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## Events

### Today

- [12:10 PM Bergren Forum - Geoff Lippa](#)
- [4:00 PM Cocoa and Carols](#)
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### Tomorrow

- [12:20 PM Environmental Studies Speaker Series- Jessica Domino](#)
- [6:00 PM Design Your Own Ugly Sweater](#)

### Saturday

- [7:00 PM Live Music - Ade Adu](#)
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## Announcements

### Protect Our Campus, Use The "Phish Alert Report" Button

As many of you know, we have a new automated phishing prevention system. I am advising all our users to utilize the "Phish Alert Button" in Outlook (image attached).

If you receive a suspected phishing email, clicking on the Phish Alert Report button will remove it from your email and quarantine it for analysis. And even better, through your reporting, ITS systems will automatically look for similar emails on university servers and remove them from other accounts. In this way, you are acting as a "human firewall" to protect yourself and the wider campus community from these social engineering attacks. Report with confidence...If you (accidentally) falsely report a phishing email, the

analysis engine will release it back to you.

Attachment: [Phish Alert Button](#)

Submitted by: Gary Roberts

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## **Job Opportunity-Adjunct Faculty-Foundations Program**

Please see the link below for more information on the open Adjunct Faculty-Foundations Program position.

Link: [Adjunct Faculty-Foundations Program](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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## **Access to NYTimes.com**

Faculty, students, and staff have access to NYTimes.com through a subscription supported by the Alfred University Libraries.

Go to the link below to activate your "Academic Pass" to NYTimes.com.

This service requires annual registration. If your pass has expired, simply go to the URL below to reactivate the pass.

As part of the registration process, the NYT will send a confirmation email that requires a response. If you do not receive the confirmation email, check in your Junk email folder.

Link: [Activate NYTimes.com Academic Pass](#)

Submitted by: Ellen Bahr

## **Family Medical Leave Act Training**

This is the fifth training in a 9 part training series targeted at any AU employee who has supervisory roles in their department. This training can also be especially helpful for any staff who support the supervisors in their department.

This training will encompass: who is eligible for FMLA leave, how long is the leave, intermittent/reduced leave, how employees request FMLA leave, and how employees return to work after leave

Supervisors who may be new in their rolls or need a refresher are encouraged to come. This is also open to any AU employee who would like more knowledge on this topic.

This training will be held on January 10, 2023 from 11:15am-12:00pm and on January 25, 2023 from 11:15am-12:00pm both online.

<https://alfredu.zoom.us/j...>

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

## **Off Campus Community Service Work-Study Opportunity**

Did you know that you can work as a work-study student at local off-campus community service employers?

The Alfred Montessori is looking to hire Federal Work Study eligible students as Child Care Aides.

Please reach out to [studer@alfred.edu](mailto:studer@alfred.edu) with any questions that you may have regarding this Work-Study opportunity.

Submitted by: Brielle Gavin

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## **Accounts Payable/Reimbursement Deadline    Holiday Break**

There will be no checks processed during the University's Holiday Break (12/23-1/3).

All invoices must be received in the Business Office by Tuesday, December 13th end of day to be paid out on 12/15. Any invoices received after this date will not be paid until we return. The next check run will be January 5, 2022.

Thank you & Happy Holidays!

Submitted by: Amanda Azzi

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## **Bergren Forum - Geoff Lippa**

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Division of Human Studies and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will be meeting in-person from 12:10 to 1:00 on Thursdays in Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Dec. 1: Geoff Lippa, "We are living in an "RNA World," explores the importance of RNA from evolution to vaccines.

What is RNA, or ribonucleic acid? What is its function? How is it different from DNA? Which nucleic acid came first, DNA or RNA? These are the start of many questions scientists have been asking about RNA since the discovery of nucleic acids in 1868 by Friedrich Miescher.

Since 2010, 30 scientists have been awarded Nobel Prizes for experimental work that includes studies of RNA. In 2020 the Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna for their work on CRISPR-Cas9 (a method to edit DNA). Today we have RNA-based treatments for muscular dystrophy, macular degeneration, and COVID-19. Geoff Lippa will explore our RNA-centered world and a time of great discovery.

For those not able to make it to Nevins, there is a Zoom link, which will be the same each week:

<https://alfredu.zoom.us/j...>

But people who Zoom in will have to make their own tea or coffee.

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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## **Auditions for Spring Production**

The Alfred University Theatre Dept. will hold auditions for our spring production of RICH B\*TCH by Rachel

Lynett, directed by Asst. Prof of  
Theatre Jonathan Ziese.

Five women of color. A 'bachelor party' at a 5 Star hotel. No one was expecting the proverbial (and literal) cuts that they would ultimately inflict. RICH B\*TCH by Rachel Lynett: a dark intersectional comedy

Actors should prepare a contemporary monologue of no more than 2 minutes. Please email the director with any questions @ [ziese@alfred.edu](mailto:ziese@alfred.edu)

Auditions: Sat Dec 3 from 1-4pm &  
Sunday Dec 4 from 11am - 1pm.  
Callbacks Monday Dec 5 (time TBD)

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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## Campus Menorah

Hillel has some funds to commission a campus menorah. We want this menorah to be crafted here at Alfred by our own students. We're seeking an artist who can design and create a mixed-medium menorah that is large. The mixed mediums I think would go well are glass, clay, and iron.

We want this to be an AU community menorah, that we can put next to the fiat lux sign with the purple Christmas trees to represent the different identities we have here at Alfred.

Other important information includes;

use of purple and gold colors,

9 cups for candles,

also large think 6' 6" tall

Submit drawings to scale and an estimated budget with your proposal.

Our due date for this piece would be the last day of classes, however, if it can't be done, we are willing to accept it for next year.

Link: [AUConnect Article](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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## **Alfred University Popular Music Ensemble Live Recording Sessions**

Alfred University Music program presents - Popular Music Ensemble Live Recording Sessions. An intimate experience on the stage of Miller Theatre with the pop music ensemble playing original compositions and reinterpretations of modern pop songs. Each song will be recorded live in front of the audience, both for video and audio purposes. Seating is very limited, first come first serve. Audience will sit on the stage with the ensemble!

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

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## **Inamori School of Engineering Poster Session**

The Inamori School of Engineering



annual poster session is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in McMahon Building, first floor (follow the signs). All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available.

Submitted by: Emilie Carney

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## **Turner Intern Exhibition**

Come see the showcase featuring the works of the Turner Interns and their selected artist contributions!

Opening Reception Friday, November 18th at 7 pm!

On display through December 2nd!

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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## **The Office of the Provost drop-in office hours**

The last day for office hours of the fall semester will be Tuesday December 6, 2022.

Please feel free to come in to share thoughts or concerns, ask questions or give feedback to Provost Dobie.

All faculty and staff are welcome, and no appointment is necessary.

Submitted by: Crystal Henshaw

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## **Cocoa and Carols Holiday**

## **Sing-Along**

Please join members of the Performing Arts Division Music Department, and the Center for Student Involvement for an afternoon of cocoa, cookies, and community togetherness, as we lead a holiday-sing-a-long. Raise your voice, your cocoa cup, and your spirits in preparation for the holiday season!

All are welcome on Thursday,  
December 1 4:00 - 5:30 PM EST

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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## **Catch Up or Get Ahead with Allen Term**

Allen Term helps you catch up or get ahead. Allen Term courses are online so you can still enjoy the time at home with family and friends. Don't wait, register now. Allen Term 2022-23 schedule is available now online

Link: [Allen Term 2022-2023](#)

Submitted by: Kathleen Hillman

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## **University Chorus and Encore Choir Concert**

There is Sweet Music Here: Friday,  
December 9, 7:30 p.m., Miller Theatre,  
Miller Performing Arts Center

The University Chorus and Encore Choir present their fall semester concert, "There is Sweet Music Here" featuring choral classics and popular

songs featuring students and community members. The chorus is conducted by Rebecca Weaver Hamm, adjunct instructor of voice, and accompanied by Mingren Huang, visiting assistant professor of music.

The program includes Mac Huff's poignant arrangement of "Annie Laurie," Daniel Gawthrop's delicate setting of Tennyson's poem "There is Sweet Music Here," Randall Thompson's "The Road Not Taken" from *Frostiana*, and Robert Ray's gospel favorite "He Never Failed Me Yet."

The first part of the program closes with "A Parting Blessing" by J. Jerome Williams. The second part of the program opens with Billy Joel's "Tell Her About It." The tenors and basses sing "1, 2, 3, 4" by the Plain White T's. The sopranos and altos follow with Leslie Gore's anthem "You Don't Own Me," and the concert closes with the Jackie Wilson hit "(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher."

This family-friendly concert is open to all. Free admission.

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## **Alfred University Dance Department presents End of Semester Informal Dance**

6 p.m., Thursday and Friday,  
December 1 and 2, CD Smith III  
Theatre, Miller Performing Arts Center

Come see what Alfred University students have been working on in the

AU Dance Program this semester!

Featuring....African Dance; New and Existing Repertory; Composition Studies by Alexia Blitz, Emily Cook, Eleanor Fanning, Brandy Owens, and Shirite Westreich; Fundamentals of Dance; Modern 1.

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

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## **Fall 2022 Senior Shows**

Senior Shows: 4-8 p.m., Saturday, December 10, Robert C. Turner Gallery.

BFA Exhibitions are held on campus and are free and open to the public.

Family and visitors from outside the School of Art & Design unable to join in person are be able to view the exhibitions through a streaming video tours on Saturday, December 10, 6-8 p.m.

Link: [REGISTER FOR ZOOM TOUR](#)

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## **Wednesday Speaker Series Sana Musasama**

Wednesday Arts Speaker, Sana Musasama: 7 p.m. Wednesday December 7, Nevins Theater.

Sana Musasama will speak on her work as an artist, activist, and advocate for women and girls victimized by trafficking across the

globe.

Sponsored by IDEA Lab, Division of  
Ceramic Art and Clay Collective

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Attachment: [Sana Musasama Poster](#)

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## **Graduate Speaker Dr. Seong Kim-Thursday 12/1**

Graduate Seminar

Dr. Seong Kim

Associate Department Head of  
Chemical Engineering  
Department of Chemical Engineering  
and Materials Research Institute  
Penn State University

"Display glass - does "smooth and  
transparent look" mean it's defect-  
free?"

Thursday, December 1st, 2022  
10:20 - 11:10 p.m.  
Binns 106

BIO: Dr. Kim's career path has been quite unconventional, but quite innovative and impactful. His educational background was physical chemistry; but he now teaches and works in the Department of Chemical Engineering at Penn State. His research during the PhD and

postdoctoral studies focused on ultra-high vacuum surface science related to catalysis; however, his current research explores drastically different frontiers - tribology (a subject perhaps more known in mechanical engineering), silicate glass (usually considered in materials science disciplines), and plant cell walls (also called lignocellulose biomass by engineers). The crux of these seemingly disparate programs is the fundamental understanding of surface science and characterization principles and the application of those principles to research fields that need such expertise, even though they may be outside the comfort zone of his past education and training. In doing so, he has questioned assumptions that others have taken for granted in each field, proposed new alternative hypotheses, listened to criticisms, and improved the proposed theories. Through these efforts, his team has been establishing fundamental knowledge in molecular tribology, glass surface science, and biological materials, which is critically needed for advancements of engineering applications.

Abstract: Glass is a "nonequilibrium" material, which is mentioned in at the beginning of almost every textbook on glass; it means its structure and property are not a state function, but a path-dependent function. In other words, the glass structure and property vary depending on the synthesis or process history. Once manufactured into their final shapes, silica and silicate glass materials will be physically contacted by foreign materials during storage, transport, installation, and in-service. Such contacts can introduce mechanical

defects to the surface and subsurface region. Even without physical contact, the exposure to humid air or aqueous solution can cause changes in surface chemistry. Then, the in-service properties and performances may be severely deteriorated by such extrinsically introduced surface defects. Thus, the surface properties of glass cannot be fully described by chemical composition or thermal history only, and it is of paramount importance to understand what structural changes are made in the glass network by physical contacts with foreign objects or environmental exposures. We have been investigating how surface damages, that are often "invisible", are formed on/in silica and silicate glasses and how they affect mechanical and chemical durability of silica and silicate glass materials, and some of recent findings will be addressed in this talk.

Submitted by: Nikkie Guysick

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## **Spring 2023 Robert C. Turner Gallery Internship**

Email Jesse Plass at [jp28@alfred.edu](mailto:jp28@alfred.edu) if interested!

Link: [AU Connect News](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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## **Apply to be an RA!**

From NOW until February 10, 2023, you can apply to be a Resident Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year!

The perks of being an RA include having a room to yourself, compensation equal to a double room rate, discounted parking pass, credit to the campus bookstore and so much more!

If you are someone who wants to grow their leadership skills and be a part of a team, apply to be an RA!

Link: [Link to Application](#)

Submitted by: Jamie Seifert

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