

Autism to be Discussed at AU's Bergren Forum

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Alfred, NY -- Nancy Evangelista, assistant professor of school psychology at Alfred University, will speak at the University's lunch-hour Bergren Forum Thursday (March 30). "The Changing Face of Autism" is her topic. Autism is a severe, lifelong, pervasive developmental disorder that usually shows up in the first 30 months of life. People with autism typically have serious problems with communication, social interaction, and behavior. Much more common in boys than in girls, autism occurs in 14 to 16 of every 10,000 live births. The forum, which starts at 12:10 p.m. every Thursday, is in Nevins Theater in Powell Campus Center. The audience is encouraged to bring lunch; coffee and tea are free. The event is free and open to the public. The Bergren Forum is held weekly while the University is in session.