

Next Bergren Forum to focus on benefits of inclusive communities

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Ann Monroe-Baillargeon, associate professor of education and chairman of the Alfred University Division of Education, will talk about "Inclusive Communities: We All Benefit" in the next program of the Bergren Forum, Thursday, Oct. 20 at 12:10 p.m. in AU's Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theater. The program is open to all free of charge. Monroe-Baillargeon will discuss who exactly the members of the Alfred University community are and how each one is an honored, valued, and productive member. She will introduce the means in which the AU culture remains inclusive. She will also discuss the benefits they share by being an inclusive educational community. Joining her will be students and faculty of the AU-ACCESS (Access to Children's Counseling and Early Support Services) Program. Monroe-Baillargeon teaches a wide range of courses that prepare pre-service and in-service teachers to instruct all students effectively. She holds NYS certifications as a special education teacher, grades K-12, and for both school and district administration. She currently serves as liaison to the New York Higher Education Support Center for Systems Change Midwest region, a collaborative consortium of faculty in inclusive education from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest region of New York State. Her research investigates the lives of teachers in inclusive classrooms, and collaborative teaching practices as an effective means for teaching all students. Monroe-Baillargeon received her undergraduate degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and her graduate degree in educational administration from the University of Southern Maine. She continued her education by obtaining a Ph.D. in teaching and curriculum from Syracuse University. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.