Welcome to Public Engagement Month at UAlbany!

April is a time for us to reflect on the exceptional contributions our students, faculty, staff, and alumni are making to our communities—from local to global. In collaboration with our neighbors and partners from the public and private sectors, we are truly unleashing greatness—tackling shared challenges, driving solutions, and making a positive and lasting impact on the world. Every Great Dane has an important role to play through research, scholarship, teaching, creative activity, and service.

I invite and encourage you to take the opportunity to learn more about our outstanding publicly engaged work by participating in the discussions, symposia, performances, film screenings, service projects, and special events taking place this month across our three campuses and throughout the Capital Region. I promise you will come away feeling inspired, energized, and proud to be a Great Dane.

I also hope you will join me for the President’s Awards for Exemplary Public Engagement on Monday, April 29th at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, where we will honor colleagues, friends, and partners for their leadership and achievement in community engagement.

Throughout the University’s 175-year history, there has been one constant: a commitment to excellence. During Public Engagement Month, we shine a light on that excellence and reaffirm our vision: To be the nation’s leading diverse public research university, providing the leaders, the knowledge, and the innovations to create a better world.

Thank you for all you do to make the University at Albany a strong partner and anchor institution. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure our communities’ success.

Sincerely,

Havidán Rodríguez
President
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01. MON
Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences (DAES) and Atmospheric Science Research Center (ASRC) Joint Colloquium Seminar Series, featuring research scholar Ming Pan from Princeton University
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Earth Science 241
- Open to all

Digital Image Properties & Photoshop Basics, an iLearn workshop
- 4:15 – 5:30 p.m., University Library, LI-B15, Uptown Campus
- Open to all

02. TUE
The #MeToo Movement and Women’s Empowerment, A Talk by Carmen Perez, Co-Chair of the Women’s March on Washington
- 8 p.m., Campus Center West Auditorium
- Open to all

03. WED
Community Service Fair, presented by the Community & Public Service Program
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Lecture Center Concourse
- Open to members of the UAlbany community and partners

PhotoVoice Project: Maternal and Child Health, photo gallery, reception, and panel discussion presented by the School of Public Health
- 12 – 2 p.m., Gen*NY*Sis Center for Excellence in Cancer Genomics Lobby, Health Sciences Campus, One Discovery Drive, Rensselaer
- Open to all

Locating and Evaluating Evidence-based Research for Graduate Students and Faculty, presented by the University Libraries
- 3 – 4:30 p.m., Dewey Library, Hawley Hall, LI-B14, Downtown Campus
- Open to all, registration required

Reading and McKinney Writing Contest Awards with Pulitzer Prize-winning Novelist Richard Russo, sponsored by Rensselaer’s 78th Annual Writing Contest and Reading; Vollmer W. Fries Lecture; Department of Communication and Media; School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences; Rensselaer Union; Friends of the Folsom Library; Poets and Writers; and the New York State Writers Institute
- 8 p.m., CBIS (Biotech) Auditorium, RPI, Troy
- Open to all

04. THU
Gun Violence and Mass Shooting, panel discussion and Q&A presented by the School of Public Health
- 1 – 2 p.m., George Education Center, Health Sciences Campus, One University Place, Rensselaer
- Open to all

Immigrant Integration Conference with Keynote by the Honorable Marcos A. Crespo of the NYS Assembly, presented by the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society
- 1 – 5 p.m., Milne Hall 200, Downtown Campus
- Open to all

Bob Gluck & Friends Jazz Improvisations Rehearsal, presented by the Institute of Nonprofit Leadership and Community Development
- 3 – 4 p.m., Performing Arts Center Recital Hall
- Open to all, free admission

Bob Gluck & Friends Jazz Improvisations
- 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center Recital Hall
- Open to all, tickets required

05. FRI
The Creative Life: A Conversation with Comedian, Actor, and Writer Paul Reiser, presented by the University at Albany Foundation and produced by the New York State Writers Institute, University Art Museum, and UAlbany Performing Arts Center in collaboration with WAMC
- 8 – 9 p.m., Page Hall, Downtown Campus
- Open to all, free admission

Leading Green: An Emerging Issues Seminar, presented by the Institute of Nonprofit Leadership and Community Development at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy
- 8 – 11:30 a.m., Milne Hall 200, Downtown Campus
- Open to all

Disability Resource Center Recognition Reception
- 2 – 5 p.m., Campus Center Assembly Hall

Fraternity and Sorority Recognition Reception
- 6 – 8 p.m., Campus Center West B90, Multipurpose Room

Making Sense of the Sixties with Major American Novelist T.C. Boyle and Memoirist Mark Berger, presented by the New York State Writers Institute in association with the English Graduate Student Association Annual Conference
- 7:30 – 9 p.m., Page Hall, Downtown Campus
- Open to all
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**06. SAT**

**National Student-Athlete Day**

**07. SUN**

**Youth Movements XI**, featuring young musicians from the Capital Region
- 3 p.m., Performing Arts Center Recital Hall
- Open to all, free admission

**08. MON**

**DAES/ASRC Joint Colloquium Seminar Series**, featuring Kristin Poinar from the University at Buffalo
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Earth Science 241
- Open to all

**Property Rights with Price Tags? Understand China’s Informal Housing Market**, with Professor Shenjing He of the University of Hong Kong, presented by the Confucius Institute
- 12 p.m., Standish Room, Science Library
- Open to all

**09. TUE**

**A Conversation with America’s “Reader-in-Chief” Pamela Paul**, editor of *The New York Times Book Review* and memoirist, presented by the New York State Writers Institute and cosponsored by the University at Albany Foundation and the English Department
- 4:15 - 5:15 p.m., Campus Center West Expansion B90, Multipurpose Room
- Open to all

**Global Forum Series: Puerto Rico in Crisis and the Shifting Dictates of Empire**, sponsored by the Center for International Education & Global Strategy with the Department of Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies
- 4:15 p.m., Standish Room, Science Library
- Open to all

**10. WED**

- 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Mline Hall 200, Downtown Campus
- Open to all

**Fresh Acts: A Festival of New Plays**, featuring new work written, directed, and performed by students
- 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center Arena Theatre
- Open to all, tickets required

**11. THU**

- 4 - 9 p.m., Campus Center West Auditorium, Uptown Campus
- Open to all, registration required

**“Writing Boyhood” with Novelists Khary Lazarre-White and Reif Larsen**, presented by the New York State Writers Institute, State Education Department’s Office of Cultural Education, and Friends of the NYS Library
- 4:15 p.m, Standish Room, Science Library
- Open to all

**We Care Event** – Join members of the UAlbany and Albany Med communities to pack and deliver survival kits to victims of sexual assault.
- 6 – 8 p.m., SEFCU Arena
- Open to members of the UAlbany community

**12. FRI**

- Ft Wm Henry Hotel & Conference Center, Lake George

**Engaging with Our Communities, A Discussion with Professor Henry Louis Taylor, Jr. of UBuffalo**
- 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. with light refreshments at 9 a.m., Campus Center West Boardroom
- Open to all, registration appreciated but not required

**Preparing for Productive Publicly Engaged Teaching**, a workshop presented by ITLAL
- 12 – 12:30 p.m. lunch with workshop from 12:30 – 2 p.m., Campus Center West Boardroom
- Open to faculty, registration required

**Editing with Final Cut Pro**, an iLearn workshop
- 12:35 - 1:35 p.m., University Library, LI-B16, Uptown Campus
- Open to all

**Fresh Acts: A Festival of New Plays**, featuring new work written, directed, and performed by students
- 3 p.m., Performing Arts Center Arena Theatre
- Open to all, tickets required

**New York Business Plan Competition Capital Region Semi-Finals**
- 5:30 p.m., Massry Center for Business, Uptown Campus
- Open to all

**Film Screening of *Restrepo***, the acclaimed war film
- 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, Downtown Campus
- Open to all
13. SAT
- **UAlbany Family Earth Day**, presented by the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences and cosponsored by the Office of Sustainability, with activities in and around University Hall
  - 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Uptown Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany
  - Open to all, featuring Earth science-themed activities and demonstrations for families with children age 5 and up

14. SUN
- **President’s Awards for Leadership**
  - 10 – 11:30 a.m., SEFCU Arena

15. MON
- **Order of Omega Induction**
  - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Campus Center Assembly Hall

16. TUE
- **Performing Arts Center’s 50th Celebration with the Saakumu Dance Troupe**
  - 10 a.m., performance for local high school students in the Main Theatre of the Performing Arts Center
  - 7 p.m., Main Theatre, open to all, free admission

17. WED
- **Campus Conversations in Standish: Stuck in the Middle with You -- Medieval Chinese Political Culture and the Odd Reigns of Tang Emperor Zhongzong with Dr. Anthony DeBlasi**, presented by the UAlbany Libraries
  - 12:35 – 1:30 pm, Standish Room, Science Library
  - Open to all

- **Introduction to Zotero**, an iLearn workshop
  - 1 – 2 p.m., University Library, LI-B48, Uptown Campus
  - Open to all

- **Maximizing Your Research Impact for Graduate Students and Faculty**
  - 2:30 – 4 p.m., Dewey Library, Hawley Hall, LI-B14, Downtown
  - Open to all

- **Behind the Scenes: Public History at the State Museum with Jennifer Lemak, Chief Curator of History, NYS Museum, and Aaron Noble, Senior Historian, NYS Museum, hosted by the School of Criminal Justice**
  - 4:30 p.m., Milne Hall 200, Downtown Campus
  - Open to all

18. THU
- **39th Annual Take Back the Night Rally and March Against Sexual Violence**
  - 5 – 8 p.m., Washington Park Lake House, Albany
  - Open to all

19. FRI
- **Public Health Live! Webinar on Adult Immunizations**, presented by the School of Public Health
  - 9 – 10 a.m.
  - Online at phlive.org

- **There’s Money Out There for You: Free Scholarship Information Resources**
  - 1 – 2 p.m., LI-B48, University Library, Uptown Campus
  - Open to all

- **“Met Gala” Trashion Fashion** with styles made from recyclables and green-friendly materials, sponsored by Residential Life and the Office of Sustainability
  - 8 – 10 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom
  - Open to all, free admission
For more information on Public Engagement Month events, visit:
albany.edu/publicengagement/April
#EngagedUAlbany
GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN EVERYONE PITCHES IN!

Saturday, April 6   11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thousands of students, faculty, staff, and alumni will participate in a variety of community service projects on campus and throughout Capital Region neighborhoods.

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EngageUALBANY

Contribute your time, talent, and energy to a project or cause that's important to you. EngageUALbany, in collaboration with United Way of the Greater Capital Region, makes it easy to get involved in meaningful volunteer opportunities with nonprofit organizations in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties. When you visit EngageUALbany, the University’s online engagement and service platform, you can connect with a cause that fits your skills, interests, and schedule. You can also track your volunteer hours and build your service résumé.

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Public Engagement is the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in the context of partnership and reciprocity. Its purpose is to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching, and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good. *(Carnegie Foundation)*

The University at Albany’s commitment to addressing the pressing needs of society is long-standing, growing from our roots as a state normal school and our strategic location in New York’s capital city. Today as an engaged public research university, UAlbany works collaboratively with partners from the public and private sectors throughout our region and beyond to address critical challenges in hundreds of ways.

**ENGAGE with us**  
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The Office for Public Engagement supports the University at Albany’s capacity to do public good, locally and globally, through the advancement of research, teaching, and community engagement initiatives that address societal issues. For more information on UAlbany’s public engagement activities or to learn how the Office for Public Engagement can be a resource for you, please contact us.

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