

Bergren Forum series up and going

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Alfred University's Bergren Forum, now entering its 51st year, will continue on a bi-weekly schedule every Thursday for the remainder of the fall semester. The forums will take place at the usual time on Thursdays, beginning at 12:10 pm and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. The lectures/talks/discussions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum Youtube channel.

The schedule for Bergren Forum lectures appears below. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu.

Last week, a panel of speakers composed of Tricia Debertolis, Laurie Lounsberry Meehan, Gary Ostrower, Becky Prophet, Mallory Szymanski presented vignettes on national and local topics related to the passing and ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the in the US the right to vote.

Future Bergren Forums:

Sept 17 Lessons from a YouTube Content Creator

Mike Stone, AU Network Services Administrator

Two years ago, Mike Stone (Network Services Administrator at AU) started a media company and dove into the world of YouTube content creation. With knowledge acquired and bruises healing, he will discuss the difficult lessons he has learned in that time.

Oct. 1 The Diffusion of Representation

Desmond Wallace, Assistant Prof. of Political Science

Desmond Wallace is Assistant Professor of Political Science. He writes: "Can public opinion and policy decisions in one state influence the relationship between public opinion and policy within other states? In this presentation, I argue two points. First, state policy are a product of other states' policy choices and mass preferences. Second, incorporating said choices and preferences affect public opinion's influence on policy decisions. Using public opinion and policy data from the period 1959 – 2014, I find that the inclusion of other states' policy decisions and mass preferences lead to different levels of influence between public policy and opinion across the states."

Oct. 15 The Future of Engineering Work

Gabby Gastaud, Dean of the Inamori School of Engineering

Oct. 29 Election 2020: A Republic if We Can Keep It

Gary Ostrower, Professor of History at AU.

Alexa Horochowski is Professor of Fine Arts at Saint Cloud State University in Minnesota and was Visiting Professor of Sculpture at Alfred University in 2019-20. She writes: "Chance encounters with various materials, natural or man-made, often provide a starting point for my work in sculpture and video. Attentive to the ramifications of climate change, I aspire to question the sustainability of a consumer society that exacerbates inequality and degrades the environment. Through this lens, human-kind and its impact on the earth can be viewed as yet another natural force, creating and unleashing materials and substances that are moved around the globe by the jet stream, ocean currents or even industrial systems heedless of how we might define a landscape as urban or rural, developed or undeveloped."