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FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Prof works to preserve college radio

Picked by Library of Congress for task force

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FITCHBURG » Fitchburg State University Professor Katherine Jewell has been selected by the Library of Congress to join

a digital humanities program tasked with preserving college and community radio recordings, according to an announcement from

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the university.

Jewell, a member of the university's Economics, History and Political Science Department, was appointed co-chair of the College and Community Radio division of the Radio Preservation Task Force of the Library of Congress National Recording Preservation Board last year. Her new responsibilities will see her joining the curatorial team of its recently launched Sound Submissions program, through which community and private collectors will be encouraged to share digitized recordings and associated metadata for the permanent digital archive at the Library of Congress.

The history of college radio has been a research topic for several years for Jewell, who has two books



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on the topic in development. One of them confronts the richness of sources of radio history as well as their scarcity and endangered status.

"Many recordings of college and community radio reside in private collec-

tions, often on tapes stored in attics or basements," Jewell said. "This project looks beyond the research topic of my book and aims to preserve these sources for future researchers and ensure the diversity of the nation's archival holdings and cultural history."

Through the Sound Submissions program, collection holders preserve their digital files while retaining the original, physical media. Digital recordings are maintained by the Library's National Audio-Visual Con-

servation Center in Culpeper, Virginia, and library users can listen to recordings onsite at the NAVCC's Recorded Sound Research Center in Washington, D.C.

Sound Submissions addresses the crucial need for long-term digital preservation solutions for sound materials while expanding and diversifying the range of cultural and political representation in national collections. Through this initiative, the Radio Preservation Task Force and Library of Congress aim to promote preservation and public knowledge and appreciation of national audio heritage, ensuring recordings are successfully preserved and accessible to current and future generations.

"As an affiliated scholar with this program, Fitchburg State becomes part of an extended network of scholars, archivists, and institutions dedicated to the work of preserving the nation's cultural history and recorded sound," Jewell said. "As a state institution dedicated to community engagement, Fitchburg State is uniquely positioned to coordinate such collection, curation, and scholarly work."

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University welcomes journalist

Maria Hinojosa will close out Latinx/a/o Heritage Month

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FITCHBURG » Fitchburg State University will welcome award-winning journalist and entrepreneur Maria Hinojosa to close its celebration of Latinx/a/o Heritage Month at 7 p.m.

Friday, according to an announcement from the university.

Hinojosa will present “At the Root of Things: Breaking the Invisibility of Latinos/as/xs in Our Society” at the main lounge in

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Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. The university choir will also perform at the event, which can be joined online at <https://meet.google.com/eoc-iozr-ids> or livestreamed at <https://tinyurl.com/3c9ha9e8>. To join by phone, dial +1 720-500-4707 and enter PIN: 291 855 943#.

The event is free and open to the public, but face masks are required inside campus buildings and guests will be asked to attest to being free of COVID symptoms.

Hinojosa is the anchor and executive producer of Latino USA on National Public Radio, and the founder, president and CEO of Futuro Media Group. Maria Hinojosa’s appearance is made possible in part through the generous support of the Newman Center Trust.



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Award-winning journalist and entrepreneur Maria Hinojosa will help close the Fitchburg State University celebration of Latinx/a/o Heritage Month at 7 p.m. Friday.

The university’s observance of Latinx/a/o Heritage Month includes a series of events and programs organized around the theme “Be proud of your past, Embrace the future.”

Learn more about the month’s programming at <https://tinyurl.com/3mymys6kn>.