

## **Writers with AU connections included in gallery anthology**

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Three writers with ties to Alfred University are among the 40 writers who contributed to a new book now available through the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester. They are: Marvin Bell, a 1950 graduate of Alfred University; Kate Braverman, an Alfred resident whose husband is a member of the AU faculty; and Dr. Ben Howard, a professor of English at Alfred University. *Voices in the Gallery: Writers on Art* includes essays and poems by 40 authors, all with connections to Western New York. The volume, just published by the University of Rochester Press, is edited by Grant Holcomb, director of the Memorial Art Gallery. He asked each of the contributors to write about favorite works in the gallery's collection. Bell is currently Flannery O'Connor Professor of Letters at the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. Author of many books on poetry and essays, including the recently published *Nightwork: Poems 1962-2000*, Bell has been awarded the Lamont Prize by the Academy of American Poets and an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He has held two senior Fulbright appointments and is honored by, among others, the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Braverman, a former Los Angeles resident who moved to Alfred when her husband, Dr. Alan Goldstein, joined the AU faculty, is the author of three novels, four books of poetry and two collections of short stories. "Tall Tales from the Mekong Delta" was included in Best American Short Stories of 1991 and won the O. Henry Prize in 1992. "Pagan Night" was in Best American Short Stories of 1995. Howard is the author of five books, including the verse novella *Midcentury* (1997) and *The Pressed Melodeon: Essays on Modern Irish Writing*. His forthcoming book, *Dark Pool*, is expected in 2002. He has received numerous awards, including the Milton Dorfman Prize. A recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, he is a professor of English at Alfred University where he teaches literature, writing and classical guitar.