

Alfred University professor to deliver talk celebrating GLBT History Month

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Dr. Vicki Eaklor, professor of history at Alfred University's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, will deliver a talk, "Outsiders/Insiders: Mainstreaming GLBT Rights," Oct. 15 at the University of Connecticut as part of its "Out to Lunch" series to celebrate GLBT (gay/lesbian/bisexual/transsexual) History Month. Eaklor, who has taught at Alfred University since 1984 and who is a nationally recognized expert on American history and culture, as well as gender and sexuality in the United States, is an editor of "Bringing Lesbian and Gay Rights into the Mainstream: Twenty Years of Progress," a memoir of Steve Endean, founder of the Human Rights Campaign, published in 2006 by The Haworth Press, Inc. She has also written "Queer America: A GLBT History of the United States," published in March 2008 by Greenwood Press. As part of GLBT History Month, Eaklor has an essay, "Queer History/American History," posted on <http://www.glbtc.com>. Eaklor is former chair and governing board member of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, an affiliate of the American Historical Association with international membership. Winner of multiple "Excellence in Teaching" awards at Alfred University, Eaklor also received the Abigail Allen Award from the University in 2004 in recognition of her service to women, and she has been the advisor to Spectrum, AU's GLBT student organization. A graduate of Adams (CO) State College with degrees in history and secondary music education, Eaklor earned an M.A. in Music and an M.A. in History, both from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She received her Ph.D. degree in History, also from Washington University, in 1982.