

## **Psychology Department to host lecture on Violence on the Brain**

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Amanda Pustilnik, assistant professor at the Maryland School of Law, will present a talk titled "Violence on the Brain: the Search for Brain-Based Solutions to Criminal Aggression" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, in Nevins Auditorium located in the Powell Campus Center at Alfred University. The talk is open to the public and is free of charge. Funding for this event is being provided by a gift to the Psychology Department of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from the Isabel and David Mahalick Foundation, Inc. Pustilnik graduated from Harvard College, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, with a concentration in history of science. She served as the John Harvard visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge, Emmanuel College, where she was affiliated with the History and Philosophy of Science Department. Pustilnik also graduated from Yale Law School in 2001. Her current research at the University of Maryland includes work on models of mind in neuroscience and criminal law. David Mahalick is a 1982 graduate of Alfred University, with a major in psychology. He is a practicing neuropsychologist in the New York City-New Jersey region, currently in private practice. He is also an associate professor of applied psychology at New York University, assistant professor of neurosurgery and pediatrics at New Jersey Medical School, and assistant professor of pediatrics at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Mahalick is the former director of neuropsychology for the Departments of Neuropsychology, as well as Psychiatry, at New Jersey Medical School. He has served as a grant reviewer for the National Institute of Health. Founded in 1836, Alfred University became the first coeducational institution in New York State and the second in the nation. About 2,000 full-time undergraduate and 400 graduate students work and live in 52 buildings on a scenic 232-acre hillside campus adjoining the village of Alfred. The nonsectarian University is comprised of the privately endowed AACSB-accredited (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as the NYS College of Ceramics (Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and the School of Art and Design). Bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are awarded.