

Global Awareness Roundtable focuses on Romani culture

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Alfred University will present its next Global Awareness Roundtable on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 pm in the Knight Club at the Powell Campus Center. Karen Finnemore and Jeramy Kruser will present a discussion on "Romani Cultures: The Reality of the Gypsies." For centuries, the Romani peoples (often referred to as Gypsies) have endured discrimination and scorn due to their ethnicity. Unlike other ethnic stereotypes, the image of Romanis as palm-reading, vagabond thieves has not been eliminated from popular culture. Finnemore and Kruser seek to dispel this negative image by discussing the unique Romani culture, including the significant impact religion has on a Romani's daily life. In addition, Finnemore (herself of Romani descent) will discuss about her personal experiences growing up in contact with such a culture. For more information on this event, please contact Dr. Ariana Huberman, assistant professor of Spanish, at (607) 871-2882.