

## **AU Alumna to Present Annual Riley Lecture: 'Dangerous Liaisons'**

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Alfred, NY -- Alfred University alumna Patricia A. Riley, a member of the Class of 1965, will present the 2000 Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley and Charles P. Riley Lecture in Women's Studies at 4 p.m. April 17 in Susan Howell Hall. Riley's lecture will be "The Dangerous Liaisons: Sex, Substance Abuse and Violence." A reception will be held following the lecture, which is open to the public free of charge. Riley is currently senior assistant U.S. Attorney for Legislation in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. She was formerly chief of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section. "The world we live in can be extremely dangerous and hostile," says Riley, "especially for naive girls and women. How do women and girls, then, stay safe and grow empowered in a so-called 'sexually liberated' society, or in a society having experienced the so-called 'sexual revolution?'" "Since her graduation from Alfred University, Pat Riley has chosen positions that emphasize a dedication to public service," noted Susan Morehouse, associate professor of English and director of AU's Women's Studies program. In addition to her professional career, Riley has served Alfred University as a trustee. The Riley lecture series is made possible by a gift from Pamela Riley Osborn, a member of the Class of 1962; Patricia A. Riley, a 1965 graduate; and Melissa Riley in memory of their parents. Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley, a member of AU's Class of 1936, was an activist involved in issues such as pay equity for women. Charles Riley was a 1935 graduate who supported his wife and her efforts. They were married in the Seventh Day Baptist in Alfred in 1938.