

Professor of dance to share experiences of Icelandic residency at upcoming Bergren Forum

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ALFRED, NY D. Chase Angier, professor of dance at Alfred University, will present a talk, “Immersed in Blue: Iceland” at the Nov. 2 Bergren Forum.

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, is held at 12:10 p.m. each Thursday the University is in session in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. It is open to the public, free of charge. Attendees may bring their lunches; coffee and tea are provided.

The talk by Angier centers on her month-long SIMS (Samband Islenskra Myndlistamanna, or Association of Icelandic Visual Artists) residency in Iceland earlier this year, where she delivered a lecture and took part in an art exhibition. Angier’s video artwork, *Immersed in Blue*, was exhibited at the SIMS Art Gallery, in Reykjavik, Iceland. It included her collaboration with Icelandic musicians Ragnheiði Maríu Benediktsdóttur and Guðlaugu Fríðu Helgadóttur Folkmann, audio recordings collected along the shore between Hellnar and Arnarstapi, and images she filmed at the Breiðholt Festival in Breiðholt.

Angier’s research during her residency was an embodied investigation of Iceland’s landscapes, art and swimming pools, during which she explored the dialogue between internal and external landscapes. In her Bergren Forum presentation, Angier will share her “discoveries, choreographic processes, and renewed understanding of the transformative power of art and landscapes.”

Angier earned her undergraduate degree in dance from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1987, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in choreography from the Ohio State University in 1994.