Events & Announcements

Oct. 6, 8:00 pm. Durgin Concert Hall. Choro Bastardo. Choro is the traditional Brazilian instrumental music from the beginning of the 20th century. Choro Bastardo combines the traditional Choro style with each of the band members’ different musical and cultural backgrounds to create a...
sonority that is different from the original, yet loyal to the playful spirit of that music. Using Baroque, early Jazz, and Contemporary Classical music as springboard, Choro Bastardo explores the different streams of music that can somehow share elements with the Choro tradition, recreating the atmosphere of cabarets and vaudeville in Rio de Janeiro. Choro Bastardo represents a groundbreaking transformation in the realm of Contemporary Improvisation associated with neofolklorist practices. Choro Bastardo are: Henrique Eisenmann - piano, Ben Andrews - violin, mandolin, Ilya Portnov - harmonica, Adam Bahrami - pandeiro.

Oct. 14-16. University Crossing. Northeast Regional Mediation Tournament. UMass Lowell will host the annual Northeast Regional Mediation Tournament in partnership with the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR). This competition is for undergraduate, graduate and law school students who are interested in improving their skills in mediation and ADR. The competitive portion of the event consists of three rounds wherein each student on each team gets the opportunity to compete in the role of a mediator, attorney-advocate, and client. The tournament is co-sponsored by Peace and Conflict Studies and the College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Awards will be given to the top individual performers and the best performing school. Schools from across the country, including University of California Hastings Law School, University of Maryland, and New York Law will participate. Local schools include Boston University and Holy Cross. A total of 12 teams and 36 students are expected. More information about the International Academy of Dispute Resolution can be found at www.inadr.org.
Oct. 19. 3:30-5:00 pm. O'Leary 222. Art & Design Department Speakers Series with Jeremy Bailey. The famous new media artist Jeremy Bailey is coming to UMass Lowell. If you haven’t seen Jeremy perform before, this is not to be missed! If you have seen him, see what he’s up to now! His humor, energy, and creativity are nonpareil, and his fusion of accessible techno-enthusiasm and conceptual depth is brilliant and illuminating. Bring your friends!

Oct. 20. Noon-1:00pm. O'Leary Learning Commons, first floor. Join the Department of World Languages and Cultures and the Centers for Learning for their annual Meet & Greet. Meet the tutors, explore the Centers for Learning language clubs and learn more about the study abroad programs. For more information, contact Todd Borchers.
Oct. 20, 2:00-3:00 pm. O’Leary 222. Q&A with Members of the Economics Department on the Upcoming Elections. Is trade with China hurting American jobs and wages? Is our immigration system broken? Do legal and/or illegal immigrants take jobs away from Americans? Why do we have so much inequality of income? Why does the 1% have so much of the money? and many more questions addressed in this discussion. The event is sponsored by the Economics Department. For more information, contact Tommaso Tempesti.
Oct. 25. 4:00-8:00 pm. University Crossing. UMass Lowell will host an EARLY VOTING night for voters registered in the city of Lowell. The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8, 2016 State Election is Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. UMass Lowell is one of 12 locations in the city of Lowell to host Early Voting. To see other locations or for more information, see http://www.lowellma.gov/law/elections/Pages/Early-Voting-Locations.aspx
Oct. 27, 11:00 am-12:30 pm. O'Leary 270. Women in Islam. Please join the Political Science Department’s Brad Morse Speaker Series in its talk on Women in Islam. Palwasha L. Kakar, Senior Program Officer Religion and Inclusive Societies, United States Institute of Peace, will lead the talk. Open to the public. For information, contact Political Science Chair, Ardeth Thawngmung.
Want to Submit an Event?

Send an email to FAHSS@uml.edu. Please include your name, the event information (date, time, location), a description of the event (50 words or less), an image, and a contact person.

Faculty Accomplishments

Congratulations to Professor John Kaag on his new book *American Philosophy: A Love Story*. In his book, John Kaag—a disillusioned philosopher at sea in his marriage and career—stumbles upon a treasure trove of rare books on an old estate in the hinterlands of New Hampshire that once belonged to the Harvard philosopher William Ernest Hocking. The library includes notes from Whitman, inscriptions from Frost, and first editions of Hobbes, Descartes, and Kant. As he begins to catalog and preserve these priceless books, Kaag...
rediscover the very tenets of American philosophy—self-reliance, pragmatism, the transcendent—and sees them in a twenty-first-century context.

Congratulations to Professor Nicholas Evans on his new book *Ebola’s Message*. Evans is one of three editors who discuss topics including the virology and management of EVD in both rich and poor nations; the spread of the disease (with an essay by a leader of Médecins Sans Frontières); racist perceptions of West Africa; mainstream and social media responses to Ebola; and the ethical issue of whether to run clinical trials of experimental treatments during an outbreak.

**College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

**2016-2017 Student Assistantship Program**

The FAHSS Dean’s Office is soliciting proposals for the use of student assistants to support short-term departmental and faculty projects related to research, creative work, innovative pedagogy, and service learning. This opportunity is open to all faculty members within the College.
The Basics

* Funds must be utilized prior to June 30th, and are limited to direct student payroll expenses;
* Undergraduate students will be compensated at a rate of $10 per hour, and graduate students at a rate of $15 per hour;
* In general, requests should be limited to 10 hours per week during the semester and 20 hours per week during intersessions, and to 100 hours per project. Additional limits may apply to students who are receiving other University funding;
* Considering that College funds are limited, matching funds are strongly encouraged and will greatly strengthen the application. Sources for matching funds include department budgets (operating, discretionary, research overhead), faculty accounts (e.g. research overhead, startup), and external grants.

Submission and Review Process

Faculty wishing to apply for student support should submit the following:

* Names of the faculty member(s) and student(s) involved with the project;
* Indication of student status (undergraduate or graduate);
* Indication of other University funding being received by student during the current academic year (e.g. honors co-op, Emerging Scholars, GTA/GRA);
* Indication of level of committed departmental, Center, or faculty funding to supplement College contribution;
* A brief (2-3 paragraph) description of the overall project for which student support is being requested;
* A bulleted list of specific tasks and duties that the student will fulfill; and
* A general timeline and projected estimate of student hours.

Applications should be submitted via email to Andrew Dewing, FAHSS grants and contracts administrator (Andrew_dewing@uml.edu) in accordance with the following deadlines:

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Evaluation Process

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following:

* Intellectual and/or creative merits of proposed project;
* Viability of proposed project;
* Likely educational benefits to student;
* Potential of project to:
  o Advance the career of faculty member;
  o Lead to a successful grant proposal for external funding;
  o Advance the educational mission of the College or University
* Project efficiency (matching funds, consistency of resource request with project scope).

Grant Opportunity

Chancellor's 2020 Challenge Grants

Due to the great success of last year's Chancellor's 2020 Challenge Grants, Chancellor Moloney will renew the program in 2016, awarding 20 grants of up to $1,000 to support projects that help achieve the ambitious goals outlined in the UMass Lowell 2020 Strategic Plan.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni, Lowell community members and organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The Chancellor's 2020 Challenge Grants Committee, comprising representatives from each of those groups, will award the grants in two rounds during Fall 2016. The deadlines for the application rounds are Oct. 3 and Nov. 7. Applications that do not earn an award in the first round are automatically re-submitted for the second round.
the second round. The number of awards per round will be at the committee’s discretion.

Any project with the ability to advance UMass Lowell 2020 is eligible. The committee will review applications and rate them based on the following criteria:

Potential to advance a goal associated with the 2020 Strategic Plan Pillars
Project readiness and ability to implement during 2016-2017 academic year
Potential impact and immediate need for the project
Correlation of the award to the success of the project
Additional or ancillary benefit to the university or community

Applications can be submitted beginning Sept. 6 at www.uml.edu/challengegrants, where additional information regarding the grants is also available.

Please contact Robin Toof at Robin.Toof@uml.edu with any questions.