

Environmental speaker to discuss working in 'green' capitalism

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Alfred University's Environmental Studies Speaker Series continues on Friday, Sept. 15, at 12:10 p.m. in Room 228 of the Science Center with a look at "green" capitalism. The public is invited free of charge; refreshments will be served. The 50-minute program will feature Abigail Dumke, a national representative for FLOR, a maker of new generation carpet products based in Chicago. Dumke will discuss "Working in Green Capitalism." FLOR is headed by Ray Anderson, a corporate leader in "green capitalism." Anderson's commitment is to attempt to operate his companies (focused on carpet manufacture and sale) in as environmentally conscious ways as possible. He is frequently interviewed for his role in constructing a new kind of business practice. Dumke will talk about her experience as a young professional working in this new business environment and its implications for more widespread "green commerce." The AU Environmental Studies Speaker Series is conducted every Friday while the University is in session. Upcoming speakers and topics for the fall semester include:

Sept. 22 - Dr. Mary Kay O'Rourke, Alfred University class of 1972, associate professor of public health at the University of Arizona, "Arsenic Exposures: Multimedia and Multi-Pathway Exposure Assessment"

Sept. 29 - Dr. Matthew Hall, assistant professor of biomedical materials and glass science, Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University, "Hollow Glass Microspheres for the Storage of Hydrogen Gas"

Oct. 6 - Dr. Carlson Pian, professor and chairman, Mechanical Engineering Department, Alfred University, "The Feasibility of Using Advanced Gasification Technology for Farm-based Bioenergy Power Production"

Oct. 20 - Dr. John Chermak, instructor, Virginia Tech, "Examples of Watershed-scale Remediation: Acid Rock Drainage, Mercury, and Total Dissolved Solids"

Oct. 27 - Dr. Jeanne Kagle, assistant professor of biology, Mansfield University, "Effect of Acid Mine Drainage on Bacterial Populations"

Nov. 3 - Jay Gullledge, senior research fellow for science and impacts at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, topic TBA

Nov. 10 - Howie Scher, postdoctoral scholar in the Ocean Sciences Department and Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of California-Santa Cruz, "The Proto Antarctic Circumpolar Current: Evidence from Circulation and Productivity Proxies in Southern Ocean Sediment Cores"

Nov. 17 - Jeff Williams, legislative director and principal lobbyist for biofuels issues for New York Farm Bureau, "Biofuels, Agriculture and Public Policy - How High Oil Prices Can Save Family Farms"

Dec. 1 - Dr. Quirine Ketterings, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Cornell University, "Farm Nutrient Management in a Regulatory Environment: Experiences in Research and Extension in New York"