

Cultural migrations the focus at next Bergren Forum

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Dr. Kate Dimitrova, Alfred University (AU) professor of theater, will present “Everlasting Ornament: Visual Culture and the Medieval Islamic World” as a part of Alfred University’s Bergren Forum Series. The presentation will take place on Thursday Sept. 19 at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Dimitrova spent part of the past summer in Spain and Morocco attending an International Faculty Development Seminar presented by the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) focused on the migration of people, traditions, food, music, and art between the Islamic worlds in the west. Her presentation will focus on the experiences from the seminar and will be tied together with the visual culture of the medieval Islamic world and the importance of migration impacting regional culture.

Dimitrova earned a bachelor of arts degree in visual arts from the University of California- San Diego. She continued her education and received a master’s degree and a Ph.D. in the history of art and architecture from the University of Pittsburgh. She has given presentations on other medieval topics all over the world including Chicago and Leeds, England.

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.