

Environmental speaker to focus on North Cascade glaciers, climate

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Mauri Pelto, professor and program chair of environmental sciences at Nichols College in Dudley, MA, will speak at the next Environmental Studies Seminar at Alfred University with a discussion titled, "The Disequilibrium Response of North Cascade Glaciers to Climate Change Since 1984: Which Will Survive?" The lecture will take place on Friday, Sept. 25, at 12:20 p.m. in Roon Lecture Hall (room 247), the Science Center, on the Alfred University Campus. The Environmental Studies Seminar series is held every Friday during the fall semester when the University is in session. All the lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Division of Environmental Studies within Alfred University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the series brings a range of speakers to the campus, including scientists, activists, and policy-makers, with the mission to better understand our environment and what we can do to better sustain our world. Pelto has taught at Nichols College since 1989. He has directed the North Cascade Glacier Climate Project since 1984, with the goal to assess glacier response to climate change across an entire mountain range. This project monitors the annual mass balance of more glaciers than any other in North America. Pelto's geology classes have focused on installing a network of 45 calibrated discharge rating stations in Central Massachusetts.