

SOAR Faculty Profiles 2018

Basma Bekdache PhD is a Lecturer of Finance at the Mike Ilitch School of Business at Wayne State University. Previously, she taught in Wayne's Economics Department and at Walsh College. Her research interests include empirical monetary economics, empirical finance and international finance. (Winter)

Scott Burnstein is an author, journalist, historian and organized crime expert who has written five books, published numerous articles and produced three documentaries about organized crime activity in Detroit, Chicago and Philadelphia. His talk at SOAR focuses on prohibition. (Winter)

Wendy Evans is an art historian with advanced degrees from Oxford University and Wayne State University. She has delivered highly-popular classes at SOAR since 2006, and also speaks to public and student audiences throughout metropolitan Detroit. She is the recipient of numerous volunteer, academic and community awards. (Winter)

Elizabeth Faue PhD is a Professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Wayne State University. She has authored three books and numerous articles about the U.S. Labor Movement. (Winter)

Fred L. Johnson III PhD is Associate Professor of History at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. His primary field of study is 19th Century U.S. History, with an emphasis on the Civil War. His other areas of expertise include 20th Century U.S. history, U.S. Military history, and history of Africa. Prior to his career in higher education, Dr. Johnson served in the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Reserves. (Winter)

Stuart Johnson began lecturing on jazz-related topics in 2007 throughout the Detroit metro area and elsewhere at libraries, senior organizations, University of Detroit-Mercy, and at an international convention of jazz record collectors. He returns to SOAR for his fifteenth presentation. (Winter)

Brian Murphy had a 35-year career in the English Department of Oakland University, including a 17-year term as director of the university's Honors College. A former film critic, he taught many film courses and helped found the university's Cinema Concentration. He has also enjoyed success as a novelist, playwright and actor. (Winter)

Tom Stanton is the best-selling author of *Terror in the City of Champions* and other critically-acclaimed, non-fiction works. A former Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan, he currently serves as a Professor of Journalism at the University of Detroit-Mercy. (Winter)

Stephen Steinhardt JD has been an attorney for almost twenty years, conducting over one hundred jury trials. He serves as Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University Law School as well as an adjunct in history at Macomb Community College. On the faculty of both the Oakland and Macomb SOAR programs, he co-produced last year's popular mock trial of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. (Winter)

Bruce Zellers teaches at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and at Oakland University. He lectures frequently on modern American history, especially military history, and has published book reviews in numerous journals. (Winter)