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Announcements

Preserving Pain, Promoting Peace: Memorials at Hiroshima, Nanjing, My Lai

Dr. Karil Kucera, St. Olaf College Professor of Art and Art History & Asian Studies, will deliver the lecture "Preserving Pain, Promoting Peace: Learning from the Memorials at Hiroshima, Nanjing and My Lai" on April 7th at 6:00 pm in Holmes Auditorium in Harder Hall. A public reception featuring Asian cuisine will follow.

The lecture will be broadcast on Zoom simultaneously and recorded.

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

The lecture is sponsored by Alfred University's Global Studies program,

the Confucius Institute at Alfred University, and the ASIANetwork.

Link: [Event Link](#)

Submitted by: Andrew Kless

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Alfred University Service Awards Nominations Request

The Employee Recognition Committee would like you to know that the nomination form is open to nominate your co-workers for the three established service awards. Nominations will be received through 4/15/22.

Three Awards (to read more about these click the link below):

- Bob Condrate Lifelong Learner Award
- Saxon Service Award
- Cathy Johnson Service Award

These awards will be presented at the 5th Annual Employee Recognition Event held on 5/10/22 from 2-4 virtually.

Link: [Employee Recognition Nomination Webpage](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Recruitment Requisition & Personnel Action Form Changes

Human Resources will be implementing a new process to submit Recruitment Requisition Forms and Personnel Action Forms. There are also new forms available on the

website, so if you have been using a saved version of the form, please make sure you download the new version.

Instead of sending the forms to a specific person, they will now be sent to actionforms@alfred.edu an inbox that will be monitored daily for these two specific forms.

Please send these forms to this inbox for any Appointments/Changes/Separations of employees.

Student employment forms should not be sent to this inbox. All student employment correspondences should be directed to payroll@alfred.edu

Link: [Employment Administration Forms](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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HR Tip of the Month

Did you know that the IRS has announced retirement plan contribution limits for 2022?

403(b) Plan Contribution Limits:
For 2022, the contribution limit for employees into this type of account is increasing from 2021. The annual limit is \$20,500.

For participants who are age 50 and older, the catch-up contribution amount is \$6,500. Meaning that older savers can choose to defer up to \$27,000 of their compensation into their SRA accounts.

How do you open a Supplemental Retirement Account (SRA) with AU?

1. First you have to decide how much money you want to set aside (flat dollar value).
2. Secondly you have to decide if you want that money to be a Pre-Tax or Post-Tax deduction.

Pre-tax contribution is the amount of deductions you make from your bi-weekly gross wage into your 403b retirement savings account, BEFORE taxes have been deducted. By making pre-tax contributions, you are lowering your current taxable income.

Post-Tax contribution is the amount of deductions you make from your bi-weekly gross wage into your 403b retirement savings account, AFTER taxes have been deducted. By making post-tax contributions, you do not have to pay tax on withdrawals because you've already paid taxes

3. Third, you contact HR, as detailed below, and we would be happy to help you!

Non-Statutory (Regular AU Employees):

With this type of account we are able to process your contribution as a flat dollar amount, not a percentage. If you wish to open a new account, you should fill out the form linked below and return to

humanresources@alfred.edu

Statutory (NYSCC):

With this type of account we are able to process your contribution as a flat dollar amount, not a percentage. If you wish to open a new account, you

should contact, Kayleigh Jones, to set up an appointment to enroll in either a pre-tax or post-tax SRA account.

Link: [Non-Statutory SRA enrollment form](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Opportunity from SUNY FACT2: Innovative Assessment Symposium

The SUNY FACT2 Task Group on Innovative Assessment will be hosting a Symposium through the month of April. This is a 4-week virtual symposium to be held every Thursday in April, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Each of the four sub-groups will present a webinar on a specific topic related to classroom assessment. The sub-groups and topics are:

Week 1: Multiple Pathways: Ways to Assess Students Using Multiple Pathways through a Course

Week 2: Real World Assessments: What Can Real World Assessment Look Like?

Week 3: Diversity & Equity: Strategies for Creating Socially Just Assessments

Week 4: Learning Recognition: Assessing Classroom Learning Using E-Portfolios

Participants may sign up for as many webinars as they like, and participation is free. All faculty are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration,

please contact Meghanne Freivald.

Link: [FACT2 Innovative Assessment Symposium](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Arts Faculty Search Candidate Presentations

Candidates for tenure track positions in Design and Ceramic Sculpture will give public presentations:

Design: Thursdays at 5 pm in Holmes Auditorium

#1 March 24

#2 March 31

#3 April 14

Ceramic Sculpture: Nevins Theater

#1 Tuesday, March 29, 4:30pm

#2 Thursday, March 31, 4pm

#3 Thursday, April 5, 4:30pm

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Hot Dog Day Issue: Gathering Submissions

Gathering submissions for our Hot Dog Day issue is underway, and we'd really like to get some from you all, too!

"Remembering Hot Dog Day"

- Hot Dog Day is celebrating its 50th anniversary in April, and we want to help look back on all the fun. If you have pictures, little stories, and/or anecdotes from your past Hot Dog Days, we'd really like to see/hear

them!

"How Hot is Your Dog?"

- Send in pictures of your dog(s) and tell us a little about them (if you'd like.) We'll feature your pup alongside their name and yours, if you're comfortable sharing your name.

Additionally, if you want to write an article (it can be as short as you want) for the issue, we're always happy to take those, as well!

You can email us at aufiatlux@gmail.com with your submissions. Just be sure to let us know what it's for, and we'll confirm with you that we got it. The deadline for these submissions is April 8th, 2022 at midnight!

Link: aufiatlux@gmail.com

Submitted by: Fiat Lux News

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Feedback Needed for ITS Product Trial - Automated Exam Scoring

For years, Scantron (bubble sheet) forms have been available for in-person testing. Information Technology Services is exploring the potential to replace Scantron with Akindi. Akindi is an online tool which allows faculty to print paper exam sheets, scan the completed exams, and score them automatically. It also integrates with Canvas, allowing grades to be shared with students quickly and easily. In many ways, Akindi combines physical, in-class assessment with many of the efficiencies, automation and seamless

analytics of digital assessment.

Information Technology Services is currently conducting a trial of Akindi. Additional faculty participation and feedback would be helpful as we consider this product.

If you would like to try Akindi and assist ITS with this decision, please contact Meghanne Freivald.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Alfred University's 21st Annual Undergraduate Research Forum

SAVE THE DATE!!

Alfred University will be presenting the Undergraduate Research Forum on Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the McLane Center.

This spring will mark the 21st year of Alfred University's Undergraduate Research Forum. After two years of hosting this event virtually, we are hoping to honor this milestone with a return to in-person event.

The Undergraduate Research Forum provides an opportunity for Alfred University students to present their work in a scholarly setting to students, faculty, and other members of the U community.

Undergraduate students from all disciplines at Alfred University are invited to present their research and creative work. Presentations will be a poster style presentation.

Presentations should be aimed at a general audience. The URF is an opportunity for students to communicate their research to an audience from a broad range of backgrounds.

Submitted by: Shannon Yocum

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Digital Frontiers

A showcase of work produced with a digital element, by AU students and faculty.

On view through April 1

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Makers in Motion

An athletic students gallery show which will feature Alfred art students of all years, and mediums who participate in sports at Alfred, participated in sports at Alfred, or consider themselves athletic.

On view through April 1

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Makers in Motion

March 25th - April 1st, Robert C. Turner Gallery
opening reception 3/25/22 6:00pm-8:00pm

An athletic students gallery show which will feature Alfred art students of all years, and mediums who participate in sports at Alfred, participated in sports at Alfred, or consider themselves athletic.

Attachment: [Makers in Motion poster](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Foreign Language Placement Exam

The Foreign Language Placement Exam is now administered online. Online exams can be taken in French, German or Spanish. Students must PREREGISTER by emailing Prof. S. Singer (fsinger@alfred.edu). In the email, include the language (French, German or Spanish) in which you would like to be tested. For Fall Semester classes, you can preregister anytime between March 23 - March 31, 2022.

Who should take a Placement Exam?

- * Students who have taken more than two years of French, German or Spanish in high school and who intend to take the same language at AU should take the exam in that language.
- * Students who are bilingual or native speakers of French, German or Spanish (or who have spoken the language at home) should take the exam in that language.

Who does not need to take a Placement Exam?

- * Students who are planning to take French, German or Spanish in college

but have NOT studied that language in High School (or spoken it at home) do not need to take an exam. They should start by taking 101 in their chosen language.

* Students who wish to demonstrate proficiency in a language OTHER THAN French, German or Spanish should contact Prof. S. Singer (fsinger@alfred.edu) about procedures for taking a Placement Exam through another institution.

Submitted by: Janet McClain

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Bergen Forum - Eliza Beckwith

This Spring the Bergren Forum is completing its 52nd year. Because of the Covid pandemic, all presentations will be online via Zoom until further notice. For people outside AU, a zoom invitation to each forum can be obtained during the week it is scheduled by e-maiing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu. The forum will take place on Thursday March 31st at the usual tie from 12:10 to 1:00. They will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum youtube channel.

Speaker: Eliza Beckwith

Topic: "The Show Must (try to) Go On; Theatre in the Time of Covid"

Theatre and all performing arts were (and continue to be) profoundly affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. In this talk Eliza Beckwith will discuss how the art form needed to pivot to virtual models - what worked and what did not, how the professional theater industry was almost completely shut

down for a year and a half and the economic fallout that resulted, how live theatre has come back, and the changes its been forced to make. She will also discuss in detail the ways in which she dealt with the shut-down, her outdoor production production of Annie Jump and the Library of Heaven in Alfred in September of 2020, and her newfound collaboration with Big Telly Theatre Company in Northern Ireland, a direct and positive result of the pandemic's restrictions.

Eliza Beckwith is Visiting Assistant of Theatre

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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Job Opportunity-Helpdesk Technician

Please see the link below for more information on the open Helpdesk Technician position.

Link: [Helpdesk Technician](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Job Opportunity-Director of Foundations, School of Art & Design

Please see the link below for more information on the open Director of Foundations in the School of Art & Design position.

Link: [Director of Foundations, School of Art & Design](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Job Opportunity-Career Counselor

Please see the link below for more information on the open Career Counselor position.

Link: [Career Counselor](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Fade into Oblivion

Thesis MFA Show Electronic Integrated Arts 2022.

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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NYSCC Research Survey

Call for Survey Responses

NYSCC Research Survey

What does look like to you?

3/28 - 4/8

Online Survey

NYSCC Research Survey What does research look like to you? The NYSCC research committee would like to support your research. As an initial step, we are collecting information about what everyone at the NYSCC is currently engaged in. We will be sharing this information with all faculty and staff, both as a way to promote and create potential collaboration and interest, and as a foundation to build future initiatives on. In order to succeed in this we ask for your

cooperation in filling out the 'Research Survey' which will be sent to your email shortly. Thank you in advance for taking the time to create a comprehensive response. The Survey Link will be sent to your email.

Submitted by: Arts Events

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SoE Graduate Seminar Presents Dr. Sean Regan

On Thursday, 3/31/22, School of Engineering Graduate Seminar guest speaker will be Dr. Sean P. Regan, Director of Experimental Division at the Laboratory for Laser Energetics of the University of Rochester. The title of his lecture: "Perspectives on Inertial Fusion Energy (IFE)" . Dr. Regan's bio is attached.

The virtual seminar will be held from 10:20 - 11:10 am. If you would like to attend this virtual seminar, please contact Laura Grove at grovel@alfred.edu for the zoom link. Thank you.

Attachment: [Bio - Dr. Sean Regan](#)

Submitted by: Laura Grove

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Free P-touch Print Tape

I have several print tapes for a Brother P-touch 1100QL Label Maker. Some are Black print on Clear Tape and some are Black print on White Tape. Our label maker no longer works. Please contact me if this is something your office can use.

Jen - gurarasci@alfred.edu

Submitted by: Jen Guarasci

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Board Game Night

The AU Math and CS Club will be hosting its monthly Board Game Night on Friday, April 1st from 5-7 PM in the Kenyon Allen Room at Powell Campus Center. There will be free Little Sicily's pizza and many fun board games!

Submitted by: Eddie Sawin

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OnlyFitness - Free Online Zoom Workouts

The Alfred University Health Fitness Management students are hosting free, 60-minute Zoom workout sessions for Alfred University faculty, staff, students, and the Alfred community!

These sessions include a variety of different workouts such as: bodyweight resistance, cardio, yoga, and overall stretching. The sessions will consist of a warm up, cool down, various exercises, and general health/wellness educational topics. Workouts will accommodate for skill and experience level, along with consideration to space available in your home.

Schedule: Zoom classes will take place Thursday April 7th, 14th, and 21st from 6:00-7:00pm and Sunday April 10th, 17th, and 24th from 3:00-4:00pm.

To sign-up please contact: Sierra Wilson (skw4@alfred.edu) or Scott

Larsen (sl23@alfred.edu) for further information.

Thank you!

Submitted by: Eden Palmer

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Summer Camps are back in-person this year!

We're so excited to once again be offering in-person camps for Summer 2022! Do you have high schoolers and are you trying to find something FUN and EDUCATIONAL for them during summertime? Do you know you have faculty/staff discounts on our camps? Check out all our offerings on the official Summer Camps website & email Program Director Yimeng Li at liy@alfred.edu with any questions. We look forward to seeing you this summer!!!

Link: [Summer Camps Website](#)

Submitted by: Yimeng Li

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AU Food Pantry Instagram

The Food Pantry is growing! Keep up to date with all the cool stuff we are doing, see our hours, and more by following us on instagram!
[@AlfredFoodPantry](#)

Link: [Food Pantry Instagram](#)

Submitted by: Kirstin VanRenselaar

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Health and Wellness Tips

Now that it is warming up in Alfred, it is a great opportunity to get some much-needed sunlight. Getting sunlight each day can have a lot of positive effects. Sunlight is a good source of vitamin D, it can increase immune function, it can help lower blood pressure, it's a good way to decrease anxiety, when working outside it can reduce mental fatigue, and it can help promote more positive attitudes.

Sponsored by Au Health and Fitness Management Program
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Attachment: [Weekly Wellness Tip-Sunlight](#)

Submitted by: John Winkler

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Riley Lecture Series in Women's and Gender Studies: Kim Coco Iwamoto

Riley Lecture Series - The Intersectionality of Race, Gender, and Class in Local Activism: A conversation between Kim Coco Iwamoto and Dr. Meredith Field, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Alfred University.

The next event in the Riley Lecture Series in Women's and Gender Studies will be held on Wed. April 6th from 5:30-6:30 pm EST on Zoom.

Kim Coco Iwamoto's path to activism began in the early 1990's, after being constructively terminated from a job in NYC's fashion industry for being transgender and discovering that the law protected an employer's right to discriminate against LGBT employees.

This prompted Kim Coco to go to law school and figure out how to expand civil rights laws to protect more people; she participated in local and national movements to do just that.

Kim Coco began her legal career as a public interest attorney, coordinating free legal clinics in homeless shelters and community centers across the state. As a certified therapeutic foster parent, Kim Coco opened her heart and her home to gay and/or trans teenagers, some were previously homeless and/or incarcerated. In 2006, when she was elected to the State Board of Education, Hawaii became the first state in the nation to elect an openly trans candidate to a statewide office. In 2013, The Obama White House honored Kim Coco as a Champion of Change for her public education advocacy.

Link: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Submitted by: Jeff McDowell

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