

## Eaklor chosen for editorial board of 'The American Historian'

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[Vicki Eaklor](#), professor of History at Alfred University, is one of 10 historians nationally selected for the editorial board of the new magazine of the Organization of American Historians, *The American Historian*.

The new magazine, which began publication in the spring, will be published quarterly and be distributed to more than 7,000 members of the Organization of American Historians in a variety of digital formats, as well as through a web site.

“This is real honor for Dr. Eaklor, and for Alfred University,” said Louis J. Lichtman, dean of the [College of Liberal Arts & Sciences](#). “This appointment recognizes the quality of the academic work Dr. Eaklor has done.” Eaklor is considered to be the pre-eminent historian in GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) American history.

Eaklor is the author of *Queer America: A People&s GLBT History of the United States*, a decade-by-decade review of GLBT history, from the start of the 20th century through today, and the impact the issues and events have had on the United States. “Placing GLBT people at the center of the history of the 20th century, Vicki L. Eaklor&s *Queer America: A People&s GLBT History of the 20th Century* is a major new effort to popularize a long-overlooked chapter in the American experience,” according to a reviewer. “Eaklor brings the steady hand and perspective of an historian to the task of writing a sweeping work of narrative nonfiction that is both meaningful and relevant to all Americans.” *Queer America: A GLBT History of the United States* was originally published in March 2008 by Greenwood Press.

Eaklor, who has taught at Alfred University since 1984 and who is a nationally recognized expert on American history and culture, as well as gender and sexuality in the United States, is an editor of *Bringing Lesbian and Gay Rights into the Mainstream: Twenty Years of Progress*, a memoir of Steve Endean, founder of the Human Rights Campaign, published in 2006 by The Haworth Press, Inc.

Eaklor is former chair and governing board member of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, an affiliate of the American Historical Association with international membership.

Winner of multiple “Excellence in Teaching” awards at Alfred University, Eaklor also received the Abigail Allen Award from the University in 2004 in recognition of her service to women, and she has been the advisor to Spectrum, AU&s GLBT student organization.

A graduate of Adams State College in Alamosa, CO, with degrees in history and secondary music education, Eaklor earned an M.A. in Music and an M.A. in History, both from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She received her Ph.D. degree in History, also from Washington University, in 1982.