

## **Guest environmental speaker to explain Genesee Valley Conservancy work**

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Benjamin Gajewski, stewardship director at the Genesee Valley Conservancy (GVC), will be speaking on “Conservation: The Land Trust Model” as part of Alfred University’s (AU) Environmental Studies Speaker Series.

The lecture will take place on Friday, Sept. 14 at 12:20 p.m. in the Roon Lecture Hall (Room 247) of the AU Science Center. Everyone is welcome to attend, admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Gajewski’s job as stewardship director entails overseeing conservation easements and nature preserves. He is also involved with acquisitions, public relations, and fundraising.

The Genesee Valley Conservancy, located in Geneseo, is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the delicate habitats, scenic vistas, and quality farmland in Western New York. Since its founding in 1990, the GVC has protected over 13,600 acres of New York State land.

Gajewski earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology with a minor in environmental studies from the State University of New York at Geneseo. An active member in his community, Gajewski is a village trustee, a board member for the Association for the Preservation of Geneseo, and a committee member of the Geneseo Farmers & Market. In his spare time he is an avid photographer and outdoorsman.

The Environmental Studies Seminar series at Alfred University is held every Friday during the fall semester when the University is in session.

Sponsored by the Division of Environmental Studies within Alfred University’s School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the series brings a range of speakers to the campus, including scientists, activists, and policy-makers, with the mission to better understand our environment and what we can do better to sustain our world.