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Announcements

Black/Indigenous/People of Color (BIPOC) Professionals Gathering

The Office of the Chief Diversity Officer, The IDEA Lab for Social Justice and Cultural Diversity, and the Institute for Cultural Unity would like to

invite all Black/Indigenous/People of Color Professionals at Alfred University to an informal get together on MLK day (Monday, January 17th 2022) in the Knight Club from 3:00-5:00pm.

The purpose for the informal get together is to help form and develop community, network, and to celebrate ourselves and uplift one another.

Light Refreshments will be available. If interested in attending please consider (not required) RSVPing with Brian Saltsman (saltsman@alfred.edu).

Happy New Year and Blessings to all...

BIPOC Professionals Organizing Group

Submitted by: Institute for Cultural Unity

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Drawing Community Cohen Gallery Opening Reception

January 21 - February 21, 2022
Opening Reception January 21, 6-8pm
Cohen Gallery

This community project invites anyone who would like to participate to submit an 11" x 14" drawing on the theme of Reconnection. The drawings will be displayed with a sister exhibition titled Isolation: A Portfolio of 50 Drawings by 50 Female Sculptors During COVID. The Drawing Community project is an opportunity to collectively express ideas about reconnecting while coping with the ongoing

pandemic. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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A Portfolio of 50 Drawings x 50 Women Sculptors During COVID
The 'I5OLATION Portfolio' came about via a conversation between Sculptors, Coral Penelope Lambert and Cynthia Handel when they were checking in on each other in early April 2020. They were discussing how the pandemic was affecting studio work and what kind of support artists might need. They discussed inviting other women artists to work on a sketchbook idea that would rotate from person to person. As always, with their conversations, ideas rapidly developed and the portfolio of 50 women sculptor's drawings was born. The portfolio represents an international collection of women sculptors from the USA and Europe. Initially contacting sculptors that they have known and worked with over the past 25 to thirty years they then asked those sculptors to nominate others to extend the pool. Their hope is that this portfolio reconnects, supports, celebrates, and introduces peers in the field across continents. The artists in the portfolio approach sculpture in diverse materials and practices from public and process-based art to installation and performance. Sculptors tend to

work in collaboration or with a team of others to produce and install work so during the time of isolation much of their practice changed drastically. They found that many sculptors turned to drawing, a practice that is carried out alone, is therapeutic and fits in-between other tasks such as teaching online. 'I5OLATION' portfolio includes various methods of drawing from mixed media collage using what was at hand such as mascara and lipstick to traditional pencil and watercolor. The original drawings are maintained as a group whilst limited edition prints are available at i5olationportfolio.org

Link: i5olationportfolio.org

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Jenni Sorkin: Doing Inclusive and Revisionist Ceramic History

Thursday, January 27, 5pm
Zoom

Jenni Sorkin is Associate Professor of History of Art & Architecture at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She writes on the intersections between gender, material culture, and contemporary art, working primarily on women artists and underrepresented media. Her books include: *Live Form: Women, Ceramics and Community* (University of Chicago Press, 2016), *Revolution in the Making: Abstract Sculpture by Women Artists, 1947-2016* (Skira, 2016), and *Art in California* (World of Art series, Thames & Hudson, 2021), as well as numerous essays in journals and exhibition catalogs. She was educated

at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Bard College, and received her PhD from Yale University. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Modern Craft.

Sponsored by: Dean of School of Art and Design, Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, Division of Ceramic Art, Division of Art History, Women's and Gender Studies

Link: [Register for Zoom](#)

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Support Staff Retreat, Creating Connections Together

Attention all Support Staff:

Support Staff Retreat, January 13,
8:30 am-12:00 pm in the Knight Club.

Come create some connections and learn about services that are on campus. We will have various breakout session on topics such as: fitness on campus, tuition exchange, how to book AVI catering events, registrar's tips on printing reports, request for contract/agreement, e-procurement, or have some fun learning about str8 Eight. There will also be a presentation regarding little known employee benefits that we have.

Come join in, rejuvenate yourself for the New Year and make some connections! There will be snacks and refreshments provided by the President's office. We even have a few surprises in store for those who

attend!!

Attachment: [Creating Connections Together](#)

Submitted by: Emma McDowell

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Fiona Tolhurst, former English professor, passes away

Fiona Tolhurst, former professor of English at Alfred University, passed away on Dec. 21, 2021. At the time of her passing, she was professor of English and chair of the Department of Language and Literature at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Fiona joined the Alfred University faculty in 1996 and served as a professor of English until 2008. She taught at the University of Geneva (Switzerland) for three years and at Acadia University (Nova Scotia, Canada) for one before joining the faculty at Florida Gulf Coast in 2014 as an associate professor of English.

In 2015, Fiona became program coordinator for the Master of Arts degree program in English at Florida Gulf Coast and in 2019 was appointed chair of the Department of Language and Literature. She was promoted to full professor last year.

Fiona earned a bachelor's degree in English and psychology from Rice University in 1990. She has MA (1994) and doctoral (1995) degrees in

English Language and Literature from
Princeton University.

Submitted by: Mark Whitehouse

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Universal Design For Learning (UDL) Resources & Workshop

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is the practice of creating learning experiences that are appropriate for all students, regardless of disability status or other differences that impact learning. When learning experiences are designed with UDL in mind, they are inherently more accessible. A UDL web page is available to provide additional information and resources.

A virtual UDL workshop will be held on Friday, January 14 from 10:00 to 11:30am. Participants of this workshop will leave with specific Universal Design for Learning (UDL) strategies and techniques they will be able to apply to one of their courses. Through interactive activities, participants will identify adjustments they can make to their syllabus and/or assignments that will help make their course more accessible to diverse populations. As such, workshop participants are asked to select one course to focus on throughout the workshop. To sign up for the workshop and receive the Zoom link, please contact Meghanne Freivald or Samantha Dannick.

Link: [Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\) at AU](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Former Alfred University trustee Frederick Gibbs '54 passes away

Alfred University alumnus and former Board of Trustees member Frederick W. Gibbs '54 passed away Tuesday morning (Jan. 4, 2021) in Charlotte, NC. He was 89.

Fred, who graduated from Alfred University with honors in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, was elected to the University's Board of Trustees in 1980. He was an active member of the Board until 2018, serving on the Academic Affairs, Audit (chair), Executive, Finance, Strategic Planning and Student Affairs committees.

"Fred was a distinguished and generous alumnus, iconic member of our Board, and stalwart advocate of promoting the student experience at Alfred University," said Greg Connors '92, chair of the Board of Trustees.

After graduating from Alfred University, Fred served for two years in the U.S. Marine Corps, earning the rank of first lieutenant. After his service in the Marines, he held various management positions with the New York Telephone Company until 1965, when he began his career with IT&T Telephone Operations in South America. He retired as executive vice president of IT&T in 1986. After retiring, Fred earned a law degree and became a practicing attorney with his own firm, Frederick W. Gibbs & Associates.

Fred was a generous supporter of his

alma mater, and was a member of Alfred University's Society of Benefactors. His philanthropy supported the Gibbs Endowment for Athletic Excellence, which supplemented salaries for coaches in the University's intercollegiate athletic program-for several years, this funded the salary of an assistant men's basketball coach; and the Gibbs Career Placement and Research Program Quasi Endowed Fund, which supports research efforts relative to experiential learning-funds are used to hire Alfred University students to coordinate the process of identifying internship and co-op opportunities, to cover travel and for office supplies at the discretion of the Director of the Career Development Center.

In addition, Fred's philanthropy supported renovations to the Gibbs Fitness Center (named in his honor) in the McLane Center, the Steinheim/Career Services Library, the Fasano Memorial Scholarship, and the Alfred Fund.

As an Alfred University undergraduate, Fred was a member of the varsity football and wrestling teams. He was a brother of the Klan Alpine fraternity and class president. In 1993, he was inducted into the Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame.

At the time of his passing, Fred lived in Millsboro, DE. He had three children from his marriage with Janice J. (Jarvis) Gibbs '55: Michael, Robyn, and Matthew '86. Fred's nephew, Tim R. Gibbs '70, '78 M.S., and niece, Jennifer D. Lopez '05, are also Alfred University alumni.

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