SPEAKERS PROFILES

William B. Allen, Ph.D., undertook undergraduate study (B.A., Pepperdine College) and eventually graduate education (Claremont Graduate School), obtaining a Ph.D. in government. During his graduate study he became a Fulbright Fellow, completing a dissertation on Montesquieu and the American founding. He has served as a member of the National Council for the Humanities and as member and chair of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Dr. Allen is a Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University. Formerly Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) while on leave from MSU, Dr. Allen also previously served as Dean and Professor at James Madison College, MSU. He taught before at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California. Recognized for excellence in liberal education on the 1997 Templeton Honor Roll (individually and institutionally), he also has been a Kellogg National Fellow and received the international Prix Montesquieu. His newest book is *Habits of Mind: Fostering Access and Excellence in Higher Education* (with Carol Allen; Transaction Publishers, 2003). He has published recent scholarship on higher education, citizenship, Machiavelli, ideas of global community, religious liberty and other topics.

Robert A. Sedler, J.D., Distinguished Professor of Law & past Gibbs Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties [2000-2005], has served on the faculty at Wayne State University since 1977. Prior to coming to Wayne State, he was professor of law at the University of Kentucky. He has also held permanent or visiting appointments at Saint Louis University, the National University of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa, the University of Iowa, Washington University of St. Louis and Cornell University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif. Professor Sedler teaches courses in Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws. He has published extensively in both fields, and in 1994 published a book, *Constitutional Law — United States*, in the Constitutional Law series of the *International Encyclopedia of Laws* for an international audience. Professor Sedler has litigated a large number of important civil rights and civil liberties cases in Michigan and elsewhere. He was named a Gershenson Distinguished Faculty Fellow at Wayne State for 1985-87, and has received a number of awards, including the Detroit Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. Presidential Award in 1986 and the Bernard Gottfried Bill of Rights Day Award from the Metropolitan Detroit American Civil Liberties Union in 1994. He recently was elected to the Wayne State University Academy of Scholars.

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