

Alfred University alumna, artist visiting campus to discuss new installation

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Traci Molloy ♦92 (fifth from right) returns to campus to discuss a collaborative piece of art.

ALFRED, NY Traci Molloy, a 1992 Alfred University graduate, will visit the University Wednesday (Jan. 24) to discuss an art installation she created with a group of AU students during a 2017 campus residency.

Molloy, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from AU, collaborated with 13 Alfred University students (pictured here) to create “I Am, I Will, I&m Afraid (Alfred),” a 16-by-10 foot art piece that now hangs on the exterior of Harder Hall. Molloy will discuss the installation at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Nevins Theater; the talk is free and open to the public.

The print, which utilizes photographic and digital processes, is a constructed composite portrait of all the participants (Molloy and the students), which are layered to form one collective likeness. The surface text on the piece depicts personal anonymous handwriting by participants in response to three prompts: “I am,” “I will,” and “I&m Afraid.”

Molloy is also initiating early discussions about her next project entitled “Against My Will,” which will collect stories of sexual harassment and violence from both students and invited alumni. The stories will remain anonymous but will be incorporated into another art installation piece to be unveiled on the AU campus in April 2018. The collaborative effort between Molloy and the University comes in the midst of a national movement to address sexual harassment and violence, with efforts such as #metoo and #timesup shedding light on the issue.

Students interested in participating in the upcoming project are asked to contact wellness educator Amanda Khodorkovskaya at khodorkovskaya@alfred.edu. Molloy will coordinate outreach to alumni. While number of alumni participants will be limited for this inaugural project, the intent is to provide additional opportunities beyond this first installation.

Molloy&s residency is sponsored through the Art Force 5, Wellness Center, Residence Life, and First-Year Art Foundations. Questions may be directed to Assistant Dean of the School of Art and Design Dan Napolitano at napolitano@alfred.edu.