

## **Noted diplomatic historian to deliver Russell Lecture**

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One of the leading diplomatic historians in the United States will lecture on "The Cold War as History" at Alfred University. Marc Trachtenberg, who recently authored a prize-winning history of the 1945-1965 period, will deliver Alfred University's annual Russell Lecture at 8 p.m., Monday, March 19, in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center on the AU campus. Trachtenberg has taught 20th century diplomacy at the University of Pennsylvania since 1974. Germany, especially the issue of German nuclear policy, he will argue, is the key to understanding why the U.S. and the now-defunct Soviet Union risked nuclear war for nearly four decades. Even now, Trachtenberg's conclusions are critical to an understanding of American foreign policy, said Dr. Gary Ostrower, professor of history at AU who is also a diplomatic historian. "The Cold War may have ended," wrote Trachtenberg, "but the Cold War political system remains largely intact." A leading historian of the subject said that Trachtenberg's latest book, "will set the standard for Cold War studies" for years to come. The Russell Lecture is open to the public, free of charge. A question and answer session will follow the formal lecture.