

Bergren Forum speaker to discuss 'Life as an EMT'

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Alfred University's (AU) Bergren Forum, a weekly lunchtime series, continues Thursday, Sept. 11, in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The program is free and open to the public.

The Nevins Theater stage will welcome Dr. Nancy Furlong for her forum titled "My Life as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)," in which she will review her 25 years "as an EMT in a small college town" and discuss the challenges of the occupation as well as its rewards.

Furlong teaches in the Psychology and Communications Studies departments at AU. She has been a faculty member for 31 years and has been an active member of the AU community throughout her career, taking part in a number of faculty committees including associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 2003-09.

Furlong is also a member of four different national honor societies as well as several professional organizations such as: the American Psychological Society, the Jean Piaget Society, and the Society for Research in Child Development.

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 began in 1970. Rick Bergren, who taught at the University in the '70s, started the forums after being inspired by learning of the gatherings 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.