

Alfred University to hold memorial service for Vicki Eaklor

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Vicki Eaklor

ALFRED, NY – Alfred University will host a memorial service in May for late longtime professor of history Vicki Eaklor, who passed away on March 8.

The service will be held Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m. in Susan Howell Hall. It will be a celebration of Vicki's life and the impact she had on the AU campus and on her students, and a time for people to share their thoughts and memories of Vicki. It will include a slide show of images and refreshments will be provided.

Vicki, who was 63 at the time of her passing, taught history at Alfred University for 32 years, receiving numerous honors and awards before her retirement in 2016. She was the recipient of the Abigail Allen Award in 2004 and in both 1998 and 2005 received Excellence in Teaching Awards from the University. She also taught the course, Women in Society, and created the first-ever history courses at AU in Queer America and Queer Hollywood.

Her academic accomplishments also include dozens of published articles on music, history and gender issues. A published author, Vicki wrote the books "Queer America: A GLBT History of the 20th Century" and "American Anti-Slavery Songs: A Collection & Analysis." She also edited the book "Bringing Lesbian & Gay Rights Into the Mainstream," by Steve Endean.

A talented percussionist, Vicki's performances on the drums – with AU's concert band, its orchestra, and in smaller musical ensembles -- were nothing short of spectacular, and she often gave private percussion lessons to Alfred University students.