

**History professor to bring his version of 'French Resistance: Myth and Reality' into next Bergren Forum  
lunchtime presentation**

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Alfred University's (AU) longstanding lunchtime series, the Bergren Forum, continues Thursday, Feb. 5, at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The program is free and open to the public.

In his talk, titled "The French Resistance: Myth and Reality," assistant professor of history, Chris Churchill, will discuss the complex choices people made during the German occupation of France in World War II and the difficulties historians of the resistance face in untangling myth from reality.

Churchill is a cultural and intellectual historian of the modern Mediterranean, especially France and Algeria. Churchill earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in history from Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. He earned a bachelor of arts degree, also in history, from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

The Bergren Forum is sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Provost's Office. Guests are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

The series known as the Bergren Forum was begun by Rick Bergren, who taught at the University in the 1970s, when he was inspired by learning of the gatherings that (AU) students in the 19<sup>th</sup> century were known to conduct in Alumni Hall to discuss community issues. After Bergren's death in 1974, the University decided to continue the tradition in his name. Various faculty members have taken on the coordinator duties since that time. William S. Dibrell, professor of philosophy, is the current coordinator.