

'Our Entrepreneurial History' at Feb. 3 Institute for Retired Professionals

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The Thursday, Feb. 3, program of the [Institute for Retired Professionals](#) will feature Gregg Tripoli, executive director of the Onondaga County Historical Society (OHA). Tripoli will discuss how the Historical Society is contributing to economic development in the community, which includes a new educational program, "Our Entrepreneurial History." The OHA uses compelling stories from local history as case studies to help encourage entrepreneurship.

Tripoli received a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and a M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. After four years as a banker on both U.S. coasts, he relocated to Italy to serve as the special assistant to the minister of economic affairs for the Republic of San Marino. For the next 20 years, Tripoli traveled the world as a management consultant for a group of multinational companies headquartered in Kuwait.

Since February 2008, he has been the executive director of the OHA, which operates a museum and research center on Montgomery Street. Tripoli is also vice president of Cathedral Square Development Corp., a member of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA) and the Cathedral Square Neighborhood Association. He serves on the board of directors of the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, the advisory board of Art-In-Motion and several committees for Syracuse University's South Side Initiative, the Connective Corridor and Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. He is a 2010 recipient of the YWCA's Academy of Diversity Achievers Award.

For more information on this program, call University College of Syracuse University at 315-443-4846.

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