ESF Friends of Oakwood
Presents: A Virtual Lecture Series

*Historic Preservation and Oakwood Cemetery*

**Topic:** Oakwood & The Rural Cemetery Movement  
**Link:** [https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/j/96622105437](https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/j/96622105437)

Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, George Curry, presents Oakwood Cemetery through the lens of its original designed landscape influenced by the mid-nineteenth century Rural Cemetery Movement. Learn how the design of Oakwood integrated art and nature, and produced what in essence was Syracuse’s first public park.

**Date:** February 18, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 PM EST

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**Topic:** The Past and Future of Cemeteries  
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David Charles Sloane, Ph.D., Professor at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (and Syracuse University alumnus) will lead a discussion on the past and future of cemeteries, based upon his two books, *The Last Great Necessity: Cemeteries in American History* (1995) and *Is the Cemetery Dead?* (2018). One of its superintendent's four sons, Dr. Sloane literally grew up inside Oakwood Cemetery, living in the house that faces Comstock Avenue and working to maintain the graves, monuments, and cemetery landscape. Presenting examples of current memorial trends and funeral practices—including "green burials" and movable or virtual memorials—Professor Sloane will ask us to consider what the future life of our cemeteries may be.

**Date:** March 18, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 PM EST

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**Topic:** So Oakwood is Landmarked—What Does That Mean?  
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Oakwood Cemetery is listed in the New York State and National Registers of Historic places and is a Local Protected Site under the City of Syracuse Landmark Preservation Ordinance. John Auwaerter and Rachel Leibowitz will talk about the programs and regulations—the “carrots and sticks”—that come with these designations.

**Date:** April 8, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 PM EST

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**Topic:** What are the Guidelines for Preserving a Historic Cemetery Landscape?  
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What are the best practices for managing change in the Oakwood landscape so that its historic character is conserved for future generations? John Auwaerter will discuss how the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties provide a sound approach to preserving Oakwood Cemetery.

**Date:** May 6, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 PM EST