

Gertz/Sibley programs welcome philosopher Dr. Quentin Smith

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The Fred H. Gertz Distinguished Teaching Series in Art History and Theory at Alfred University will welcome Dr. Quentin Smith on Monday, March 30, at 5:15 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. His presentation also marks this year's Sibley Lecture. Smith's talk is titled "Einstein's Relativity of Simultaneity and the New Evidence that Simultaneity is Absolute." The program is open to the public free of charge. Smith is a distinguished faculty scholar and professor of philosophy at Western Michigan University. He is known for his work on the philosophy of time and will be arguing against Einstein's relativity of simultaneity. This year's Gertz series theme is "The Shape of Time." The lectures are dedicated to the exploration of themes relevant to contemporary art from the vantage points of various disciplines, and to promoting a trans-disciplinary intellectual forum. The Gertz series is funded through the generosity of Dr. Marlin Miller Jr., a 1954 alumnus of the University and a member and former chairman of its Board of Trustees, in memory of Gertz, who taught technical writing and who was a dean of students at the University. Additional support for the series, a joint venture, comes from the offices of the Provost, the dean of the School of Art & Design, and the dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The Sibley Lecture series was established in memory of Myron Sibley, the first professor of philosophy hired by Alfred University. Sibley taught at Alfred for more than 30 years and was highly regarded as a professor and member of the community. The Sibley Lecture, sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, which Sibley helped to organize, annually brings to campus a renowned scholar. On Tuesday, March 31 at 1 p.m., Smith will conduct an informal graduate seminar in Binns-Merrill Hall, Room 202; the session is open to all who are interested.