislative aide and communications director for Baltimore County Councilman Julian Jones and plans to attend law school.



Mason is the Arts and Graphics coordinator for the Allegany County Library System. In 2017, she spearheaded the creation of the local chapter, Choose Civility: Allegany County, a grassroots initiative to improve and enrich Allegany County by promoting civil conversations and kindness toward others. Through partnerships with local entities like FSU, ACM, the Women's Action Coalition, Leadership Allegany, the Class of 2018 and NAACP, the local Choose Civility chapter remains viable and sustainable.



With more than 25 years of experience in communication and media, White is a writer/digital communication specialist at FSU. While she began her career writing and editing for companies such as Simon and Schuster, Houghton Mifflin and Pearson Education, White's interests and career have evolved toward graphic and website design. She is pursuing a graduate certificate in user experience/user interface design from the University of Baltimore.

For info regarding the award or nomination process, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at elruminski@frostburg.edu. A panel of reviewers external to the Department of Communication will rank and determine the award winner, and public announcement will be made **later in May**. Each award winner's name is etched on the Civility Cup, which is displayed in the Department of Communication. In addition to this public recognition, a formal certificate of acknowledgement will be given to the student who receives this honor.

Jobs

CES Is Hiring for the Fall

Do you want an opportunity to work with amazing, professional artists from across the country and around the world? Join the CES Student Production Team!

CES is hiring for the positions of box office customer service. Team members work in the Lane University Center box office throughout the week and serve as front-of-house staff on performance days.

To apply online, go to <https://frostburg.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/19689>.

Be Part of FSU's Summer Camps and Conferences Program

Consider being part of the team for FSU's thriving Summer Camps and Conferences program. Coach Wootten's Basketball Camp, Camp Hope, Brit-Am Soccer Academy, the Washington Metropolitan Association of Chinese Schools and many other groups call FSU their summer home.

The position includes room and board. More applications are received each summer than there are positions (15 total), but all are welcome to apply. After an initial offer is made, the summer position is contingent on passing a criminal background check. The work varies, and the position requires someone who can think on their feet to solve problems. Hours are not regular.

An online application is available at <http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/confer/conferences-and-events-staff-application> and you can submit it there. For info, contact Tim Arnold, director of Conferences and Events, in Hitchins 322, at tparnold@frostburg.edu or at 301-687-4021. The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 9**.

Due to COVID-19, a final decision on a summer camps season for 2021 has not been determined, and an offer of employment only stands if summer camps are allowed.

Summer Positions Available – Tutor/Counselors

Upward Bound seeks tutor/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU's campus. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County high school students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and furnishes students with a sample of the college experience. The five-week program runs **from Sunday, June 13, through Friday, July 23**, and the three-week program **from Sunday, June 13, through Friday, July 9** (tentative dates), and includes one week of training. The salary for the three-week tutor/counselor is \$1,250 plus room and board and for the five-week tutor/counselor is \$2,100 plus room and board. Applicant review will begin immediately. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, April 15**. For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-687-4994, email esteele@frostburg.edu or visit the Upward Bound website at www.frostburg.edu/upwardbound.

Due to COVID-19, a final decision for summer has not been determined, and an offer of employment only stands if Upward Bound will be residential rather than virtual.

Internships

FSU Virtual Career and Internship Fair



FSU will host its Career and Internship Fair virtually on **Wednesday, March 24**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Handshake. Attend a group or one-on-one sessions with one of the 30+ employers looking for FSU students. Click on any of the emails sent to your FSU student email account from Handshake or go to <https://frostburg.joinhandshake.com> to register and join the fair. For info, call 301-687-4403, email careerservices@frostburg.edu or stop by the Career and Professional Development Center in Pullen 110.

FSU-TV3 and 'The Bottom Line on Air'

FSU-TV3 to Air Dr. Scott Rieker's 'Some Fruits of COVID'

Performance Also Available on YouTube



The Department of Communication and FSU-TV3 are collaborating with the Department of Music to livestream select performances to YouTube. Student intern **Shana Thomas**, with assistance from cable channel manager **Melanie Lombardi** and department chair **Dr. Keith Terry**, streamed the Faculty-Guest Artists Series performance with **Dr. Scott Rieker**, "Some Fruits of COVID," that was held on Feb. 26. To watch it, log on to <https://youtu.be/zT-ilHrhYFQ>. The performance will air on FSU-TV3 **Monday, March 22**, at 7 p.m.

This Week on 'The Bottom Line on Air'



The Bottom Line, FSU's independent student newspaper, and FSU-TV3, FSU's educational access channel, will air their weekly news broadcast show on **Wednesday, March 24**, at 8 p.m. The 30-minute show will be available on Facebook, YouTube and basic Comcast cable channel 3. The show is hosted by student **Claire Sullivan**, associate produced by student **Cassie Conklin** and executive produced by **Melanie Lombardi**, cable channel manager.

FSU's Student Government Association will hold its elections on **Wednesday, March 24**, and **Thursday, March 25**, and for the first time in nearly a decade, there is a contested race for president and vice president.

Join "The Bottom Line on Air" as both sets of candidates, **Ariyana Ward** and **Ismerai Reyes**, and **Delanie Blubaugh** and **Michael Hollingsworth**, are interviewed about their platforms and proposed initiatives. Additionally, "The Bottom Line on Air" will check in with Paparazzi Perfect, a student organization that has found ways to persevere through an unusual semester.

Watch the show on FSU-TV3's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBYNZFo1rDZdpNzDL1ruREQ>, the channel's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3> or the FSU-TV3 website at <https://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming-information/programming.php>.

To stay connected with The Bottom Line, go to www.thebottomlinenews.com or find it on Twitter at [@BottomLineTBL](https://twitter.com/BottomLineTBL).

UCM

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Devo Word From Chaplain Cindy. Chaplain Cindy will provide a short devotional about each day of Holy Week, **Sunday, March 28, through Sunday, April 4**. For info, email c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Campus-wide Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. This is open to the entire FSU community. You can exchange the found eggs from 1 to 6 p.m. at the CCM Newman Center. Come meet the new Catholic Campus Ministry director, **Mark Mergner**. Exchange eggs for prizes and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.

Study Abroad

Study Abroad: Start Planning Your Experience for Spring 2022!



Bethany Bloom, Morocco, Fall 2019

Join the Center for International Education for an information session to learn more about study abroad. Each virtual session takes place at 3:30 p.m. on the following **Fridays** throughout the semester: **April 2 and 16**.

Email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu to sign up for the session of your choice.

Center for International Education to Hold Virtual Study Abroad Fair



Join the Center for International Education for its Virtual Study Abroad Fair **Tuesday, March 23, through Thursday, March 25**. A variety of live sessions, hosted by third-party program providers, FSU partner institutions and more, will be scheduled each day through Microsoft Teams.

Connect with different campus offices and departments to learn more about preparing for a study abroad experience.

The final schedule of events is posted on the Study Abroad webpage at <https://www.frostburg.edu/academics/study-abroad.php>.

For info, contact the Center for International Education at 301-687-4714 or vmgearhart@frostburg.edu.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Taking Applications for 2021-2022



Edgewood Commons is taking applications for the 2021-2022 school year. As a top on-campus housing option, Edgewood Commons meets the FSU residency requirements for students, offering the only on-campus, apartment-style living experience. Edgewood Commons is a top choice with an array of residential amenities and apartments that include all-private bedrooms, furnished apartments with full kitchens, full-size washers and dryers, and more. Schedule a virtual tour and learn how Edgewood Commons can be your top on-campus housing choice by phone at 301-689-1370 or email at info@edgewoodFSU.com.

Secure your new home and apply today at <http://edgewoodfsu.com>. Check out Edgewood Commons on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EdgewoodCommonsFSU> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/edgewoodfsu>.

Health and Safety Messages

Working Outdoors? Spring Into Safety



Practice ladder safety. If you plan on climbing a ladder, you should do so accompanied by someone who can help in an emergency. Be sure ladders are placed on level spaces and have been secured.

Check outdoor cords for frays and damage.

Check any gas-operated equipment to be sure all fuel lines are safe.

Do not store gasoline in an open space. Be sure to fuel all equipment used for lawn equipment and outdoor purposes outdoors to eliminate the risk of inhalation.

Remove any old paint cans and paint thinners, in addition to old newspapers and magazines. Your local dump station should have a place for hazardous material drop off to dispose of these chemicals safely.

VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

CORE VALUES

Frostburg State University is a place where every student can experience a myriad of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, fostered by a sense of inclusion and close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff.

Frostburg State University is committed to developing cultural competence and cultivating understanding of and respect for a diversity of experiences and world views that encourage each person's ability to "take the perspective of the other."

Frostburg State University is committed to a system of shared governance that allows faculty, staff and students to learn about the issues the University confronts and that provides a structure for meaningful input into University decisions.

OUR VISION FOR FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Frostburg State University is a regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized academic institution that provides distinctive programs to support state and regional workforce needs. Faculty, staff and students foster collaboration in a welcoming and inclusive campus culture.

Students value the opportunities open for them at FSU and form close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, who are committed to their success and well-being. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to internship, civic engagement, study abroad and research experiences to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

The University is integrated into the fabric of the community as a valued and respected regional asset. We are committed to making changes that secure our future while celebrating the values that reflect our history.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Focus learning on the acquisition and application of knowledge.

Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.

Expand regional outreach and engagement.

Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.

To view FSU's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 online, visit www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan.