

AU's Ostrower to discuss "The UN Mess" at next Bergren Forum

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Gary Ostrower, Alfred University professor of history, will present "The UN Mess" on Thursday, Sept. 23, during AU's Bergren Forum at 12:10 p.m., in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theatre. This event is free and open to the public. The forum will focus on the American love/hate affair with the United Nations, beginning with "Washington's infatuation with the organization after World War II and continuing until the second President Bush's appointment of a United States representative to the United Nations who sought to undermine its fundamental purpose." Ostrower specializes in the history of international organization. He has authored three books about the subject, including "Collective Insecurity: The United States and the League of Nations During the Early Thirties," "The League of Nations: From 1919 to 1929," and "The United Nations and the United States. 1940-1998." He has also contributed articles to historical journals including *International Organization* and *The Historian*. Currently the Joseph K. Kruson Distinguished Professor, Ostrower is a former Fulbright Lecturer at Aarhus University in Denmark. He earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Rochester. Ostrower serves as the ombudsman officer at both Alfred University and at St. Bonaventure University in Olean. He has served as president of the Society for the Study of Internationalism. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.