

Ostrower delivers paper at symposium honoring leading historian

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Dr. Gary Ostrower, professor of history at Alfred University, was one of 16 historians invited to participate in a symposium at Harvard University honoring the work and career of Akira Iriye, one of the country's leading diplomatic historians, who is retiring as the chairman of Harvard's history department and who was previously head of its East Asian Studies Program. The sessions ranged from Iriye's influence on U.S.-Asian diplomacy to the state of diplomatic history in the U.S. today. Other speakers came from universities and government agencies around the country, as well as from Japan, Korea and China. A 1961 graduate of Alfred University with majors in history and political science, Ostrower earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Rochester, where Iriye was his thesis advisor. Ostrower returned to Alfred University to teach in 1969.