

Fall 2023 Schedule

October 9 - November 22

Classes, Special Events, Field Trips

Priority Enrollment begins
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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A Current Events Conversation with Barbara McQuade



Join SOAR as this Former US Attorney, U of M Professor of Law and frequent legal analyst for NBC and MSNBC provides information and insight into consequential current legal and political topics.

Thursday, Nov 9. 1PM via Zoom

\$10/members \$15/non-members

It Was 60 Years Ago: So, What Does JFK's Death Mean to Us Now?



Former Oakland University Professor, author, and playwright, Brian Murphy, will provide a thoughtful examination of the 60th anniversary of the assassination through publications, videos, speeches, analysis, and discussion.

Feelings about Kennedy, his reputation, and his legacy have varied over the last 60 years. What has changed and what has influenced those changes? *That is what we will look at.*

Brian Murphy

Tuesday, Nov 21 • 1PM In Person

\$10/members \$15/non-members

How Can America Better Fulfill the Promise of Racial Equality?

Chief Justice Stephen Markman, Judge/Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, Judge Michael Warren and other panelists

Attendees will be encouraged to share their thoughts in a structured citizen dialogue. Reports from this and other discussions will be used to develop policy proposals at an education summit in May 2024.

Complimentary Food & Refreshments

Co-hosted by the Patriot Week Foundation & Center for Civic Engagement—in partnership with SOAR LLI.



Friday, September 15 from 1:00-3:00 pm

No charge for this event

The Beginnings of SOAR

Twenty years ago, there was a press release in the Detroit Free Press that announced a new lifelong learning organization, the Society of Active Retirees. There was to be a reception that previewed the twenty-some classes for the first fall term. A group of devoted, dedicated volunteers put it all together, not knowing what to expect or how many people might show up. When more than 300 people arrived at the Wayne State Oakland Center, we knew we were on to something important. SOAR was off and running and grew quickly. When celebrating our tenth anniversary in 2013, our slogan was "Ten Years and Still Soaring!" Thank you to our faculty, volunteers, office staff, and Wayne State University for helping us reach 20 years! What a great achievement! Let's keep SOAR soaring!!



Sharon O'Brien, SOAR Founder



On the Cover

Rehabilitation Raptors: Extraordinary Birds of Prey from a class presented in person by Dody Wyman and assisted by bird handler Francie from the Michigan Avian Experience, November 2, 2022



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Twenty Years Strong

Welcome from Debra Yamstein, SOAR Executive Director

Welcome to this 20th Anniversary edition of the SOAR Class Schedule! We're glad you're here! We're so excited that SOAR has been able to continue and grow in our mission to provide top quality educational opportunities for older adults in the Tri-County area for two decades. After offering thousands of interesting educational opportunities over the last 20 years, the Fall term promises to be one of our finest yet. The Curriculum Committee did not disappoint when selecting 53 fascinating classes for the term. Half of our faculty are also new to SOAR this year and are eager to present a wide-range of topics including, *The History of Professional Hockey in Michigan*, *Three (Extra)ordinary Women Scaling Mt. Kilimanjaro*, and *Gangsters vs. Nazis* to name a few.

We also have a number of "fan favorites" scheduled. Barbara Speitzer-Berent will continue with part III of her popular Broadway series, Fred Johnson will discuss a time *When Our Differences Didn't Make a Difference*, and Saeed Kahn will explore the *Partition of India and Pakistan*. Of course, our in-person and Zoom classes will continue at The Hawk and we will make best efforts to simulcast a majority of our sessions for those who prefer to participate from the comfort of their homes.

If you're looking for something different this term, we are excited to present a special off-site class to the Henry Ford College planetarium, an exclusive event in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the assassination of JFK, and of course, SOAR's own 20th Anniversary Gala.

The SOAR team is excited to spend the evening of September 28th celebrating with all of those that have supported SOAR over the last 20+ years. We will gather at the Steinway Piano Gallery for a fabulous dueling pianos concert, a wonderful dessert buffet and a glass of wine. This event is open to the public. Please be sure to register and show your support for SOAR. You can register through our website or our weekly newsletter.

SOAR will continue our practice of Priority Enrollment for members; from September 11th thru September 17th. members may enroll in up to 10 in-person classes. (This is an increase. We heard you!) Beginning with Open Enrollment on September 18th, members may enroll in as many additional in-person classes as they would like to attend, class space permitting. For those participants who wish to enroll in only one or two classes, Open Enrollment is the right time to register. Single-class enrollment is only available on-line beginning on September 18th.

I hope you enjoy this term and the Fall season. **Please don't keep SOAR a secret.** Share your guest passes with friends. Our greatest source of growth is word of mouth, friends inviting friends, and your invaluable support. SOAR is truly a member-led and supported organization and we exist because of your continued participation. **Welcome to our Fall term and here's to 20 more incredible years!**

Deb



Debra Yamstein, SOAR Executive Director

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How to Become a SOAR Member

Any person who registers for a full SOAR term is a SOAR member!

The six-week, Fall 2023 membership fee is \$125. This includes access to all SOAR classes, along with access to all the recorded classes so you can watch them on-demand, at your convenience. SOAR membership also includes the opportunity to participate in our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), at no additional charge and discounted member prices for SOAR Special Events and Field Trips.

*Limited scholarships are available. Contact Deb if you are experiencing a financial hardship.

Important Fall Term Dates

September 11, 2023 - September 17, 2023	Priority Member Enrollment - Learners purchasing a full membership may register for up to 10 in-person classes (Zoom classes are included and do not require registration).
September 18, 2023	Open Enrollment - Single class registration is available. Members may register for additional in-person classes as space allows.
October 9, 2023	Classes begin

Closed/Full Classes

If an in-person class fills up before a member is able to register, the member may come to the registration table at the HAWK before the class begins to receive a numbered waiting token. 1-2 minutes before class is scheduled to begin, members will be let into the class in the order of their token numbers until such time as the class is full.

Guest Passes

Members are entitled to two guest passes per term. Guest passes are intended to be used by friends and family members **that have never taken a SOAR class before**. If additional guest passes are desired, contact the office. Please help us share the joy of lifelong learning.

Guest passes are not to be used by single class registrants.

Teach for SOAR. Volunteer for SOAR.

SOAR is powered by volunteers. All of SOAR's faculty members are volunteers, all of SOAR's committees are comprised of volunteer leaders and members. SOAR simply could not exist without the brilliant minds and dedicated hands of the people who spark ideas and action. Please consider becoming a SOAR volunteer. Lead a class, help plan a term, organize a SIG, join a committee, help check learners in for class, champion SOAR to friends and family.

Location

The SOAR office and classroom are located on the 3rd floor of the Hawk Community Center, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads in Farmington Hills. An elevator is located in the main lobby. Our main classroom, room 370/391 is equipped with hearing loop technology and multiple screens to ensure all learners can see the presentation without interruption.

SOAR's Values

SOAR is committed to serving all individuals with dignity and respect. SOAR commits to not discriminate against members or guests, based on race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, marital status, disability, gender identity/expression or Veteran status.

How to Register for Classes

Full SOAR Membership

In order to accommodate all participants, learners who pay the \$125 membership fee will be able to enroll in up to 10 in-person classes between September 11th and September 17th. Beginning on September 18, members can enroll in additional in-person classes, space permitting. Learners who purchase a full membership will receive links to all virtual/zoom classes. There are two ways to register for the full term:

Online (Preferred Method)

Go to SOAR's website, www.soarexplore.com – click on “Register” at the top right corner of the screen. This will take you to the Registration Portal (registration will open at 10 a.m. on September 11th).

- Once at the Registration Portal begin by clicking “Login” or if you are NEW TO SOAR click “New User? Start Here” and follow the prompts. Previous members, log in to your account and follow the steps below. New users will need to set up a user account first and then follow the steps below:
- Pay the Membership Fee first (a credit card will be required for payment) -- Click on “Membership” at the top left side of the screen
- Select the applicable Membership option
- Enter your payment information
- Scroll down and look for the “Terms of Use” box at the bottom of the screen
- After reading the terms do not forget to click on the box to accept
- Click “Submit”

Once your Membership is paid for, you may now select your classes by following these steps:

- Click “Search” at the top of the screen
- Go to “Search Options” menu at the middle, left side of the screen and click on “Select Semester”
- Select “Fall 2023 Term” from the drop-down menu
- Click “Search,” then click “Register” to add courses to your cart
- Do not forget to “Check Out” to complete your transaction

Single Class Option - Once you are logged in (see steps above), follow the steps below:

- Click “Membership” at the top left side of the screen
- Select ‘Single Class Option,’ then follow the prompts
- Click “Search” at the top of the screen
- Go to “Search Options” menu at the middle, left side of the screen and click on “Select Semester”
- Select “Fall 2023 Term” from the drop-down menu
- Click “Search,” then click “Register” to add courses to your cart
- Click on the Shopping Cart icon at the top right side of the screen to complete the “Check Out” process
- Enter your payment information
Single class costs: Scheduled in-person class = \$20 / Scheduled Zoom class = \$15.
- Scroll down and look for the “Terms of Use” box at the bottom of the screen
- After reading the terms do not forget to click on the box to accept
- Click “Submit”

Mail-in Registrations are entered in the order received via postmark, but are not processed until Monday, September 11th. Complete the Fall 2023 registration form and mail with a check to the SOAR office.

Walk-in registrations are not accepted but assistance is available for those who may need it. Please call the office to make an appointment with our team.

Withdrawal/Refund policy

Requests for withdrawals and refunds must be made in writing or by email. Requests must be received no later than 5 PM on October 2, 2023, to be processed. Refund requests for Special Events and Field Trips must be received at least one (1) week prior to the event. No refunds will be made after that date and time. There will be a \$10 service fee for all refunds.

Classes by Date

Date	Day/Time	Class #	Presenter(s)	Class Title	Class Type
September 15, 2023	Fri., 1:00PM	Special	Panelists	Forum & Citizen Dialogue: Racial Equality	In Person
October 9, 2023	Mon., 10:00AM	F2319	Roland Hwang	The Asian American Experience and Presence	In Person
October 9, 2023	Mon., 12:30PM	F2313A	mark wenzel	Film and Philosophy - <i>The Father</i>	In Person
October 10, 2023	Tue., 10:00AM	F2309	Glenn O'Kray	Dearborn's Ford Homes Historic District	In Person
October 10, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	F2302	Stephen Vogel	The Architecture of Tuscany	In Person
October 11, 2023	Wed., 10:00AM	F2324	Elizabeth Lublin	The Republic of Korea/South Korea: Exploring Its 75-Year History	Zoom (NR)
October 11, 2023	Wed., 1:00PM	F2314	Ana Daugherty	Promoting Brain and Cognitive Health in Aging	Zoom
October 12, 2023	Thur., 10:00AM	F2305	Russell Doré	Billy Durant: Founder of General Motors	In Person
October 12, 2023	Thur., 1:00PM	F2334A	Stuart Johnson	The Great American Songbook, Part 3	In Person
October 13, 2023	Fri., 10:00AM	F2341	Karen McDevitt	2023: A (Cyber)Space Odyssey	Zoom
October 16, 2023	Mon., 10:00AM	F2322	Doug Slocum	Aircraft Carriers – Kings of the Oceans or a Modern Day Dreadnought? Seapower in the 21st Century	In Person
October 16, 2023	Mon., 12:30PM	F2313B	mark wenzel	Film and Philosophy - <i>The Elephant Man</i>	In Person
October 17, 2023	Tue., 10:00AM	F2320	Saeed Khan	The Partition of India & Pakistan: Divisions and Discord in South Asia	In Person
October 17, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	F2321	Thomas C. Sosnowski	Canada: Our Northern Neighbor Is Not Another State!	In Person
October 18, 2023	Wed., 10:00AM	F2342	LaTanya Pankey & Biyyiah Lee	Cannabis and Older Adults	Zoom (NR)
October 18, 2023	Wed., 1:00PM	F2345	Silke-Maria Weineck	Joe Louis and the Ford Motor Company	Zoom
October 19, 2023	Thur., 10:00AM	F2339	Jesse Mason	The Road Not Taken: A Fall Planetarium Show	In Person Offsite
October 19, 2023	Thur., 1:00PM	F2334B	Stuart Johnson	The Great American Songbook, Part 4	In Person
October 20, 2023	Fri., 10:00AM	F2340	Rachad Najjar	AI Trends Today and Tomorrow	Zoom
October 23, 2023	Mon., 10:00AM	F2336	Rochelle Rubin	A Child of Survivors Story: What is Intergenerational Trauma?	In Person
October 23, 2023	Mon., 12:30PM	F2313C	mark wenzel	Film and Philosophy - <i>Portrait of a Lady on Fire</i>	In Person
October 24, 2023	Tue., 10:00AM	F2337	Paul Gross	The Scientific Truth About Global Warming	In Person
October 24, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	F2306	Jack Lessenberry	The Most Important Election of Our Lives—What to Expect in 2024	In Person
October 25, 2023	Wed., 10:00AM	F2330	Diane & Stanley Henderson	The History and the Literature: <i>The Lincoln Highway</i>	In Person
October 25, 2023	Wed., 1:00PM	F2310	Michael Hauser	Detroit's Majestic Downtown Movie Palaces	In Person
October 26, 2023	Thur., 10:00AM	F2343	Dana Nessel	Senior Scam Awareness & Prevention	In Person
October 26, 2023	Thur., 1:00PM	F2318	Harry Smith	Corporations During the Holocaust	Zoom

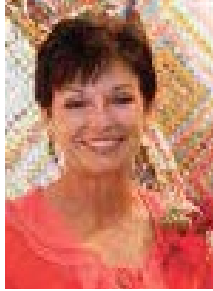
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October 27, 2023	Fri., 10:00AM	F2325	Michael Benson	Gangsters vs Nazis	Zoom
October 30, 2023	Mon., 10:00AM	F2316	Ed Blondin	Witches: From Wonderful to Wicked to Wonderful	In Person
October 30, 2023	Mon., 1:00PM	F2301	Deborah Hyde	Art Quilting - Portraiture	In Person
October 31, 2023	Tue., 10:00AM	F2317	Ellen Slutzky	Is Your House Ruining Your Health?	In Person
October 31, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	F2329	Aaron Retish	Inventing Putinism: The Life and Times of Vladimir Putin	Zoom
November 1, 2023	Wed., 10:00AM	F2311	Barry Levine	Willow Run - 80 Years and Going Strong	Zoom
November 1, 2023	Wed., 1:00PM	F2338	Kenneth Bertin	Size and Distance in the Universe	Zoom
November 2, 2023	Thur., 10:00AM	F2347	Reid Beyerlein	The Wonders of Peru! Lake Titicaca, The Amazon Jungle and Machu Picchu	In Person
November 2, 2023	Thur., 1:00PM	F2333	Barbara Spreitzer-Berent	Broadway Musicals: New Looks, New Sounds, New Players	In Person
November 3, 2023	Fri., 10:00AM	F2335	Jack Haynes	Overview of Forensic Psychology	In Person
November 6, 2023	Mon., 10:00AM	F2349	Terry Ahwal	Three (Extra)Ordinary Women Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro	Zoom
November 6, 2023	Mon., 1:00PM	F2307	Emily Knox	What's the Point of Banning Books?	Zoom
November 7, 2023	Tue., 10:00AM	F2346	Bill Sproule	The History of Professional Hockey in Michigan	In Person
November 7, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	F2303	Jeff Morrison	Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas	In Person
November 8, 2023	Wed., 10:00AM	F2331	Nandi Comer	Writing it: A Reading and Conversation with Michigan Poet Laureate, Nandi Comer	Zoom
November 8, 2023	Wed., 1:00PM	F2308	Jim Craft	The Good Roads Movement in Michigan	In Person
November 9, 2023	Thur., 10:00AM	F2348	Mel Chudnof	The Exotic and Different: Places You Probably Haven't Thought About Traveling To	In Person
November 9, 2023	Thur., 1:00PM	Special	Barbara McQuade	A Current Events Conversation	Zoom
November 10, 2023	Fri., 10:00AM	F2315	Lynne Curry	Liberty, Germs, and the Public's Health	Zoom (NR)
November 13, 2023	Mon., 10:00AM	F2312	John Gallagher	Minoru Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity	In Person
November 13, 2023	Mon., 1:00PM	F2344	Stefan Szymanski	The Economics of College Sports	Zoom
November 14, 2023	Tue., 10:00AM	F2304	Wendy Evans	Picturing America	In Person
November 14, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	F2327	Robert Sedler	The Supreme Court Under Scrutiny	In Person
November 15, 2023	Wed., (A)10:00AM (B)1:00PM	F2326	Fred Johnson III	When Our Differences Didn't Make a Difference	Zoom
November 16, 2023	Thur., 10:00AM	F2328	Bruce Zellers	Sustaining Democracy: Values and Social Structures	In Person
November 16, 2023	Thur., 1:00PM	F2332	Henry Feinberg	The Art of Listening to Music	In Person
November 17, 2023	Fri., 10:00AM	F2323	Leonard Zucker	The Mexican - American War	In Person
November 21, 2023	Tue., 1:00PM	Special	Brian Murphy	It Was 60 Years Ago: So, What Does JFK's Death Mean to Us Now?	In Person

Art/Architecture

Art Quilting - Portraiture

Deborah Hyde has spent the last 25 years developing and exploring her original technique for depicting the face and figure using the medium of quilt making. She has displayed her work country-wide and internationally, winning many awards in the process including the Michigan great artist award. Hyde enjoys sharing her work with quilting and art enthusiasts alike.

Deborah Hyde lives in West Bloomfield and has been developing her fiber art form for 25 years. Hyde has participated in many quilt and art competitions, including recently being invited to be the featured artist in the international quilt show in Luxembourg.



Monday, October 30, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2301 • In Person

The Architecture of Tuscany

This lecture will outline the long history of architecture in Tuscany from the Etruscans (9th C. BCE) to the Baroque (17th C. CE). Among many topics it will show the evolution of the basilica church form from the early Christian era to the Renaissance. Volterra, Pisa, Lucca, San Gimignano, Siena and Florence will be highlighted to illustrate the various styles. The discovery of a

Roman amphitheater in Volterra seven years ago will illustrate the use of laser scanning technology in archaeology.

Prof. Stephen Vogel, FAIA, is Dean Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and Community Development, where among other courses, he has taught the History and Theory of Architecture and Historic Preservation. Vogel has led local and national tours of Tuscany on numerous occasions. Prof. Vogel is a Richard Upjohn and Louise Blanchard Bethune Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.



Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2302 • In Person

Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas

This class includes over 250 pictures of 32 buildings including full shots of the buildings being discussed, along with multiple detail photos giving a close-up look at the architectural sculpture found on the buildings. The presentation is divided into six categories with the main focus exploring the architectural sculpture found on each structure, what the sculpture represents, and the artists that created the sculpture. Stories and details relating to each building are also provided.

About SOAR

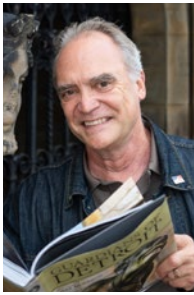
As a lifelong learning institute, SOAR's mission is to provide intellectually stimulating, interactive, and entertaining classes, events and social experiences where everyone feels included and welcome. SOAR's programs include a diverse selection of non-credit academic lectures, field trips, special events, film festivals, shared interest groups, and other activities. Each year, nearly 1,000 individuals from throughout metropolitan Detroit enjoy our programs. SOAR's goal is to enable its members to experience better mental and emotional health while enjoying social connectedness, cultural events, and personal growth.

SOAR Lifelong Learning Institute committees are chaired by volunteers and instructors donate

their time and talents. In the increasingly crowded "for-profit" industry of lifelong learning, SOAR takes a unique approach to connecting to and serving its local community while collaborating with universities and professional associations to recruit educators who are considered thought and research leaders in their academic, professional, and cultural fields.

SOAR has been affiliated with Wayne State University since 2003. In 2011, we became an independent 501c3. In late 2021, SOAR relocated to The Hawk Community Center in Farmington Hills where classes are currently offered via Zoom or in-person. Our classroom is equipped with hearing loop technology and large screens to ensure an enjoyable experience where all can see and hear clearly.

Jeff Morrison has a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in art from Eastern Michigan University and over thirty years of experience as a graphic artist. His first book, *Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City*, was published by Wayne State University Press in 2019. His second book, *Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas*, was published by The University of Michigan Press and was just released this past September. Jeff lives in Oxford, Michigan, with his lovely wife Susie.



Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
F2303 • In Person

Picturing America

America's art tells America's story – its ideals, optimism, troubles and pain. This class will examine various artists and their work, including John Singleton Copley's realistic paintings, Jackson Pollock's abstractions, Norman Rockwell's innocent America, Jacob Lawrence's images of Black American struggles, Thomas Cole's views of unspoiled countryside and Edward Hopper's lonely cities, plus how other art from the earliest inhabitants onward helped build our picture of America.

Art historian **Wendy Evans** has advanced degrees from Oxford University, England and WSU, Detroit. She taught art history at Wayne State, is a longtime DIA volunteer, and loves to share her passion for art with groups in the metro area and beyond. In the 15 years between 2006 and 2021 Evans gave 54 presentations at SOAR on a wide range of art topics. More information is at www.art-talks.org



Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2304 • In Person

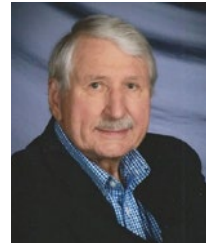
Business/Finance

Billy Durant: Founder of General Motors

William Crapo Durant was a true entrepreneur. Durant was not a builder of cars but rather a builder of companies; a dreamer who put several automobile companies together into what became the world's largest corporation. Find out the roles that David Buick, Ransom Olds, Walter Chrysler, Charles Nash, and Louis Chevrolet played in

the development of General Motors. Learn about how this high school dropout became worth millions and yet died penniless. The strengths and weaknesses of his personality, his family life, and his contributions to American industry will all be discussed.

Dr. Russell Doré is a Board Member of the MotorCities National Heritage Area, a member of the Henry Ford Heritage Association and the Northville Historical Society. He holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the social sciences. His book *Motor City Drama: Behind the Scenes Building the Big Three* is available on Amazon.



Thursday, Oct 12, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
F2305 • In Person

Current Events

The Most Important Election of Our Lives—What to Expect in 2024

It's no exaggeration to state that next year's national election may be the most important since the Civil War -- and may determine whether or not our democracy survives. But how did things come to this -- and what is likely to happen in Michigan, as well as with both the Presidency and Congress? Jack Lessenberry, a longtime journalist and the author or co-author of several books, presents his analysis, based on a lifetime of covering politics and studying history.

Jack Lessenberry has been a writer for many national and regional publications, including *Vanity Fair* and the *New York Times*. Currently, he is a columnist for the *Toledo Blade*, and occasionally other newspapers, and is the author of books including *Reason vs. Racism*, the century-long saga of a newspaper family and race and *Thinking About the Other Fella: Avern Cohn's Life and the Law*. *Lessenberry lives with Elizabeth in Huntington Woods and Charlevoix, their Australian Shepherds Rusty and Chet, and entirely too many and not nearly enough books.*



Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
F2306 • In Person Harrison Hall

What's the Point of Banning Books?

Many attempts to ban books in public schools and libraries have made headlines over the past year. Why do people ban books? What are they trying to accomplish? This class will introduce research on censorship, intellectual freedom, and freedom of expression. It will also present some possible responses that individuals and groups can make to book challenges across the country.

Prof. Emily Knox is an associate professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Her research interests include information access and intellectual freedom and censorship. Her most recent book, *Foundations of Intellectual Freedom*, was published in fall of 2022. Knox serves on the board of the National Coalition Against Censorship.

She is also editor of the *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*. Knox received her PhD from the doctoral program at the Rutgers University School of Communication & Information.

Monday, Nov 06, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2307 • Zoom



currently writing a series of short history books. These primarily focus on important, although underappreciated, aspects of American History but doing so from a local perspective.

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
F2308 • In Person

Dearborn's Ford Homes Historic District

This class will give a history of the development of this century-old subdivision started by Henry Ford. The story begins with the shortage of homes for not only the Ford Motor Company's employees, but for the city as a whole. Many of these homes have an interesting history that is sure to entertain! The stories include fun facts like Henry Ford's insisting that his higher-level executives learn how to dance and how he had the executives (all men, of course) dance with each other!

Glenn O'Kray is a retired college administrator and teacher, heavily involved in Dearborn historical activities as well as preservation. O'Kray is the editor of seven books, six of which are on Dearborn homes and stories, and an additional book on immigrants.



Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
F2309 • In Person

Detroit/Michigan

The Good Roads Movement in Michigan

In 1890 the United States had, perhaps the worst road system of any developed country in the world. Impassable several months a year due to mud, the balance of the year roads in America were dusty, rutted and disjointed serving only very local functions. By the mid 1920's the United States had developed a well-funded system that integrated local, state and Federal programs to create the massive road network we take for granted today. While the story is national in scope, we will focus on Michigan to explain how the Good Roads Movement evolved.

Jim Craft has a B.A. in History from Oakland University and an M.A. in History from Wayne State University.



After teaching history for 13 years, he moved into "corporate America" for the balance of his career. Since 1995, however, he has been active in various historical projects: writing, researching, developing curriculum material,

doing curatorial work, and lecturing. Craft is

Detroit's Majestic Downtown Movie Palaces

This presentation will focus on the grand theatres that once surrounded Grand Circus Park and were designed by renowned architects. Topics to be included will be programming, concessions, specialty venues, local exhibitors, and demographic changes. Attendees will also be able to browse through photos and artifacts from these palaces as well as view several videos and participate in a sharing and a question and answer session.



Michael Hauser is currently Marketing Manager for the historic Detroit Opera House. He is co-author of six Detroit centric books for Arcadia Press that cover the city's theater and retail history. He has also been a guest curator for exhibits on like subjects at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2310 • In Person

Willow Run - 80 Years and Going Strong

This presentation will cover the over 80-year history of the Willow Run complex - including the Ford Bomber Plant (produced 8,600 B-24 bombers), Kaiser Frazer (built 700,000 cars), Hydra-matic (produced 82 million transmissions), and Willow Run Assembly as well as passenger and freight aviation. The founding of the Detroit Institute of Aeronautics and the Yankee Air Museum will also be highlighted. The presentation will include historical highlights as well as human interest stories from this remarkable history.

Barry Levine is a volunteer at the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, has written two books - one about the Museum and one a collection of short stories about aviation in Michigan, and has been published in magazines such as *Aviation History*, *Vietnam*, and *Michigan History*. Levine works (part-time) at the Henry Ford Museum.



Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2311 • Zoom

Minoru Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity

The midcentury modernist architect Minoru Yamasaki is best known for designing the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York. But he lived and worked in Detroit for the final 40 years of his life and created many buildings here that enriched the urban landscape. This class traces Yamasaki's life and career and his influence on the world of architecture. John Gallagher, is author of the biography "Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity."

John Gallagher is a veteran journalist and author of multiple books including *Reimagining Detroit*, which the *Huffington Post* named among the best social and political books of 2010. He covered urban affairs for the *Detroit Free Press* before retiring in 2019. He now freelances, lectures, and works on book projects.



Monday, November 13, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2312 • In Person

Film

Film and Philosophy

This film series will explore how films create (ideal) viewers in and through cinematic techniques like narrative style, plot, editing, scene sequencing, dialogue, and emotional response. Films are powerful means of evoking thought, emotion, and judgement around representations of different social and political issues: legal and political culture, crime, punishment, intimacy, race, identity, gender, sex, sexuality, ethnicity, dignity, and value, e.g. Film has become an essential form of cultural activity that either challenges us to interrogate dominant norms and practices or deepen our uncritical allegiance to them.

mark wenzel has been in the Wayne State University Philosophy Department since 1998 and holds classes in *Ethics*, *Feminist Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Arts*, *Global Ethics*, and will hold a class in *Classical Indian Philosophy* for Fall 2023. wenzel has held classes (twice) in *Feminist Philosophy* at the *Huron Valley Women's Prison*.



The Father: A man refuses all assistance from his daughter as he ages. As he tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of his reality.

Monday, Oct 09, 2023, 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
F2313A • Live (In-person)

The Elephant Man: Dr. Frederic Treves (Anthony Hopkins) discovers Joseph (John Merrick (John Hurt) in a sideshow. Born with a congenital disorder, Merrick uses his disfigurement to earn a living as the "Elephant Man." Treves brings Merrick into his home, discovering that his rough exterior hides a refined soul, and that Merrick can teach the stodgy British upper class of the time a lesson about dignity. Merrick becomes the toast of London and charms a caring actress (Anne Bancroft) before his death at 27.

Monday, Oct 16, 2023, 12:30 PM-3:00 PM
F2313B • Live (In-person)

Portrait of a Lady on Fire: France, 1770. Marianne, a painter, is commissioned to do the wedding portrait of Héloïse, a young woman who has just left the convent. Héloïse is a reluctant bride to be and Marianne must paint her without her knowing. She observes her by day, to paint her secretly at night.

Monday, Oct 23, 2023, 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
F2313C • Live (In-person)

Health/Medicine

Promoting Brain and Cognitive Health in Aging

This class will present a summary of current research on promoting brain and cognitive health in aging. Learning objectives include: (1) understanding typical changes in brain structure, thinking, and memory function; (2) defining Alzheimer's disease and related dementia as separate from typical aging; (3) empirically based practical recommendations for maintaining cognitive function during typical aging.

Dr. Ana Daugherty is a cognitive neuroscientist who studies brain and cognitive health across the adult lifespan. She earned her doctorate in Psychology (Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience concentration) from Wayne State University in 2014, then completed a competitive post-doctoral research fellowship at



University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, and then returned to Wayne State in 2018 as faculty to open the Healthy Brain Aging Laboratory. Daugherty has published more than 70 peer-reviewed papers on brain and cognitive aging and is the Director of the Detroit Aging Brain Study.

Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2314 • Zoom

Liberty, Germs, and the Public's Health

How do we find a balance between preserving individual liberties and protecting the public's health? This class will examine four historical cases in which the U.S. Supreme Court weighed in on this very question. Spanning the years from 1873 to 1907, each of these cases reflect changing ideas in both law and medicine as growing acceptance of the germ theory transformed the role of state and local governments in public health.

Dr. Lynne Curry is Professor Emerita of History at Eastern Illinois University, where she regularly taught courses in U.S. constitutional history. Her published work examines the intersections of law and medicine throughout American history and includes *The Human Body on Trial: A Handbook with Cases, Laws, and Documents* (ABC-CLIO, 2002).



Friday, November 10, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2315 • Zoom, Not Recorded

Witches: From Wonderful to Wicked to Wonderful

Ed Blondin takes you on an exploration of the Western world's original herbal healers. Starting 6000 years ago in ancient Sumeria, these healers took on the many roles that lay the foundation of modern medicine. The class will explore the stereotypes of the Witch/Healer and how those figures drove economics, religion, health care and American pop culture into the 21st century.

Ed Blondin's journey into gardens began 30 years ago at Michigan State University. Today, Ed owns Hortulus Garden Design. His gardens are unique and specific to each client, creating personal and sustainable outdoor spaces. As a garden historian, Ed blends his understanding of the past with contemporary design principles and has developed a unique approach to landscaping that harmoniously merges tradition and innovation.



Monday, October 30, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2316 • Live (In-person)



Is Your House Ruining Your Health?

Indoor air is more polluted than outdoor air. Cleaning products, pesticides, paints, solvents, air fresheners, and plastics are among the things that can damage your health. People spend most of their time in their homes. What can you do to improve your health risks and those of your loved ones. Learn what hazards are lurking in your house and what you can do to address them.

Dr. Ellen Slutzky has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Her career was cut short when she was overexposed to formaldehyde and other chemicals in custom-built Formica furniture. For over a year, Dr. Slutzky researched what caused her multiple chemical sensitivities and created a lecture to make others aware of the dangers of indoor chemicals.



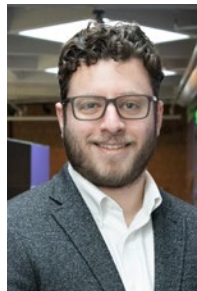
Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2317 • Live (In-person)

History

Corporations During the Holocaust

This presentation focuses on the role of corporations during the Holocaust, beginning with the Nazification of industry in Germany and destruction of Jewish businesses. Participants will explore stories of business professionals who chose to stand up against hate and of survivors who were sent to camps, while reckoning with the role businesses played in enabling industrialized mass killing. Participants will reflect on the importance of social responsibility and diversity in business ethics.

Harry Smith is the Adult Museum Education Associate for The Zekelman Holocaust Center. Smith's responsibilities include outreach, creating community relationships, and scheduling for the Adult Museum Education Program, as well as supporting content related projects. Smith earned his BA in History from Michigan State University in 2016, and his MA in History from Wayne State University in 2022. As an Historian with expertise in American History, Jewish History, Political History, National Socialism, and Antisemitism, Smith is an expert on the German American Bund.



Thursday, Oct 26, 2023, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
F2318 • Zoom

The Asian American Experience and Presence

This class will present a historical timeline chronicling Asian American immigration and their presence in the United States. Topics will include the building of the transcontinental railroad, the 1849 gold rush, exclusion laws, WWII internment of Japanese Americans, migration to the Midwest and Detroit, and immigration reform in 1965. The Vincent Chin case and the justice movement for Vincent will be discussed as well as the changing demographics of the Asian Pacific American community in the Detroit area.

Prof. Roland Hwang is an attorney. He teaches Asian Pacific American history in A/PIA Studies in the Department of American Culture at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Hwang is president of American Citizens for Justice, an organization devoted to civil rights advocacy and education focused upon the Asian American community.



Monday, October 09, 2023, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
F2319 • Live (In-person)

The Partition of India & Pakistan: Divisions and Discord in South Asia

This lecture will provide a historical assessment of the division of British India after its independence in 1947. It will explore its causes as well as the impact it has had on the relations between India and Pakistan in the more than 75 years since Partition, one of the most dramatic episodes of dislocation in world history.



Prof. Saeed Khan is Associate Professor of Learning in Near East & Asian Studies and Global Studies. He is the Director of Global Studies at Wayne State University. Khan is also a Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Citizenship and the host of Deadline Detroit's "The Week That Was".

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2320 • In Person Harrison Hall



Canada: Our Northern Neighbor Is Not Another State!

Most Americans know very little about their northern neighbor. King's Hwy., governor general, looney, tooney, poutine, washrooms, First Peoples, Canadian dialect--all this sounds so strange or exotic. Do all Canadians speak French? How many Americans know that most of the Loyalists from their Revolution settled in Canada? This class is designed to explore these topics and many more and make the participants better understand the friendly folk across the River.

Dr. Thomas C. Sosnowski is a native of Detroit with a B.A. from the University of Detroit and Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Sosnowski taught at KSU's Stark Campus in Canton, Ohio for 41 years. He studied French at Quebec's Laval University and has traveled extensively. Sosnowski's primary research has been on 17th and 18th century French history. Dr. Sosnowski was honored by Kent State with its Distinguished Teaching Award.



Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2321 • Live (In-person)

Aircraft Carriers – Kings of the Oceans or a Modern Day Dreadnought? Seapower in the 21st Century

This class will look at the development of the aircraft carrier from the interwar years into arguably the most powerful warships in the world. It will examine worldwide sea power today and into the future and ask the questions: Is modern and evolving technology making these massive and expensive platforms obsolete? Does the aircraft carrier have a place in our planning and are these platforms, aircraft, weapons, escorts, and more a worthwhile taxpayer investment or a folly of failing to innovate?

Brig Gen (Ret) Doug "Odie" Slocum is a retired Air Force Brigadier General with more than 4000 hours as a fighter pilot in F-4, F-16, and A-10 aircraft. Slocum retired as the Commander at Selfridge ANGB in 2009 which included a global mobility core mission. Slocum was also uniquely



selected as the first-ever fighter pilot to serve as the Director of Mobility Forces for the Korean military exercise "Key Resolve 2018".

Monday, October 16, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2322 • Live (In-person)

The Mexican - American War

The Mexican-American war almost doubled the size of the United States, but Ulysses S. Grant called it a "wicked war" and Abraham Lincoln called it "immoral". It saw Grant, Lee, Stonewall Jackson, George McClellan and Jefferson Davis fighting together. Disputes over whether slavery should be allowed in the new territories of the United States during this war helped lead us to the Civil War.

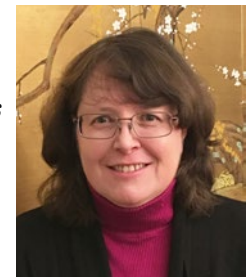
Leonard Zucker was the co-founder and CEO of the 1/2 Off Card Shops, a chain of 58 greeting card and party supply stores. Zucker has been passionate about American History his whole life and is now launching a site dedicated to American history titled americanhistoryin3d.com

Friday, November 17, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2323 • Live (In-person)

The Republic of Korea/South Korea: Exploring Its 75-Year History

In the 75 years since its establishment as the Republic of Korea, South Korea has been ravaged by war, enjoyed phenomenal economic growth, seen its citizens successfully protest for a shift from authoritarian to democratic rule, and become a global leader in innovation, pop culture, and plastic surgery. This class will traverse that history, highlighting causes and consequences of change and pointing out challenges that South Korea faces as the 21st century progresses.

Dr. Elizabeth Lublin is an Associate Professor of History at Wayne State University and teaches a variety of courses on China, Japan, and Korea. Lublin's research interests focus on late 19th and early 20th century Japan, and she is currently writing a book on the tobacco industry during those years.



Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2324 • Zoom, Not Recorded

Gangsters vs Nazis

Veteran true-crime writer and American historian Michael Benson will present information about the Jewish gangsters of the Great Depression—including Meyer Lansky, Long Zwillman, Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel, and Mickey Cohen—who busted up Hitler-worshipping German-American Bund and Silver Lodge meetings, thus stifling an evil movement that was attempting to win the hearts and minds of Americans with their hate-speech.

During his five decades as a professional writer, Michael Benson has collaborated with a former



gangster, a retired Army Intelligence agent, a retired FBI agent, and a former New York Police Department “Cop of the Year”. Benson has explored the Grassy Knoll in Dallas with a former KGB agent while researching his acclaimed Who’s Who in the JFK

Assassination; collaborated with an astronaut; and covered the Stephen Hayes triple-murder trial in New Haven, CT, for the New York Post. Benson has been seen on ABC, I.D., and Oxygen.

Friday, October 27, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM

F2325 • Zoom

When Our Differences Didn't Make a Difference

Throughout human history, there’s never been a shortage of crises, keeping people disgruntled and divided. Sometimes difficulties have been caused by nations’ competing for resources. Other times, people have clashed over culture and ideology. This course examines historical events when human beings refused to succumb to violence and division and chose to not let their differences make a difference.

Dr. Fred L. Johnson III is the Guy Vander Jagt '53 Endowed Professor of History at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Prior to academia, Johnson served as a Communications-Electronics officer in the United States Marine Corps and as an Infantry officer in the Marine Corps reserves.



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

(A) 10:00AM - 11:30AM

(B) 1:00PM - 2:30PM

F2326 A/B • Zoom

Law/Politics/Government

The Supreme Court Under Scrutiny

This class will look at the current Supreme Court and their recent decisions. It will include a review of doctrine and precedent that seems to be well-settled as well as an interactive discussion of recent Supreme Court decisions and the direction of the Court. The discussion will begin with the Dobbs decision that overruled Roe v. Wade and its impact on reproductive freedom. An important part of the presentation will be questions and comments from the audience.

Prof. Robert A. Sedler is a recently retired constitutional law professor at Wayne State



University. Sedler was one of the lawyers for the plaintiffs in DeBoer v. Snyder. He has published extensively on constitutional law subjects including a book, Constitutional Law in the United States (4th ed. 2019). Sedler is a frequent SOAR lecturer.

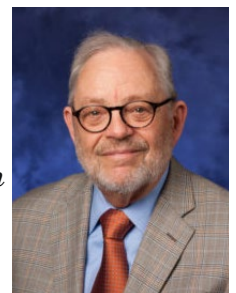
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM

F2327 • Live (In-person)

Sustaining Democracy: Values and Social Structures

Democracy is a simple word, but a complex idea. It has been tried in many places but sustained in only a few. Where attempted, it has always evolved. The question here is what values, institutions, and practices sustain democratic systems. And, of course, how can those foundations be nurtured and protected? The class will focus primarily on the United States but will keep an eye on the experiences of other nations and peoples.

Since 1983, Prof. Bruce Zellers has taught history at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. He has also taught at Oakland University for more than 20 years. Zellers’ interests range widely in American history, and he lectures frequently on topics from the Colonial Era to the present. A particular interest has been American military



history. Zellers’ book reviews in this area can be found in “The Journal of Military History,” “The Michigan War Studies Review,” and elsewhere.

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM

F2328 • Live (In-person)

Inventing Putinism: The Life and Times of Vladimir Putin

This class will look at the life of Russian President Vladimir Putin to evaluate how his childhood in Leningrad and career in the KGB, as well as his rise to power in the rough and tumble world of 1990s Russia shaped his political ideology. Putinism, that promotes nationalism and is driven by a strong and centralized state, defines Russia's politics and helps to explain its invasion of Ukraine. It has also redefined Russia's place in the world and global politics in general.

Prof. Aaron Retish is a specialist in late Imperial and Soviet history with a focus on the social, cultural, and political history of the countryside. He is the author of *Russia's Peasants in Revolution and Civil War: Citizenship, Identity, and the Creation of the Soviet State, 1914-1922*. Retish co-edits *Revolutionary Russia*, the leading journal in its field. He also serves on the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives and is associate editor of its journal *The Volunteer*.



Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2329 • Zoom

Literature/Biographies

The History and the Literature: The Lincoln Highway

Historical novels tell interesting stories about a time and place and the people living there, requiring authors to conduct extensive research so the writing accurately reflects the history of the period. Using Amor Towles' *The Lincoln Highway* as the launching point, this class offers a one-hour look at US history in the 50s, as the country confronted the cold war, embraced TV and rock and roll, and engaged with civil rights. A discussion of the novel as a piece of contemporary literature will follow. Readers and history buffs welcome! Participants are encouraged to read *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles before the class.



Instructors: Stan and Diane Henderson are avid readers – Stan reads history, Diane fiction. In other lives, they would have been history and English professors. Now they team up to share their

passions with SOAR. Pre-retirement, Stan was the Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Life at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Diane was an educational program planner and consultant. Both are currently failing retirement.

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2023, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
F2330 • Live (In-person)

Writing it: A Reading and Conversation with Michigan Poet Laureate, Nandi Comer

At a time when history, race, gender, and class are at the center of the cultural conversation, American poets have an opportunity to document and reflect on our collective experiences. Michigan Poet Laureate, Nandi Comer will share her process for writing, how she incorporates research, Detroit history, and the African American experience in her work.

Nandi Comer is the Poet Laureate of Michigan. She is the author of *American Family: A Syndrome* (Finishing Line Press) and *Tapping Out* (Triquarterly), which was awarded the 2020 Society of Midland Authors Award and the 2020 Julie Suk Award. Comer is a Cave Canem Fellow, a Callaloo Fellow, and a 2019 Kresge Arts in Detroit Fellow. She directs the Allied Media Projects Seeds Program and is the co-director of *Detroit Lit*.



Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2331 • Zoom



Performing Arts/Music/Dance

The Art of Listening to Music

Almost everyone loves listening to music...but why? This presentation will reveal many of the hidden structures and forms that have evolved over the centuries to capture our imagination. Learn how to appreciate music as you've never done before as we listen to the music of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Satie, Robert Johnson, Elvis, The Beatles, Stevie Winwood, David Bowie and many more!

Henry Feinberg is a musician, composer, and music instructor. Feinberg has taught music history classes at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills since 2002 and has coached numerous piano and harmonica students. Pre-pandemic, Feinberg performed regularly on the piano and harmonica at various venues in metropolitan Detroit.



Thursday, November 16, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2332 • Live (In-person), Harrison Hall

Broadway Musicals: New Looks, New Sounds, New Players

At the start of the 1970s, some sources wondered if the Broadway musical genre was adequately creative, relevant or appealing enough to survive. Fortunately, the artistic forces of the 70s, 80s and 90s rallied to re-invigorate the genre. They reached out to neglected audiences, tapped contemporary and traditional sources of inspiration, and provided opportunities for emerging talent. The result was a rich collection of stories, music, dance and personalities that have earned a memorable place in theater history. Join this class to learn more about Broadway innovation at the end of the 20th century.

Barbara Spreitzer-Berent is a noted speaker who draws upon a diverse array of interests and expertise to bring presentations to SOAR and other local audiences. Spreitzer-Berent especially enjoys addressing topics on "the lighter side", including travel and culture, and always strives to inform AND entertain.



Thursday, Nov 02, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2333 • Live (In-person), Not Recorded

The Great American Songbook, Parts 3 and 4

The Great American Songbook, as we know it, is not a real book at all, but an arbitrary list of songs of the 20th Century that have stood the test of time. Parts 3 and 4 will continue the exploration and discovery of the music begun in Spring '23 with Parts 1 and 2. There will still be songs from the early years, sung or played by contemporary artists, but also songs that have entered the Songbook since the 50s and into the 60s.

In 2007, as an outreach of the Michigan Jazz Record Collectors (MJRC), **Stu Johnson** began and continues to lecture on jazz and jazz-related topics at numerous locations throughout the Metro Detroit area, including libraries, the Adult Learning Institute, the Music Theatre class of U of D-Mercy, SOAR LLI, MORE Macomb, other senior groups and organizations, and at a convention of the International Association of Jazz Record Collectors.



F2334A-Thursday, October 12, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
Live (In-person)

F2334B-Thursday, October 19, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
Live (In-person)

Philosophy/Religion/Psychology

Overview of Forensic Psychology

This class defines and describes forensic psychology, its scope, content, and data collection methods. The focus is on civil as well as criminal aspects, including child custody and related issues, civil and criminal competency and insanity, and how forensic psychology is involved in those processes. The presentation describes the legal context of forensic psychology and purposes.

Dr. Jack Haynes is a Licensed Psychologist in the state of Michigan. He has held government positions as well as being in private practice. He has been president of the Michigan Psychological Association, President of the Michigan Society of Forensic Psychology, Chair of the Michigan Psychology Licensing Board, and Chair of the American Psychological Association Ethics Committee. Dr. Haynes has been a frequent speaker before legal, psychological, and lay audiences.



Friday, November 3, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2335 • Live (In-person)

A Child of Survivors Story: What is Intergenerational Trauma?

Many Holocaust survivors had to live with grief and guilt for the remainder of their lives. Unless there were other survivors in their community, they did not have anyone around them that could really understand or empathize with the trauma they experienced. Research is now reporting that the impact of traumatic experiences like those of the survivors, is often transferred to their children. In addition to sharing one survivor family's story, a summary of Intergenerational Trauma will be presented.



Dr. Rochelle Rubin has spent 50 years as an educator. Since retiring Rubin has worked on a variety of Social Justice related projects and committees including voting rights in Michigan. The opportunity to keep learning about America's legacy of racial injustice motivated her trip to Montgomery.

Monday, October 23, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2336 • Live (In-person)

Science/Technology

The Scientific Truth About Global Warming

WDIV Meteorologist Emeritus Paul Gross, who is recognized as one of the nation's leaders in communicating the scientific truth about Climate Change, will provide the actual facts about our planet's warming climate. This class will involve no politics whatsoever. This is the education you always wanted to get about this subject: the scientific truth without any spin.

Paul Gross retired earlier this year after forty years at WDIV. Gross was among the earliest broadcast meteorologists to start covering Climate Change. He has traveled the world to meet and interview some of our planet's most eminent climate scientists, and his 2016 Climate Change webcast that aired live on ClickOnDetroit.com won a first-place award from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. Gross has also won eleven Emmy Awards for his weather and science reporting.

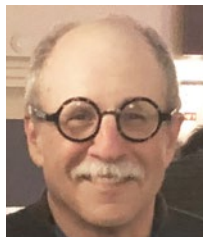


Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
F2337 • Live (In-person)

Size and Distance in the Universe

The sizes of objects in the cosmos, and distances between them are important concepts when it comes to astronomy – and can often be difficult to wrap one's head around. This class will give an explanation of the relative size of objects in outer space and their distance from the Earth. Using familiar measurements like miles per hour but also using the speed of light and radio waves Bertin will bring the concepts into a context which all learners can grasp.

Ken Bertin started studying astronomy at the age of five. Bertin is a past president of the Warren Astronomical Society and has written over 300 presentations on astronomy which he has given to many astronomy clubs, libraries, and organizations including grade schools, middle schools and colleges. He has seen 15 Solar Eclipses, dozens of lunar



of eclipse, two transits of Venus across the sun, and six transits of Mercury across the Sun. Bertin is a financial planner and also a sports official.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2338 • Zoom

The Road Not Taken: A Fall Planetarium Show

This off-site class will take place on the campus of Henry Ford College, at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Planetarium attendees will be treated to a guided tour of fall constellations, discover the furthest object visible with the naked eye, and learn about the science underpinning some of the greatest discoveries ever made! This class is limited to 36 registrants.

Prof. Jesse Mason is a professor of physics and astronomy at Henry Ford College, where he also directs the Hammond Planetarium. Mason holds a masters in physics from Eastern Michigan University, has taught physics and astronomy courses at EMU, Schoolcraft College, and Henry Ford College, and runs a physics education YouTube channel with over ten million views.

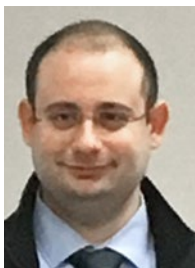


Thursday, October 19, 2023, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
F2339 • In Person (Off site), Not Recorded

AI Trends Today and Tomorrow

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been making significant strides in recent years and is poised to have a substantial impact on various industries and everyday life. Generative AI technology focuses on creating new content, such as images, videos, text, and music, using machine learning algorithms. This class will explore AI and provide examples of current trends such as: Image Generation, generation of realistic and high-quality images; Text Generation with capabilities in generating coherent and contextually relevant text; Deep Fakes enabled by Generative AI tools which are hyper-realistic manipulated media; and Generative AI tools that are empowering artists and designers.

Dr. Rachad Najjar has been leading *GE Renewable Energy* in the field of organizational learning since 2013. Najjar has documented an estimated savings of \$1.5M enabled by the Knowledge sharing program. From 2008 to 2011, Najjar served as a knowledge management advisor for Dubai Land Department. Dr. Najjar holds a doctoral degree in industrial engineering (2017) and a master's in software engineering (2012) from the Grenoble Institute of Technology and has recently co-authored a book in the field of Knowledge Management and research innovation.



Friday, October 20, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2340 • Zoom

2023: A (Cyber) Space Odyssey

From Apple's "Siri" and Amazon's "Alexa" (popular digital personal assistants), to ChatGPT (a natural language processing [NLP] tool, which is being increasingly accessed by students in need of a great essay on just about anything), to DALL-E2 (used by anyone looking for an image of just about anything by simply describing it), systems of artificial intelligence (AI) are reshaping the ways we live, learn, and create. Some experts are sounding alarms; others are celebrating the possibilities. This session will feature live demonstrations and an exploration of each.



Dr. Karen McDevitt is Associate Professor of Teaching for Wayne State University's Media Arts and Studies program. McDevitt teaches *Film Theory, Media Analysis & Criticism, New Media Practices, New Media Theory and Introduction to M.A. Studies in Communication*. McDevitt

currently serves on the WSU Press editorial board of directors, and for many years, served as an executive member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Detroit Film Theatre.

Friday, October 13, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2341 • Zoom

Senior Issues

Cannabis and Older Adults

This class is designed to support adult learners in navigating the evolving landscape of cannabis, from its historical criminalization to its current recognition for medicinal purposes. The content covers various aspects, including the history of cannabis, local regulations, the endocannabinoid system, therapeutic applications of medical cannabis, specific considerations for aging adults, safe and informed consumption practices, and the accessibility of cannabis products within the Michigan market. By covering these topics, the course aims to equip learners with the knowledge and tools necessary to understand and navigate the shifting dynamics of cannabis as a plant with medicinal value in today's society.

Midwest CannaNurses (MCN) is a collective of registered nurses with varied healthcare and academic backgrounds.



They are dedicated to connecting cannabis and healthcare by providing education, promoting responsible consumption, advocating for cannabis patients, and developing personalized navigation plans for a holistic cannabis experience.

LaTanya Pankey is a Registered Nurse with 20+ years' experience in critical care and cardiology. Pankey specializes in case management and care coordination. As a cannabis consultant, educator, and advocate, she promotes safe consumption, compliance, and holistic patient-centered care for optimizing quality of life with medical cannabis.

Biyyiah Lee is a Registered Nurse with 12+ years of diverse nursing experience. With a master's in Advanced Public Health Nursing, Lee works to educate future healthcare and cannabis leaders to be a resource to people considering cannabis as alternative medical therapy.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2342 • Zoom, Not Recorded

Senior Scam Awareness & Prevention

Michigan's Attorney General, Dana Nessel will present this informational lecture regarding Phone, Mail, & e-Scams. The presentation will provide information on how to learn the telltale signs of scammers found through phone calls, mail, email, and texts. Some scam ingredients to be aware of include: Urgent or secret requests, believable stories or connections, financial requests, and unusual payment type. AG Nessel will share tips to minimize your risk of being scammed.

In 2019, one of the first actions Attorney General Nessel took, once assuming office, was to launch the state's Elder Abuse Task Force – a collaboration of over 55 public, private and nonprofit organizations working to combat the physical, financial and emotional exploitation of Michigan seniors. Attorney General Nessel and the EATF are continuing their work with the legislature, hoping to bring about further improvements to the state's guardianship and conservatorship laws. Nessel lives in Southeast Michigan with her wife Alanna and twin sons.



Thursday, October 26, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2343 • Live (In-person)

Sports/Leisure

The Economics of College Sports

The course will examine the market for teams, the market for players and the way these interact. It will examine the economic implications of the antitrust rulings and ways in which the system might change in coming years. The class will discuss NIL (name, image, likeness) deals and the development of the transfer portal. It will also consider the potential for an antitrust exemption.

Dr. Stefan Szymanski is the Stephen J. Galetti Professor of Sport Management at the University of Michigan. As an economist, Szymanski has published numerous academic papers and ten books, including the international bestseller Soccerconomics. Szymanski moved to the US from the UK 12 years ago.



Monday, November 13, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2344 • Zoom

Joe Louis and the Ford Motor Company

For more than a decade, Joe Louis was the most famous Black man worldwide -- and possibly the most famous American. This class will delve into a story from the late 1940s about Louis and the Ford Motor Company that demonstrates how exactly Black Americans -- even the most celebrated and beloved ones -- fell victim to economic discrimination. The class will look at contemporary documents.

Prof. Silke-Maria Weineck is the Grace Lee Boggs Professor of German and Comparative Literature at the University of Michigan. Weineck is the co-author of "City of Champions: A History of Triumph and Defeat in Detroit" (with Stefan Szymanski) and has published widely on European literature and philosophy.



Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 1:00PM - 2:30PM
F2345 • Zoom

The History of Professional Hockey in Michigan

This presentation will explore the origins of hockey. Some of the topics covered will include the first professional hockey league – the International Hockey League (with five teams – Calumet, Portage Lake (Houghton), Soo Michigan, Soo Canada, and Pittsburgh), the first professional hockey leagues in Canada, the founding of the National Hockey League and Detroit's NHL team, the Stanley Cup, and other Michigan professional hockey leagues, teams, and players.

Dr. Bill Sproule is a Professor Emeritus, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, where he taught transportation engineering, public transit, airport design, and hockey history. Sproule is a Michigan Tech and Michigan State alumnus and is a member of several historical societies and the Society for International Hockey Research. Sproule is the author of several hockey history articles and books including Houghton: The Birthplace of Professional Hockey, and Michigan Tech Hockey: 100 Years of Memories.



Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2346 • Live (In-person)

Travel/Culture

The Wonders of Peru! Lake Titicaca, The Amazon Jungle and Machu Picchu

Take a journey to the amazing floating island of Lake Titicaca and see a society living on the water. Explore the many wonderful animals of the Amazon Jungle at the Tambapata Research Center. Learn about the Incas and how they transformed Machu Picchu. Start your journey from the Inca trail and see Machu Picchu from the SunGate! A journey you will not want to miss.

Reid Beyerlein is Branch Manager and Wealth Manager at Raymond James Financial Services in Berkley, MI. When not in the office, he is an active volunteer in the community, having served as past board chair for the Metro Detroit Youth Clubs (formerly The Boys and Girls Clubs), and remains an active board member. When not volunteering, Beyerlein can be found on the golf course, on a lake fishing, or most likely getting a good workout at his local CrossFit gym.



Thursday, November 2, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2347 • Live (In-person)

The Exotic and Different: Places You Probably Haven't Thought About Traveling To

In the 50+ years the Chudnofs have been traveling, some of their 81 international destinations were quite unusual for most American travelers. It is these experiences that became some of the most rewarding for them. Chudnof will share slides and stories about cross cultural experiences in The Republic of Georgia and Belarus, and adventures in the exotic and more rarely visited Islands of Australia: Tasmania, Kangaroo Island, and Heron Island. Chudnof will round this out by sharing a few additional very unusual places you will want to add to your "bucket list."

Mel Chudnof Ph.D., taught psychology at Oakland Community College for 43 years. In addition, Dr. Chudnof maintained a private practice. He has consulted with businesses and human service agencies. In his leisure time

Chudnof enjoys extensive travel including visits to all 50 United States and 81 other countries. He enjoys road biking, swimming, volunteering, and being an advocate for social justice. Chudnof, married for 55 years to wife Nena, is grateful to have two children and four wonderful grandchildren.



Thursday, November 9, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2348 • Live (In-person)

Three (Extra)Ordinary Women Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro

This first-person perspective class will share the story of three middle-aged women who overcame childhood trauma, poverty and misfortunes to achieve a dream; the climbing of Mount Kilimanjaro. The women used the experience as a metaphor of overcoming and as a catalyst for a social impact campaign in an effort to empower women and disadvantaged individuals.

A native of Ramallah, Palestine, **Terry Ahwal** immigrated to Detroit, MI in 1972. Ahwal has worked as Executive Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Assistant Wayne County Executive and Vice President of Development DMC. She currently helps non-profit organizations with their strategic planning. Ahwal was 65 when she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and has written a memoir about her family and her experience becoming a refugee and living under the Israeli occupation.



Monday, November 6, 2023, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
F2349 • Zoom



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2. Rank your class preferences in order, 1-15, (1) being the ***MOST*** desired class, (15) being the *least* desired class.

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Shared Interest Groups or SIGs

Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) are a way for SOAR members to take a deep dive into areas of common interest. SIGs are intimate (limited to 25 active members), hosted by a SOAR volunteer (or team of volunteers) and typically meet once a month on Zoom to discuss a book, film, or issue. SOAR SIGs are a free benefit of SOAR membership and are a wonderful way to connect with other SOAR members and promote friendship and fun! SIG meetings generally last 90 minutes. Reach out to Sharon O'Brien (aa9938@wayne.edu) for more information or to connect with each SIG's organizer. Also reach out if you have an idea for a new SIG that you'd like to lead.

SOAR's Book Club

SOAR's first SIG remains one of the most popular. The award-winning fiction and non-fiction books chosen are selected by members of the SOAR Book Club who take turns moderating discussions. The SOAR Book Club meets the third Friday of each month at 1:15 p.m. This SIG is organized by Bonnie Cousens and Roberta Russ.

History Book Group

Launched in 2020, the books read by this group focus on literary, nonfiction books which highlight a particular historic event or era. Books are nominated by members and the group meets on the second Friday afternoon of each month at 1:30 p.m. This SIG is organized by Sharon O'Brien.

SOAR's Literary Society

Literature lovers unite! Introduced in 2020, this book club delves into the author's and the book's themes, styles, and messages. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00p.m. This SIG is organized by Sharon O'Brien.

The Detective Novel Club

The newest SOAR book club explores the many types of detective novels, from the classics to the pot-boilers, to the novels of today. This SIG meets the second Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. This SIG is organized by Sharon O'Brien.

First Friday Movie Group

All of the films selected and watched by this SIG lend themselves to robust discussion and discovery and range from classics to contemporary, American blockbusters to independent and foreign films. Films are watched independently, in advance, and discussed at the meeting. This group meets the First Friday of each month at 1:00p.m. This SIG is organized by Ralph Stromberg and Sharon O'Brien.

Great Decisions

Based on the success of the Great Decisions classes, led by Dan Harmon and Al Darold, this SIG identifies and focuses on a topic from current events. Members explore the impact and ramifications of the decisions made related to the subject. This SIG meets once a quarter.

Women's Issues

In this intimate group, SOAR members discuss topics and issues ranging from sexism, feminism, ageism, women in business, women in Congress, parenting, grandparenting, generational differences, and more. Some meetings feature advance readings, videos, and other resources, and all include a host to facilitate a rich discussion. This SIG is organized by Diane Henderson.





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