

Bergren Forum will serve up 'Turkish Delights'

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Alfred University's (AU) longstanding lunchtime series, the Bergren Forum, continues Thursday, March 19, at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center with "Turkish Delights." The program is free and open to the public.

Jeff Sluyter-Beltrao, associate professor of political science, and five AU students will discuss their "eye-opening" experiences from summer 2014 when they immersed themselves in Turkey's history, language, culture, and politics at Isik University near Istanbul.

The Bergren Forum is sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Provost's Office. Guests are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

The series known as the Bergren Forum was begun by Rick Bergren, who taught at the University in the 1970s, when he was inspired by learning of the gathering that (AU) students in the 19th century were known to conduct in Alumni Hall to discuss community issues. After Bergren's death in 1974, the University decided to continue the tradition in his name. Various faculty members have taken on the coordinator duties since that time. William S. Dibrell, professor of philosophy, is the current coordinator.