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An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

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Next Meeting:

Our annual Emeritus Faculty Association Luncheon will be on held Friday, May 11th, 2018 at noon in SAC Ballroom B. Our guest speaker will be Distinguished Teaching Professor Michael Barnhart.

Bio: Michael Barnhart is Distinguished Teaching Professor in the History Department at Stony Brook, which he joined in 1980. His publications include *Japan Prepares for Total War: The Search for Economic Security, 1919-1941*, *Japan and the World Since 1868* and numerous articles, book chapters and book reviews. He teaches courses on the history of American politics and foreign relations, twentieth century international relations, and the Second World War. He is currently working on a two-volume book project tentatively titled, "E Pluribus: A Political History of American Foreign Relations from Jamestown to Obama."

Abstract: For over twenty years, I have taught a seminar technically titled, "Great Power Rivalries from 1936 to 1947," but the students invariably refer to it as the "World War Two simulation." Their label has merit, because the course requires them to become, three times a week over the entire course of the semester, an actual policymaker in one of eight great powers during that period. Someone is Hitler, someone Stalin, and other great figures. Others are advisers, like Himmler. Or commanders, such as Zhukov. Or opposition figures, including US Republican

Senator Taft. All must try to advance their individual agendas over the course of the semester. That course is of their own making. Sometimes war breaks out; sometimes not. Sometimes the Nazis win. Sometimes the world goes red. Occasionally things turn out pretty much as they did in our world. How the course operates, and how the students have responded to it, will be the substance of my talk.

As a reminder, please RSVP to the Emeritus Luncheon by Wednesday, May 2 via this [online invitation](#) or via phone at 631-632-4360.

Participate in the Faculty Emeritus Documentation Project

The 2017-2018 academic year is a milestone in Stony Brook University history, as it marks the 60th anniversary of the institution. In an effort to document and preserve the unique and varied experiences of the university's emeritus faculty, a questionnaire has been designed to elicit the personal reflections of faculty members':

- impetuses for accepting academic positions at Stony Brook University.
- early experiences on the campus.
- views on the evolution and growth of the institution.
- contributions to departments and to the university.
- interactions with academic and administrative leadership.
- views on the institution's role in the community (local and wider).
- assessments of the university's mission and successes as a research university.

Your participation is vital to documenting Stony Brook University history.

Access information about the project and the questionnaire at:

<http://www.library.stonybrook.edu/special-collections-university-archives/university-archives/>

In Memoriam:

FRED WEINSTEIN, 1931-2018

Fred Weinstein passed away on March 27, 2018. He had come to the Stony Brook History Dept. in 1969, coming here from San Jose in the California system. At Stony Brook he taught for 30 years, including a term as chair of the department. After his

retirement he moved to California; he had been part of the wave of University of California Berkeley graduates who have always been a strong contingent in the Stony Brook History Department. Though originally trained as a Russian historian, he soon moved into other areas – with training at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute - and he worked and wrote on the borderline or bridge between history and sociology and psychology. His main books – *The Wish to Be Free*, *The Dynamics of Nazism*, *History and Theory after the Fall*, and *Psychoanalytic Sociology* all explored the relationship between the academic disciplines, with a strong plea that the traditional boundaries between these fields not be used to inhibit or discourage scholarly (or popular) discourse about the nature of society and the role of the individual. Graduate student and peer assessments of Weinstein reinforce the judgment that he was very much “a house intellectual” who shed light on many fields of research beyond those about which he himself chose to write.

Upcoming Events:

Diversity Day and Strawberry Festival

Diversity Day brings individuals of different backgrounds together for a day of celebration and togetherness. Every spring semester during Strawberry Fest, we share the many dimensions of our different heritage and lifestyles through music and dance performances, creative arts, and cultural trivia. Diversity Day is a mosaic of all aspects of our lives that make us unique and unite our people. Strawberry festival features array of strawberry-inspired treats.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm on the SAC Plaza and Academic Mall**. Tickets to Strawberry Fest can be purchased in advance at any dining location. (Rain locations: Student Activities Center Gelber Auditorium for the Diversity Day Cultural Showcase, with the Strawberry Festival held in SAC Ballrooms A & B).

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It always contains the latest emeritus news (click on "Next Meeting"), a list of members' email addresses, a list of officers, newsletter archives, and many other useful links.

