



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT:** Hartwick College presents “Conspiracy Theories and You,” a lecture on understanding conspiracy rhetoric, how conspiracy theories spread, and how to challenge conspiracist thought in America.

*Far from popular thought that they are solely the terrain of weirdos and the paranoid, conspiracy theories have been part of American history and political life since the country's birth. In this talk, Professor Ceresola will discuss some notable conspiracy theories in our history, present people's rationales for believing in such theories, and discuss some of the consequences of those beliefs. Perhaps most importantly, the talk will also include guidance on how to identify modern conspiracy theories, and suggest ways to discuss and challenge conspiratorial thinking today.*

The presentation is part of FlightPath, the College’s new structured, yet individualized curriculum that puts students at the center of creating and pursuing their own educational journey.

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 24, 2021, 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** <https://hartwick.zoom.us/j/92868870089>

**WHO:** Hartwick College Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. **Ryan Ceresola** is an expert in the fields of criminology, criminal justice, political sociology, rural sociology, and civic engagement.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** *The event is free to the public, and no pre-registration is required.*

For more information on “Conspiracy Theories and You,” contact Ceresola at (607) 431-4272 or [ceresolar@hartwick.edu](mailto:ceresolar@hartwick.edu).