

## **Lecture at AU to Focus on Impact of Human Genome Project**

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Alfred, NY -- The public and the Alfred University community are invited to a lecture on the implications of the Human Genome Project. Luba Djurdjinovic, M.S., program director and genetic counselor at the Genetic Counseling Program in Binghamton, will speak at 8 p.m. Monday (March 22) in Howell Hall on the University campus. Her topic is "The Impact of the Human Genome Project on Medicine: Social, Legal, and Ethical Issues." Her talk, which is free, is sponsored by AU's Division of Biology and the Health Professions Advisory Program at Alfred University. As director of the Genetic Counseling Program, Djurdjinovic oversees a program of comprehensive genetic services to Binghamton-area residents. She is also director of the North Country Outreach Project, which is financed by a federal Maternal and Child Health block grant to coordinate access to genetic services in the Adirondack Park region. A practicing genetic counselor for over 20 years, Djurdjinovic is also executive director of the Ferre Institute, a non-profit organization in Utica that promotes high-quality infertility services and education about infertility and its treatment. She also maintains a private practice as a genetic counselor and teaches a course at Syracuse University's School of Social Work on the psychosocial and medical concerns of people faced with genetic disease. More information about the Human Genome Project and related issues is available at three web sites: <http://www.nih.gov>, <http://www.nsgc.org>, and <http://www.med.ihu.edu>.