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Dept. of Theatre & Dance Presents Exciting Lineup for 2017-18 Season



A scene from “Around the World in 80 Days,” one of the productions Theatre and Dance presented during the 2016-2017 season. Pictured from left are Shahzeb Hussain, Brandon Huguley and Jasmine Proctor.

For its 2017-18 season, FSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance will once again present something for everyone in an exciting season of drama, comedy, music and dance featuring the exceptional performance skills of FSU’s students.

The season kicks off **Oct. 6** with a hilarious musical revue directed by Chris McCabe. “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” is a series of vignettes and songs portraying the awkwardness, complexity, truths and myths of modern love. From the quirky first date, to marriage, children and dating during the twilight years, “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” zooms in on the deeply human need for romance and connection. Performances will take place in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7**, and **Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 12 to 14**, with a 2 p.m. matinee on **Oct. 7**.

The next fall performance, “Seussical Jr.” is a musical extravaganza featuring characters created by the celebrated Dr. Seuss – Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination. In this fun-for-the-family adventure directed by Mairzy Yost-Rushton, everyone’s favorite characters collide in a story about the power and magic of friendship and family. The performance will be on **Saturday, Nov. 4**, at 2 p.m. in the Pealer Center Drama Theatre.

Next, celebrate the holiday season with “World War II Radio Christmas,” also directed by Yost-Rushton, a 1940’s live-radio broadcast where fun jingles, live sound effects and period songs fill the airwaves between moving stories of male and female soldiers and the families and communities affected by their absence. Produced in collaboration with FSU’s own public radio station, 91.9 WFWM, this heart-warming, family-friendly production stresses the importance of coming together for the holidays. Smith Studio Theatre performances are at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2**, and **Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 7 to 9**, with matinees on **Sunday, Dec. 3**, and **Saturday, Dec. 9**, at 2 p.m.

In February, come in from the cold and warm up with the FSU Dance Company, directed by Jamie McGreevy, who will share their disciplined technique as well as their spirit and dedication to artistic excellence and innovative dance. Performances will take place in the Drama Theatre on **Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15 and 16, 2018**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **Saturday, Feb. 17**, at 2 p.m.

The next play of the season is “Harry & the Thief.” In this time-travel comedy, Jeremy, who has a doctorate in physics, blackmails and sends his cousin Mimi, a professional thief, back to 1863 in his newly constructed time machine. Her mission: to change the course of history by arming Harriet Tubman with a cache of modern-day guns. Described as an on-stage action movie meets travel comedy, “Harry & the Thief” takes an absurd look at the past while imagining a very different future. Performances take place in the Smith Studio Theatre on **Thursday through Saturday, March 8 to 10**, and **Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 and 15**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **March 10** at 2 p.m.

The season wraps up with the bittersweet comedic drama “Bus Stop,” directed by William Clark. When a blizzard halts travel, strangers on a cross-country bus are forced to take refuge at a quaint Kansan roadside diner where the depths and many guises of romantic relationships quickly emerge. A worldly nightclub singer tries to escape the clumsy affections of an innocent and headstrong cowboy, a hard-drinking scholar faces his past, a naïve young server gets a first glimpse into the complexity of intimacy and the wise cafe owner and bus driver develop a secretive bond of their own. Infused with humanity and compassion, “Bus Stop” exposes the hopes, dreams and fears of love and longing. Performances will be in the Drama Theatre on **Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28**, and **Thursday through Saturday, May 3 to 5**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **April 28** at 2 p.m.

Individual ticket prices are \$7 for students, \$12 for senior citizens and FSU employees, and \$15 for the general public. Credit and debit card purchases are accepted and can be made online at www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance. (Click "buy tickets.")

Season tickets for the Main Stage Season are available until Saturday, Oct. 14, for \$28 for students, \$48 for senior citizens and FSU employees, and \$60 for the general public. For season tickets, call the Department Box Office.

For info or to request a brochure, call the Theatre and Dance Box Office at 301-687-7462, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Also, like Theatre and Dance at FSU on Facebook.

CES at FSU to Present Another Season of On the EDGE



The Kelly Bell Band



The Acrobats of Cirque-tacular



Actress and playwright Qurrat Ann Kadwani



Singer-Songwriter Risa Binder

CES at FSU will once again offer the exciting underground club series, On the EDGE, featuring cutting-edge performers who stretch the boundaries of their art forms. All 2017-18 season shows begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of FSU's Lane University Center and feature informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options.

First up is the Kelly Bell Band, voted the top blues band in Baltimore for 12 years running. The performance on **Thursday, Oct. 5**, will reveal the band's characteristic blend of soul, blues, reggae and funk. Originally formed as a backup band for Bo Diddley, the group is in its 12th year of creating music and entertaining fans.

Additional On the EDGE productions, which will be held on the following Thursdays in Lane Manicur Hall, are as follows:

- The Acrobats of Cirque-tacular, **Dec. 7**
- Actress and playwright Qurrat Ann Kadwani in "They Call Me Q," **Feb. 15, 2018**
- Singer-songwriter Risa Binder, **April 12, 2018**

On the EDGE tickets are \$18. Member and group discount rates are also available. Tickets may be ordered online by visiting <http://ces.frostburg.edu> or calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theatre

CAST to Perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at FSU



The Cambridge University American Stage Tour (CAST) will entertain at FSU again with its performance of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on **Monday, Sept. 18**, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

This romantic Shakespearean favorite surrounds the planned arranged marriage of Hermia and Demetrius. Hermia's father asks the Duke to punish his daughter to the fullest extent if she disobeys the arranged marriage, but she elopes to the woods with her true love, Lysander. While in the woods, Puck, a servant of the King of Fairies, creates chaos when he uses a magic potion on his queen and another couple. The magic potion leads to a frenzied love circle, creating many entertaining complications among magic folk and mortals alike.

CAST began 17 years ago, and every September the group of Cambridge University students travels to the U.S. to perform Shakespeare's plays. CAST hosts educational workshops in addition to its performances.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for general admission and will be available at the door. For info, call 301-687-4221.

CLA's One-Act-Play Festival Returns Sept. 30

The FSU Center for Literary Arts will host its eighth annual One-Act-Play Festival on **Saturday, Sept. 30**, at the Palace Theater, 31 E. Main St. in Frostburg, featuring a full performance of the winning play and staged readings of the second- and third-place winners of the annual One-Act-Play competition.

The international competition's festival also features a talkback with writers, actors and directors and a reception to follow. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the performances will begin at 7 p.m.

Andrea Fleck Clardy, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., is the competition's first-place winner. Her play, "Small Talk," is about two colleagues and their spouses who are spending an evening together, filled with wine and discussion. The night takes an honest turn, and the conversation becomes more straightforward as time progresses.

Jesse Nepivoda, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is the competition's runner-up. He wrote "In the End There Was Snow," which involves two men existing in a deficient ecosystem while anticipating the end. The play has similarities to Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot."

The third-place winner, Reuel Olin, of San Diego, Calif., wrote "The Gift," about a man who has the chance to gain knowledge from his deceased partner's student.

One-Act Play Competition submissions are judged on multiple factors, including plot and character development.

Tickets for the event cost \$5 for FSU's students and \$10 for the general public, and can be purchased at the Center for Literary Arts, Main Street Books and the Allegany Arts Council. For info, contact CLA at cla@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4340, or visit www.frostburg.edu/cla.

Dance

CES at FSU Presents Tango Buenos Aires in 'The Spirit of Argentina'



CES at FSU will host the spectacular dancers and musicians of Tango Buenos Aires in a passionate performance of "The Spirit of Argentina" on **Sunday, Sept. 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

The dancers and musicians of Tango Buenos Aires are celebrated for impeccable technique, dramatic flourish, unbridled passion and authentic interpretations of the Argentine tango. The Washington Post praised their "swirling, fast-paced tapestries of movement, laced with proud postures and sensual couplings."

In "The Spirit of Argentina," the company pays tribute to "The King of Tango," Carlos Gardel, a forerunner in the early 20th-century Argentinian tango scene. Featuring a live orchestra, "The Spirit of Argentina" showcases the unbridled passion and emotion that have made tango a cultural phenomenon.

On **Thursday, Sept. 21**, at 7 p.m., CES will offer a free tango workshop taught by professional ballroom teacher and performer Jennifer Christophel. The workshop will take place in the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Attendance is limited and prior registration is requested. To register, email ces@frostburg.edu or call 301-687-3137.

Performance tickets are \$29 for adults and \$26.10 for youth under 17. Member and group discount rates are also available. Tickets may be ordered online by visiting ces.frostburg.edu or calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

Faculty Artist Series – Joseph Yungen to Perform Famous Sonatas



FSU's Department of Music will present pianist *Joseph Yungen* in a Faculty Artist Series concert on **Sunday, Sept. 24**, at 3 p.m.

The program will include a variety of famous sonatas.

Ludwig van Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 26 in E-flat major, Op. 81a," known as the "Les Adieux" sonata, was written during 1809 and 1810 after Napoléon Bonaparte's attack on Vienna forced Beethoven's patron, Archduke Rudolph, to leave the city. Beethoven titled the three movements "Lebewohl" ("The Farewell"), "Abwesenheit" ("The Absence") and "Wiedersehen" ("The Return") and reportedly regarded the French "Adieux" (said to whole assemblies or cities) as a poor translation of the feeling of the German "Lebewohl" (said heartfully to a single person). The sonata is one of Beethoven's most challenging because of the mature emotions to be conveyed throughout. It is also the bridge between his middle and later periods.

"Piano Sonata in A Minor, D. 784" is one of Franz Schubert's major compositions for the piano. He composed the work in February 1823, perhaps as a response to his illness the year before. The D. 784 sonata, Schubert's last to be in three movements, heralds a new era in his output for the piano, and is a profound and sometimes almost obsessively tragic work.

"Piano Sonata No. 4 in F-sharp Major, Op. 30" was written by Alexander Scriabin in 1903. It consists of two movements, "Andante" and "Prestissimo volando," and is the shortest of the composer's sonatas (about 8 minutes). The sonata is written in a post-Romantic style, similar to Scriabin's other works of the time. The first movement is expressive and calm, and the second, celebratory and climatic.

Sergei Prokofiev's "Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83" (written in 1942 and occasionally called the "Stalingrad") is the second of the three "War Sonatas," which contain some of Prokofiev's most dissonant music. It has been suggested that after forcing himself to compose a cheerful evocation of the nirvana Stalin wanted everyone to believe he had created, Prokofiev subsequently, in these sonatas, expressed his true feelings. It was therefore ironic that Sonata No. 7 received a Stalin Prize (Second Class).

For info on Yungen, visit www.josephyungen.com.

MCTA to Host Folk Singer Aoife Scott in Celtic Music Series Concert



FSU's Mountain City Traditional Arts will continue its Celtic Music Series with a performance by Dublin-based folk singer Aoife Scott on **Sunday, Sept. 24**, at 3 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The live entertainment is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

A product of two of Ireland's most treasured singers, Frances Black and Mary Black, Scott carries on the family tradition with a sublime voice that is fragile and ethereal one minute and strong and vibrant the next. She has become an up-and-coming force on the Irish folk and traditional scene, and her evocative singing was featured on the Independent Film and Television Alliance award-winning TV series, "1916 Seachtar na Casca."

The final act in the series will be the trio Barrule on **Thursday, Oct. 19**, at 7:30 p.m.

For info, email MCTA at mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

Soprano Lawren Hill in Faculty Artist Series Concert ‘The Mask of Night’



FSU’s Department of Music will present *Lawren Hill* in her Faculty Artist Series concert “The Mask of Night” on **Saturday, Sept. 30**, at 7:30 p.m. She will be accompanied by *Joseph Yungen* on the piano and Dane Palmer on the marimba.

Hill will perform “Quatre Chansons de Jeunesse” by Claude Debussy, “Sieben frühe Lieder” by Alban Berg, selections from Lee Hoiby’s “Night Songs” and other selections by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Joseph Schwantner and Leonard Bernstein.

In “Quatre Chansons de Jeunesse” (1882-1884), Debussy created a world of commedia dell’arte disguise, a mask of sophistication that half conceals deeper emotions. The commedia dell’arte was a semi-improvised type of Italian theatre, popular from the early 16th century into the 18th, which influenced the development of opera.

“Sieben frühe Lieder,” or “The Seven Early Songs” (1905-1908), are early compositions by Berg, written while he was under the tutelage of Arnold Schoenberg. They are an interesting synthesis combining Berg’s heritage of pre-Schoenberg song writing with the rigor and undeniable influence of Schoenberg. The writing carries with it the heritage of Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner.

Hoiby’s immense contribution to the American song repertoire of the late 20th century is widely recognized, his style elegantly and convincingly bridging the lyrical worlds of Verdi and Gershwin, Schubert and Sondheim, and his songs speak with emotional immediacy. The interplay between the clear, eloquent beauty of his vocal lines and frequently virtuosic piano accompaniments marks him as a composer of distinction.

Readings

CLA Kicks Off Fall Reading Series With Author Charley Henley



FSU’s Center for Literary Arts will present author Charley Henley on **Tuesday, Sept. 19**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

Born in Maryland, Henley bounced around as a child, living everywhere from a back-to-the-land community in eastern Washington to rural Rankin County, Miss., disparate locales with people who have fueled his stories. He attended the University of Montana, studying philosophy, working in restaurants and wandering in the woods. He did his graduate work at the University of Alabama and Florida State University. His fiction has appeared in “Best New American Voices,” “The Greensboro Review” and “Copper Nickel,” among other publications. Currently, he lives

with his wife and children in the Seattle area. He teaches at the University of Cincinnati. “The Deep Code” is his debut collection of short stories.

Presentations

Is Christianity the White Man’s Religion?



Frostburg CRU will host the Rev. Michael Crawford, who will present “Is Christianity the White Man’s Religion? A Discussion of Race and Religion” on **Thursday, Sept. 28**, at 8 p.m. the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of FSU’s Lane University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

For info, email cru@frostburg.edu.

Academic Enrichment Series

Tish Cooper, learning specialist, Programs Advancing Student Success, will present “Four Weeks to a 4.0: Study Hacks That Lead to Success” on **Thursday, Sept. 21**, and **Friday, Sept. 22**. Both sessions will take place from 2 to 2:50 p.m. in Lane 113.

In this workshop, Cooper will examine what student strategies it takes to attain a 4.0. Learn about the importance of effective time management, taking good notes, reading efficiently and organizing your academic work.

For info, contact the Center for Academic Advising and Retention at 301-687-3404.

Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

As part of its Watershed Moments Community Learning Series, the Appalachian Laboratory of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science will host Brian Eyler, Deer Project leader with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in “Biology and Management of White-Tailed Deer in Maryland” on **Thursday, Oct. 5**, at 6:30 p.m. at 301 Braddock Road. This event is free and open to the public.

Before the presentation, students from Allegany College of Maryland will be available to discuss and share displays detailing their environmental education work in the region. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

For info, contact Rhonda Schwinabart, coordinator of External Affairs, at 301-689-7102 or rschwinabart@umces.edu, follow the Appalachian Laboratory on Twitter [@UMCES_AL](https://twitter.com/UMCES_AL) or visit www.umces.edu/al/watershed-moments.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts Presents Exhibition by Thomas Kerr



FSU's Department of Visual Arts will present an exhibition by artist Thomas Kerr, including drawings, sketches, lines and satire, through **Tuesday, Oct. 10** in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery (118) of the Fine Arts building. This event is free and open to the public.



Kerr is a professional illustrator who has worked in the New York area for 30 years. Kerr has been published widely in the United States, and his editorial illustrations have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Newsday*, *The Village Voice*, *The LA Times* and *The San Francisco Chronicle*. Kerr is a tenured professor at St. John's University, where he teaches illustration and contributes to *The Wave*, Rockaway Beach's local newspaper.

The gallery is open Sunday through Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m.

For info, contact Dustin Davis at ddavis@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

FSU Joins AASCU's American Democracy Project



FSU has joined the American Democracy Project (ADP), a network of more than 250 state colleges and universities focused on public higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, democratically engaged citizens. ADP is a nonpartisan initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in partnership with the *New York Times*.

The move follows the recognition received in May, when FSU was designated a Voter Friendly Campus by the Campus Vote Project for its efforts to engage students in the 2016 election – one of just two Maryland schools named to the list of 83 American campuses. Now FSU is doubling down on democratic engagement with its membership in a national network to complement FSU's existing efforts to engage students in the democratic process.

Participating in ADP will give FSU faculty, staff and students access to a national network of peers and resources related to civic learning and community engagement.

Participating in ADP will also connect FSU with resources to boost democratic participation, such as guides to engaging students, online tools to check voter status and facilitate registration, informational webinars, national Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meetings, special days of action and reflection, speaker series and award programs.

For info on civic engagement at FSU, visit www.frostburg.edu/sci/civic-engagement-home.

Students Brett Weikert and John Fore Certified Emergency Medical Technicians



Firefighters Brett Weikert, left, and John Fore

Congratulations to two FSU full-time students, who also serve the local community as members of the Frostburg Fire Department!

Firefighters **Brett Weikert** and **John Fore** are now Maryland emergency medical technicians certified by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. Last month they passed the 165-hour Maryland Fire Rescue Institute Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and subsequent testing to gain National Registry EMT status.

Weikert is a junior from Gettysburg, Pa., majoring in liberal studies and Fore is sophomore from Dameron, Md., majoring in computer science.

Dean Williams Hosts Welcome Back Reception



Dr. Boyce C. Williams, interim dean of the College of Education, recently hosted a Welcome Back Reception for students within the College. The reception gave the students an opportunity to mingle with other students from the College as well as meet the dean and interact with her and College faculty members. Professors from the departments of Educational Professions and Kinesiology and Recreation brought their classes to the reception. Others dropped by to meet the dean. Many students said they appreciated the opportunity to meet the dean and faculty in an informal setting.

A Welcome Back Reception for College of Education students at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown will be held later in September.

Williams is also implementing suggestion boxes and a monthly "Coffee, Cocoa and Chat with the Dean" in addition to having an open door policy for faculty, staff and students in the College.

Take Note

Celebrate Constitution Day With Ben Franklin!



The Ort Library will celebrate the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on **Monday, Sept. 18**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet Ben Franklin, one of the original signers of the Constitution, who will join the celebration!

Stop by and pick up a copy of the U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It at the Ort Library's circulation desk (on the third floor). Be sure to visit the Constitution Day display on the fourth floor of the library. You can even get a Constitution crossword puzzle while you're there!

Be sure to go to the [Constitution Day Guide](#) web page, where you'll find links to:

- A [podcast](#). The Constitution Center has just launched a new series, "The Candidates and the Constitution."
- The [Interactive Constitution](#) app
- Videos, such as the PBS series, "Constitution USA" on the [Kanopy Videos](#) tab (available until **Sunday, Oct. 15**)

International Day of Peace Programming at FSU and ACM



Each year, the world observes **Sept. 21** as the International Day of Peace. For 2017, FSU will bookend "World Peace Day" with programs celebrating the promotion of peace and the work of world-renowned peacemaker Mahatma Gandhi. These events coordinate with other events offered at Allegany College of Maryland on the International Day of Peace.

On **Wednesday, Sept. 20**, at 6 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Hall of Fame Room, attend a screening of Richard Attenborough's "Gandhi," winner of the 1982 Academy Award for Best Picture.

Srimati Karuna On **Thursday, Sept. 21**, at the Allegany College of Maryland campus, the Peace Studies Club will host a meditation for peace walk in the Serenity Garden Labyrinth from noon to 2 p.m. The ACM Advisory Center will also host an all-day selfie booth, inviting participants to snap a cell-phone picture with a #LoveThyNeighbor banner in support of the day's message of peace.

On **Friday, Sept. 22**, join with the FSU campus community at 1:30 p.m. between the Gira Center and Compton Science Center to dedicate Frostburg's "Tree of Peace and Humanity," in honor of Gandhi's lifework.

Following the tree dedication, at 2 p.m. on **Friday** in Gira Center 397, participate in "Planting Seeds of Peace," an interactive public presentation by Srimati Karuna, director of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Center in Washington, D.C.

For info about the events at FSU, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, associate professor of communication studies at FSU, at 301-687-4480 or elruminski@frostburg.edu. For info about the events at ACM, contact Dr. Diane McMahon, associate professor of sociology at ACM, at dmcMahon@allegany.edu or leave a message at 301-784-5306.

To learn more about the Gandhi Memorial center, visit www.gandhimemorialcenter.org.

Strategic Planning Town Hall Meetings on Sept. 21 and 29

Strategic Planning Town Hall meetings will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 21**, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Friday, Sept. 29**, from 11 a.m. to noon. Both meetings will be held in Lane 111.

These meetings are designed to identify actions that will support the goals in the new Strategic Plan. The campus community is encouraged to participate in one of the sessions.

First Bobcat Paint Night to Be at Draft Sports Bar & Grille



The Alumni Association, together with the Draft Sports Bar & Grille, will host the first Bobcat Paint Night on **Wednesday, Sept. 27**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 295 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Join the group as instructor Sharon Ryan guides everyone's paint strokes to create an FSU masterpiece.

Register online at www.frostburg.edu/paintnight, call 301-687-4068 or email alumi@frostburg.edu. Be sure to register by **Friday Sept. 22!** The registration fee is \$35 per person, which includes painting supplies, appetizers and one drink ticket.

For info, contact Brooke Kirchner at brkirchner@frostburg.edu.

Honors Program Welcomes New Students

The 334 FSU Honors Program students welcome the 122 students of the fall 2017 class of the Honors Program. That brings the total number to 456!

Dr. Gregory Wood, an associate professor in the Department of History and director of the Honors Program, has office hours from 9 to 11 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Fuller House. For info, stop by Fuller House to speak with Wood or a student assistant.

HR to Host Open Enrollment Benefits Fair

FSU's Office of Human Resources will host a 2018 Open Enrollment Benefits Fair on **Monday, Oct. 9**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232).

All employees and retirees of the state of Maryland are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet with the plan vendors to ask questions about the plans and see what's new for 2018.

For info, contact Lee Ann Nightingale at 301-687-4398 or lnightingale@frostburg.edu.

Fall 2017 Annual Diversity Retreat

FSU students interested in diversity issues have another opportunity to participate in the Annual Diversity Retreat, scheduled from 4 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 27, through Sunday, Oct. 29**, at 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Building CommUnity Through Self-Awareness," and the retreat will include a diversity workshop and other related activities intended to promote student awareness and empowerment in diversity, equity and inclusion issues, and coalition building.

Participants are challenged to explore their experiences and feelings about their own groups as well as the groups to which others belong. Skill training and action planning are included so that the participants return to campus prepared to become part of the work of creating and maintaining a safe and welcoming environment at FSU. This is an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with students from various identity groups to develop relationships and understandings that reach beyond the surface.

Applications will be available in the Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Hitchins 116, and at the Lane Information Desk. Completed applications must be submitted by **Friday, Oct. 13**. Participation is limited and there is a selection process based on information provided in the application. Applicants are advised to submit a thoughtful response to the paragraph prompt. Those selected to participate will be required to complete additional forms to confirm the commitment to attend and participate.

This annual event is coordinated by CSDEI. FSU faculty and staff members are encouraged to promote this program to their students and consider making participation an option for class assignments, as appropriate.

For info, contact Robin Wynder at 301-687-4050.

Upcoming BURG Events

WELLNESS GAMES

BURG events for the week are as follows:

- Wellness Games: Bingo, **Tuesday, Sept. 19**, 7 to 8 p.m., Lane 113
- Wellness Games: Jeopardy, **Wednesday, Sept. 20**, 7 to 8 p.m., Lane 108
- Wellness Games: Family Feud, **Thursday, Sept. 21**, 7 to 8 p.m., Lane 113
- BURG Peer Education Network General Body Meeting, **Thursday, Sept. 21**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Compton 224

For info, contact Jessica Cebula at jlcebula0@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Tuesday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Business and Education will all present their graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on the number of graduating students.

If you haven't yet done so, contact the Registrar's Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS so you'll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or follow Frostburg Graduation on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu.

Activities for Life

For info and registration, contact AFL coordinator Amy Nazelrod at 301-687-7934 or anazelrod@frostburg.edu.

Youth Swimming Lessons

Three sessions of youth swimming lessons for children ages 4 to 13 years will be offered **Mondays and Wednesdays** in the Cordts PE Center swimming pool. The first session will take place **from Sept. 18 through Oct. 4**, the second **from Oct. 9 through 25** and the third **from Oct. 30 through Nov. 15**. All lessons will be held from 6:40 to 7:30 p.m.

Youth swimming instruction is separated into skill levels based on the child's swimming ability when enrolling in the class.

Deadlines

Undergraduate Grade Changes

The last day for undergraduate grade changes, including the removal of incomplete grades for the spring and summer 2017 terms, is **Friday, Oct. 6.**

FSU-TV3

Did You Know FSU-TV3 Has Literature Programming for Children?



Here's a sample of the channel's shows on the subject:

- "Story Time at Carver Memorial Library" features stories, rhymes and songs to promote early literacy for younger viewers. Tune in **Saturdays and Sundays** at 10 a.m. and **Monday through Friday** at 8 a.m., as well as at other times.
- "Storytime at the Community Library" is for children ages 3 to 5. This is an interactive program that incorporates age-appropriate books and movement to nurture pre-reading skills. Tune in **Tuesday through Friday** at 8:30 a.m.
- "The Children's Corner" is based on "The Slouch in the Couch" book series. It's hosted by Sheriff Stephen J and his friends and includes reading adventures and more. Tune in **Monday through Friday** at 7:30 a.m. and **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays** at 4:30 p.m.

For info, log on to www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming/artsentertainment.

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'Frostburg Experience' Holding Auditions



"The Frostburg Experience" is holding auditions on **Wednesday, Oct. 4**, at 5 p.m. in Gira Center 325. Come dressed to impress!

For info, email fsu-tv3@frostburg.edu.

United Campus Ministry

For info, contact Chaplain Cindy Zirlott at 301-687-7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

'Hygiene Kits' Needed!

Deadline Extended

Back-to-back hurricanes are causing widespread damage to our neighbors in the south. Many are asking how they can help. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, a disaster relief organization, is requesting "Hygiene Kits," which contain needed personal hygiene supplies and are very easy to make. To give everyone more time, UCM will collect these kits on campus until the new deadline date of **Wednesday, Sept. 27**. Collection stations can be found in the Ort Library, Lane Center and Hitchins 308. Check your email for information on how to make the kits or contact Chaplain Cindy.

Community Spirit Night at Bob Evans

A Community Spirit Night will be held all day at Bob Evans on **Thursday, Sept. 21**. You will need a flyer to submit at checkout, and Bob Evans will give 15 percent of your check for student events and activities on campus. For a flyer, contact Chaplain Cindy.

UCM Events



"A Circle of Prayer Service," a contemplative worship experience, will be held **Sundays** from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in Cook Chapel (the basement of Frost Hall). This event, which is new this year, is open to everyone in the community and will provide unique opportunities with guided meditation each week.

Cook Chapel is open for personal prayer, meditation and reflection **Monday through Friday** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you want! There will be a new prayer station with self-guided meditation available.

Student Life

Where Are You Living on Campus at FSU?

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Fall 2017

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the fall semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at www.edgewoodFSU.com.

Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

To set up a tour or find out more about Edgewood Commons, call 301-689-1370.

Study Abroad

The Dominican Republic in Winter 2018



AAST 490/ENGL 490 The Slave Narrative will take place during Intersession 2018. This online class will feature eight days in the Dominican Republic where you will explore the area's rich biodiversity while learning how reforestation and ecotourism efforts have significantly helped replenish the land. As you're immersed in the local culture, you'll work together with nonprofits and community members to build sustainable solutions to the conservation, economic and social challenges they face.

Trip details are at www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1997507NM. For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu.

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Jessica Smith in France (summer 2017)

FSU students have the opportunity to study abroad all over the world. Financial aid can be used for overseas experiences during the fall and spring semesters. There are also exchange programs available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

For info, contact Sarah Heilig at 301-687-4747 or seheilig@frostburg.edu.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

September is Home Eye Safety Awareness Month.

**Half of all eye injuries occur when doing everyday chores.
Almost 40 percent of home eye injuries occur in the yard or garden.**



**Check your yard and remove debris before mowing.
Wear safety glasses with side protection or goggles when mowing.**

Wear goggles when working with power saws or trimmers.

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