

## **'Fiat Lux' staffers honored at National College Media Convention**

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Staff members from the Fiat Lux, Alfred University's student newspaper, won three Golden Circle Awards which were presented at the Spring 2009 National College Media Convention in New York City. Silas Albrecht, class of 2008, won first place nationwide for personal opinion: off-campus issues for his column on the Armenian massacre, titled "The almost forgotten genocide." Albrecht was a French and communications major from Winchendon, MA. He is currently working in the Web design field. Thomas Fleming, a senior communication studies major from Penn Yan, was awarded a Certificate of Merit for news feature. Fleming's article, "Dan of the Dead," was about the AU nerf "gunman" incident which occurred on campus in spring 2008. Jessica Barnthouse, a 2008 AU graduate from Hamilton, Ohio, received a Certificate of Merit for general or humor commentary with her story, "Cats are awesome." She currently works for PBS. The annual National College Media Convention is the largest assembly of student journalists in the world with about 13,000 entries competing for 1,000 awards in a variety of newspaper categories. Dr. Robyn Goodman, professor of communications studies, is adviser to the Fiat Lux staff. "I'm really proud of Fiat staff members for another stellar year and I'm looking forward to their many successes in the future," she said. Goodman earned a Ph.D. in mass media/journalism at Michigan State University, a master of arts degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a bachelor of arts degree in international relations and anthropology from California State University-Chico. Goodman's current research focuses on press coverage of U.S.-China relations, post-Communist media systems, and the impact of culture and gender on media-related issues. She teaches news writing, feature writing, international communications, public relations, mass media and society, and media coverage of women and minorities.