

“Breaking Rank: A Top Cop's Exposé of the Dark Side of American Policing”

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In this panel, Dr. Norman Harvey Stamper--who served in law enforcement for 34 years, six as Chief of Police for the Seattle Police Department (1994-2000)--will discuss his experience in the profession, sharing in-the-field insight on the nature of policing and how to effectuate substantive police reform.

Dr. Stamper holds a Ph.D. in Leadership and Human Behavior, and has published numerous articles and books on police reform. His books include *Breaking Rank: A Top Cop's Exposé of the Dark Side of American Policing* (2005) and *To Protect and Serve: How to Fix America's Police* (2016.)

He led the Seattle Police Department's response to the protests against the World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference of 1999.

In 2006, *Police Quarterly* wrote that Chief Stamper is “a cop who rose through the ranks from beat officer to chief during the turbulent times of the past half century. He truly captures the excitement, challenges, pain and frustration one experiences in over 30 years of police work.”

In a 2018 article titled “Honoring Police Includes Acknowledging Systemic Reform Is Needed,” he wrote, “... a proper tribute [to law enforcement] starts by accepting what is for some a painful truth: Much of the criticism of American policing — rudeness, bigotry, and discrimination; unlawful stop and frisk; false arrests; sexual predation; corruption; excessive force — is valid.”

Series organizers: Dr. Mary Texeira (Sociology), Robie Madrigal (Pfau Library), Dr. Jeremy Murray (History), Stan Futch (President, WAG), and CSUSB student Marlo Brooks.

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