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Panel Discussion: Women in Male Dominated Fields

**Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the
Lane University Center Room 113**

Join us to hear from professors about their experiences as women in male-dominated industries. Learn about the fields they are in and ask questions.

Guest speakers:

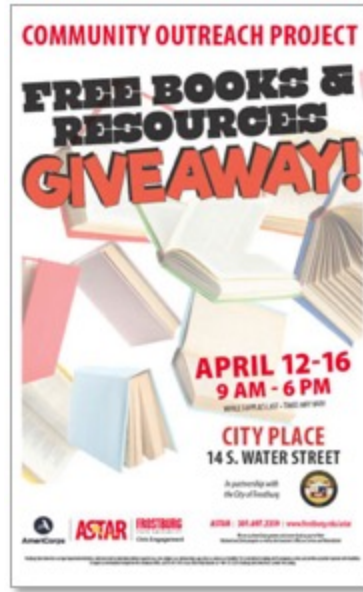
- Dr. Holly Currie, Chemistry & Physics
- Dr. Rebecca Chory, Management
- Rebecca Flinn, Computer Science & Information Technologies

Sponsored by W.O.M.E.N. and the Office of Civic Engagement.

For more information, please contact the Office of Civic Engagement at civicengagement@frostburg.edu

Community Outreach Project: Free Books & Resources Giveaway

Frostburg State University's ASTAR AmeriCorps program will hold a Book and Resource Giveaway Community Outreach Project from Saturday, April 12 through Wednesday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day at City Place, 14 S. Water St. in Frostburg.



For more information about the Community Outreach Project, contact the Office of Civic Engagement at FSU at civicengagement@frostburg.edu or call 301-687-7599.

ASTAR is an AmeriCorps Grantee and receives funds as part of their National and State program as well as the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism.

PAWS Pantry Community Garden

The PAWS Pantry community garden is officially open for the season! Students, staff, and faculty can rent a plot for \$45!

All necessary supplies, from seeds to tools, will be provided for your gardening needs. To register for a plot, click this [LINK](#) or email the pantry at pawspantry@frostburg.edu for more information!



PAWS Pantry Hours

- Monday: noon to 4:30 p.m. & 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: CLOSED
- Wednesday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays & Sundays: CLOSED

If the pantry's regular hours do not work for you, please email pawspantry@frostburg.edu to schedule an appointment.

UPDATED INTAKE AND WAIVER: All students (new and returning) utilizing the pantry must complete the Intake and Waiver. You can complete it at the pantry or access it here: <https://portal.frostburg.edu/pantry/>

What if I have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID? Please email pawspantry@frostburg.edu to coordinate having a friend pick up food for you. The friend will be asked to complete the liability form but does not need to be a current member or actively utilize the pantry in order to pick up your food. Please do not come to the pantry if you are sick or have been exposed.

***Legally Blonde The Musical* takes Frostburg by Pink Storm**

FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will present the energetic and upbeat *Legally Blonde The Musical*, based on the adored film featuring Reese Witherspoon. Directed by Shea-Mikal Green with Music Direction by Michaela Hale and Orchestration by Peter Lewis, performances will take place in the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center April 25, April 26, May 1, May 2, and May 3 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on April 26 at 2 p.m.

Tickets to the award-winning musical can be purchased online at <https://frostburgtix.universitytickets.com>.

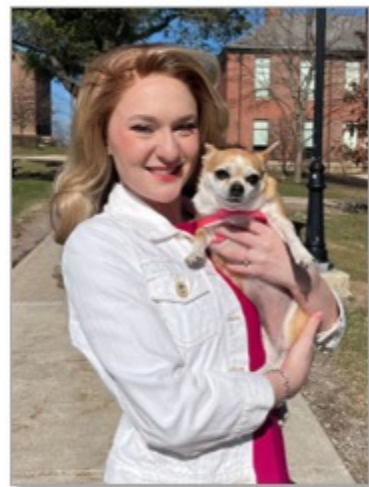
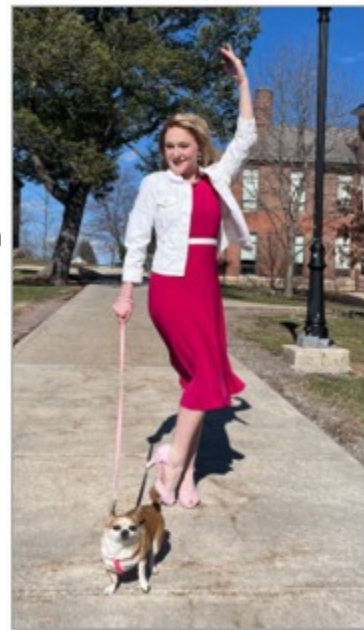
Tickets are \$7 FSU students, \$10 youth 14 and older, \$17 senior citizens/FSU employees, and \$20 for the general public.

For additional information, please email Theatre and Dance at theatreanddance@frostburg.edu

Cast members include Casey Allison (Elle), Brian Records (Emmett), Andrew Watkins (Warner), Hayden Shoemaker-Davis (Callahan), Grace Stevenson (Paulette), Gracie Ray (Vivienne), Elena Echeandia (Enid), Shay Fochtman (Brooke), Mia Porter (Margot), Estella Lepore (Serena), and Sydney Martinez (Pilar).

Ensemble members playing multiple roles include Ian Donoway, Caleb Friend, Finley Manocchio, Kyle Wolford, James Norville, Brian Ramos, John Hollingsworth, Sebastián Sainz, Bryce Campbell, TJ Kelly, Brendon McCabe, Grace LaCount, Cassidy Andris, Erica Bennett, Kenzie Pein, Erin Rideout, and Whitney O'Haver with special appearances by Bella (Bruiser) and Sebastian (Rufus).

The Creative Team includes Shea-Mikal Green (Director), Michaela Hale (Music Director), Kiersten Gasemy (Choreographer), Peter Lewis (Conductor), Cody Gilliam (Scenic Design), Ronald Breitfeller (Costume Design), George Georgeson



(Lighting/Sound Design), Nicole Mattis (Properties Design), Mackenzie Guynes (Stage Manager), Elijah Reed (Assistant Stage Manager), Colton Swauger (Assistant Stage Manager), De'Andre Taylor (Assistant Lighting Design), James Cox (Tech), and Aaron Bittner (Scenic Foreman).

Legally Blonde The Musical is produced by special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (mtishows.com).

CES and the Allegany Arts Council present Tibetan Monks of The Mystical Arts of Tibet – Mandala Sand Painting

The Cultural Events Series at Frostburg State University and the Allegany Arts Council will present a five-day residency with Tibetan Monks of The Mystical Arts of Tibet from Drepung Loseling Monastery, Tuesday, April 29 through Saturday, May 3. All events will take place at the Cumberland Masonic Temple, 15 Greene St., and are free and open to the public.

Over the course of the residency, the monks will create an intricate mandala sand painting, painstakingly laying down millions of grains of colored sand to create the traditional iconography of ancient spiritual symbols. After drawing an outline of the mandala on a wooden platform, sands will be delicately poured from traditional metal funnels called chak-purs. Upon completion, the sands will be swept up and placed in an urn. To fulfill the function of healing, half of the sand will be distributed to spectators while the remainder will be dispersed in a body of running water to carry the healing blessing to the ocean; from there it will spread throughout the world for planetary healing.

Community members are invited to visit daily from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to observe the monks as they create the mandala.

An opening ceremony will take place at noon on Tuesday, April 29.

A closing ceremony, which includes the dispersal of the sand into Wills Creek, will be held at noon on Saturday, May 3.

In addition to their creation of the mandala, the monks will present three lectures on Tibetan culture: "The Power of Empathy and Compassion" on Wednesday, April 30; "Why Do We Need Each Other?" on Thursday, May 1; and "The Symbolism of the Sand Mandala" on Friday, May 2. Each lecture will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Cumberland Masonic Temple, 15 Greene St.

For more information, visit ces.frostburg.edu or call 301-687-3137. CES is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org) and receives financial support from the Allegany Arts Council and the City of Frostburg.

U.S. Air Force 'Airmen of Note' to Perform as Part of FSU's Ninth Annual Jazz Festival

As part of FSU Department of Music's Ninth Annual Jazz Festival, the U.S. Air Force 'Airmen of Note' will perform on Saturday, April 12, at 4 p.m. in the

Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Seating is general admission and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are available at the University Box Office, Lane University Center 203 (Hours: Monday-Friday 10 AM - 4 PM), phone 301-687-3137, or online: tickets.frostburg.edu. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the concert. [Read more >](#)



Save the Date for Homecoming & Family Weekend!



On-Campus Career and Internship Fair

Whether you are looking for a job or searching for an internship, be sure to attend the On-Campus Career & Internship Fair on **Wednesday, April 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the Lane Center! The Career & Internship Fair is open to students of *all majors* and *all class levels*. This is one of the most exciting opportunities of the semester at FSU, with over 60 employers on campus to connect with FSU students. Students can [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) in Handshake and see what employers will be attending the fair. Hosted by the FSU Career & Professional Development Center.



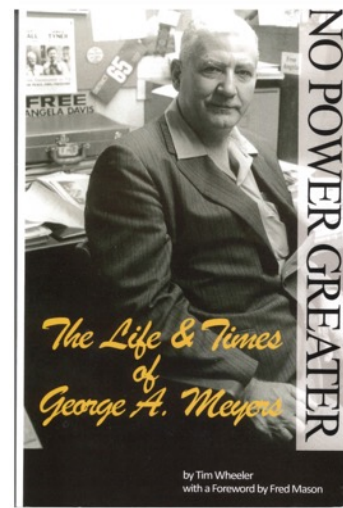
Dr. Greg Wood Receives 2025 Harry E. Pratt Award

Dr. Greg Wood, FSU History Department, recently received the 2025 Harry E. Pratt Award from the Illinois State Historical Society for the most outstanding article to appear in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* in 2024. His article is titled “The 1937 Sit-Down Strike at Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation and Conservative Backlash Politics during the New Deal Era.” Wood will be recognized at the Illinois State Historical Society’s annual award program held in Springfield, Illinois in late April.

Tim Wheeler Reads from New Book *No Power Greater: The Life & Times of George Meyers*

Frostburg State University will host author Timothy Wheeler on April 9 at 6 p.m. in the Lewis J Ort Library. Wheeler will read from his newly published biography *No Power Greater: The Life and Times of George A. Meyers*, which chronicles the accomplishments and tribulations of Lonaconing native and local labor leader George Meyers.

Wheeler’s book documents Meyers’ life as a leader in the labor movement, the fight for civil and human rights, his leadership in the Communist Party USA and his imprisonment for nearly two years on false Smith Act charges of “conspiracy to advocate to overthrow the government by force and violence.” The Supreme Court later ruled the law unconstitutional, and once freed, Meyers spent the remainder of his life rebuilding the labor movement.



Wheeler’s book reading is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available, and copies of his book will be available for sale at the event.

[Read more >](#)

CES Presents Jamaane Smith “Sweet Baby”

The Cultural Events Series at Frostburg State University will present charismatic jazz trumpeter, vocalist and composer Jumaane Smith on Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Frostburg's historic Palace Theatre, 31 E. Main Street.

Experience the rollicking excitement of blues, funk, jazz, shuffles and New Orleans-style street beats with Smith's original compositions and spirited renditions of nostalgic standards like "When You're Smiling," "St. James Infirmary" and "You're Nobody Until Somebody Loves You." Immediately following the performance, WFSM station director Chuck Dicken will join the musicians for a conversation with the audience.

As a full scholarship student at the Juilliard School of Music's Jazz Studies program, Jumaane Smith studied under and was mentored by the legendary Wynton Marsalis. Since that time, he has performed on five Grammy Award-winning records, in two Emmy Award-nominated TV performances, at the Grammy Awards with Stevie Wonder, in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story" and at The White House. For the past 18 years, he has toured and recorded with Michael Bubl  as lead trumpeter, vocalist and featured soloist. He was a member of Harry Connick Jr.'s house band for the syndicated daytime TV show "Harry," and was the featured guest soloist for Jackie Evancho's "Songs of the Silver Screen" world tour. With his own band, he has appeared at such world-class venues as Jazz At Lincoln Center, Vail Jazz Festival, Birdland Jazz Club and Joe's Pub. Throughout his career, he has worked with musical legends such as Quincy Jones, Herbie Hancock, Aretha Franklin, Christian McBride, Barbra Streisand, Alicia Keys and Jon Batiste.

Performance tickets are \$20 for adults; \$18 FSU employees, military and youth; and free for FSU students. For more information, visit ces.frostburg.edu or call 301-687-3137.

This engagement of Jumaane Smith is made possible through the Jazz Touring Network program of Mid Atlantic Arts with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. CES is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org) and receives financial support from the Allegany Arts Council and the City of Frostburg.

Students Attend Annual Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership

More than 40 selected Frostburg State University students had the opportunity to attend The Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Md., March 7-9. The institute was named after former professor and advisor for the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Dick Sloop, whose legacy lives on through the professional development of the young leaders who attend.



Commencement Checklist

1. Complete your application for graduation through the Registrar's Office and make sure all of your PAWS info (address, etc.) is accurate.
2. Once you've been approved to graduate, check your FSU email for an email inviting you to set up a login with FSU's Tassel site. After setting up your

login, you can access your Tassel page any time. This is where you can access your tickets and more. **This is REQUIRED to attend the ceremony.**

3. **Order your cap and gown** through the link provided on the Tassel registration page. You can choose to ship to the University Store, Hagerstown campus, or to your home (for a fee). Full details will be on the cap and gown ordering page.
4. **Continue to check your FSU email** for important updates and further details.
5. Bring your cap & gown to commencement with you on **Thursday, May 22 to line up in the practice gym in PE Center no later than one hour before your ceremony.** Your name card (and gold honors tassel, if applicable) will be given to you upon arrival at the practice gym. You must have this name card to hand to the name reader as you cross the stage.



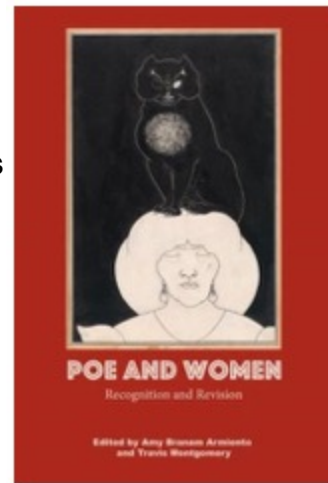
Questions?

Email commencement@frostburg.edu

Armiento Featured on Edgar Allan Poe Podcast

Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, professor of English, and Travis Montgomery, associate professor of English at Oklahoma Christian University, discussed their J. Lasley Dameron award-winning co-edited collection *Poe and Women: Recognition and Revision* (Lehigh UP, 2023) on the POEcast, the Poe Studies Association podcast.

If you would like to listen, please visit Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../poecast-the.../id1703138543>.



MCTA to Host Irish American Flautist and Singer Steph Geremia

Mountain City Traditional Arts on Frostburg's Main Street will host Irish American flautist and singer Steph Geremia on Monday, April at 7 pm. One of the finest musicians of her generation, Geremia shares music steeped in Ireland's North Connaught tradition. Her exquisite voice showcases her Celtic vocal style mixed with a hint of her American roots.

Dr. Barrett Attends College Sport Research Institute Conference

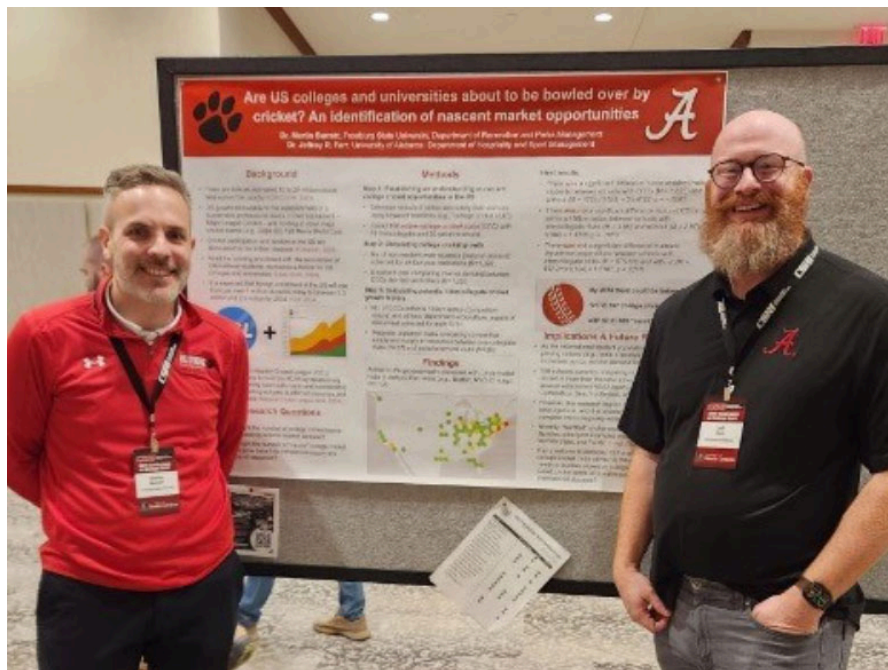
Dr. Martin Barrett, assistant professor in the Recreation and Parks Management Department, recently attended the College Sport Research Institute (CSRI) conference in Columbia, S.C., to present his work on the future growth of college cricket in the United States.



To project future growth, a baseline of college cricket activity was established. After scouring hundreds of university websites and social media posts, a baseline of 106 active college cricket clubs was established. The heat map below plots these college cricket clubs, which includes concentrated clusters of clubs around major metropolitan areas including Boston, New York, DC, Chicago, and Los Angeles.



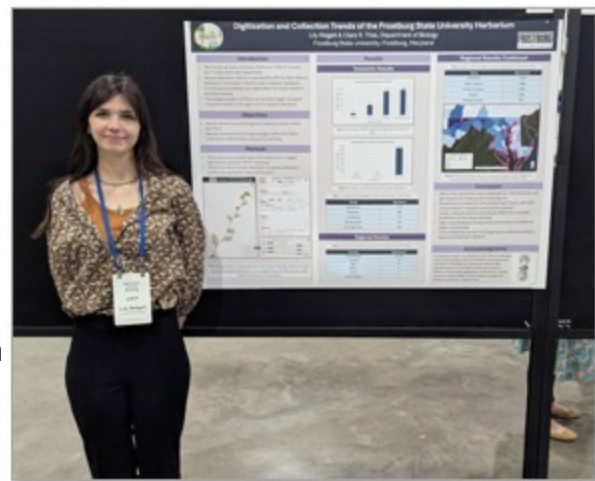
Cricket is a fast-growing sport in the United States. Participation data suggests there are more active cricketers in the United States than there are in New Zealand, which as a country has a rich cricket culture. In addition, a new governing body for the sport at the collegiate level – the Collegiate Cricket League – has emerged with a vision to elevate cricket to the varsity level. Ultimately, this “perfect storm” of market demand and supply has positioned college cricket for future growth. Ultimately, Barrett’s research at the CSRI conference suggested that even a steady increase of international students over the next decade could be close to 100 college cricket clubs competing at the intercollegiate level, which is more than some established NCAA sports such as gymnastics. This is an area of research that Barrett is continuing to pursue with projects in the pipeline focusing on the purpose of existing college cricket clubs, the cultural value and utility of cricket to college students, as well as the importance of cricket involvement in the college choice factors of international students.



Dr. Barrett is pictured here with co-presenter and former FSU faculty colleague Dr. Jeff Farr (now at the University of Alabama).

Student Presents Research at the 86th Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists

Undergraduate student Lily Ridgell (Interpretive Biology and Natural History) presented her research [Digitization and Collection Trends of the Frostburg State University Herbarium](#) at the 86th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting in Myrtle Beach on March 13. Ridgell received an Undergraduate Student Travel Award from the Southern Appalachians Botanical Society and was also awarded a First-Generation Undergraduate Student Support Award from ASB.



Entrepreneurial Open House April 24



You're Invited to an official NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY & OPEN HOUSE
April 24, 2025, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us for an exciting afternoon of networking, exploration, and inspiration!

What to Expect:

- Connect with like-minded entrepreneurs and business leaders
- Tour our newly developed business incubator space
- Learn about resources available to help your business thrive
- Learn about FSU's FOREI & The Maryland SBDC Programs

[Learn more >](#)

FSU Earns 2024 Tree Campus Recognition from Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation recognized Frostburg State University as a 2024 Tree Campus for its dedication to enhancing community well-being through tree education, investment, and community engagement. The Tree Campus program recognizes schools, universities, and healthcare facilities that utilize trees to improve their communities.



Trees on campus can lower the energy cost of campus facilities by providing shade cover, reducing extreme heat, improving air quality and boosting physical health benefits for students, staff, and faculty. In addition, trees improve everyone's mental and cognitive health, provide an appealing aesthetic for campuses, and create shaded areas for gathering and studying.



To earn Tree Campus recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation, colleges and universities must uphold five core standards including maintain an advisory committee, set a campus tree care plan, verify annual investment in the tree care plan, celebrate Arbor Day, and create a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

Anyone interested in joining FSU's Tree Campus group should contact David Puthoff (dpputhoff@frostburg.edu) or Clara Thiel (crthiel@frostburg.edu)

Department of History Race Lecture Series

FSU's Department of History is proud to announce "Capitalism and Empire in America's Mediterranean World., 1776-1840" as part of the Race Lecture Series. Morgan State University history professor Lawrence A. Peskin will give a presentation based on his newly released book, *Three Consuls; Capitalism, Empire and the Rise and Fall of America's Mediterranean Community, 1776-1840*.

The Race Series lecture will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in FSU's Gira Center CCIT room 397. The event is free and open to the public.

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Do you have an information you'd like to include in StateLines? Please email StateLines@frostburg.edu. Please submit your information by Wednesday, April 16 at noon.



Persons with disabilities may request accommodations through the
ADA Compliance Office:

301-687-3035 (VRO 1-800-735-2258).

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