

Bergren Forum to provide overview of 2008 presidential candidates

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Dr. Gary Ostrower, professor of history, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Alfred University, will present "Election '08" on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 at the University's Bergren Forum, 12:10 p.m., in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theatre. This event is open to the public free of charge. Ostrower will discuss one candidate as the comeback grandpa and the other as the representation of America's leap into a bi-racial 21st century. Ostrower served as mayor of Alfred from 1999 to 2005. He was a Republican member of the Village Board of Trustees for the previous 18 years. He also served six years as county liaison to the New York State Assembly in Albany and has been a member of the Allegany County Youth Board since 1984. Ostrower was a Fulbright Lecturer at Aarhus University in Denmark during spring semester 2005. He taught courses dealing with the Vietnam War and American history. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester, when classes are in session at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.