



FREE-MARKET APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Academy Senior Fellow, Professor Andrew Morriss spoke to University of Illinois students participating in an international competition on sustainable development. Morriss explained the concept of “Free-Market Environmentalism,” which focuses on private solutions to environmental problems. Students learned how private property rights, decentralization and economic growth lead to greater environmental quality and conservation. Morriss has lectured and published extensively on free-market environmentalism.

TWO MAJOR ACADEMY GRANTS TO FUND NEW TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSTS

The Thomas W. Smith Foundation pledged \$230,000 to support a Hayek Fellowship and lecture program, and the Charles G. Koch Foundation provided \$80,000 to support a Koch Fellow. The fellows will be mentored by University of Illinois faculty, teach courses, and participate in career development workshops.

The Koch Fellow will be Dr. Geoffrey Scott Lea, who earned his PhD in economics from George Mason University and has taught at Hillsdale College. Dr. Lea will teach courses on economics, liberty and entrepreneurship and be mentored by Professor William Kline (see p. 2). The first Hayek fellow will be appointed this summer.

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LIBERTY STUDIES

ACADEMY SENIOR FELLOW CREATES
UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Professor William Kline, a philosopher, believes that getting students excited about new ideas requires a professor who is excited about teaching. A Senior Fellow of the Academy on Capitalism, Professor Kline has created a number of unique educational opportunities for University of Illinois students and, indeed, students around the world with his innovative online course offerings.

As a professor in the department of Liberal and Integrative Studies, Kline teaches courses on the philosophy of business, liberty studies, and the morality of capitalism, which are largely unique offerings unavailable to most students elsewhere.

One result of Kline's efforts is the opportunity for students to pursue an online Master's degree focusing on Liberty Studies. As Kline explains it: "Our primary goal is to create a center of excellence in the academic study of liberty at one of the finest universities in the world. This will take work. The great news is that each step in improving our course offerings benefits the students of the University of Illinois and gives them an opportunity to learn academic material they may otherwise not have been exposed to."

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Help in developing and implementing Liberty Studies has included grants from the Academy on Capitalism for

new web course development and funding for two new instructors to teach in the program. "It is easy to feel like you are alone in this effort. The Academy's

financial support has also provided crucial moral support by letting me know others are also interested in bringing liberty to the classroom," Kline said.

In addition to the Master's program, Kline is developing an undergraduate minor in Liberty Studies that welcomes both business and humanities students eager to learn more about the morality of market activity.

"With this foundation in place there is an immense potential for growth. Students from around the globe can take our courses. We are positioned very well for the long haul and maximal student impact," said Kline.

Financial support from the Academy will provide new faculty positions in Liberty Studies and expanded course offerings for students.

Academy Director Jon Solomon is the Robert Novak Professor of Western Civilization and Culture at the University of Illinois. His teaching and research cover the history and origin of Western democracy and economic policy, and representations of the Classical tradition in contemporary culture.



THE CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT GROWTH TODAY



Renowned law professor Richard Epstein addressed the Academy's Fourth Annual Symposium on the role of the constitution today and joined three University of Illinois law professors in a public discussion of the shortcomings of Obama's health care reforms. Epstein also spent the day visiting with students and faculty from the University's law school.



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Patrick Parkes is a student from Ada, Michigan pursuing a Master's degree in Political Science through the University's Civic Leadership Program. His primary interest is in domestic politics and institutions with a focus on free-market solutions. As part of his degree program, Patrick has spent the semester interning with the Academy on Capitalism learning about non-profit management and free-market political economy.



UPCOMING ACADEMY PROGRAM:

The Institute for Government and Public Affairs and the Federalist Society at the University of Illinois and the



Academy on Capitalism will sponsor the Second Annual Lincoln-Douglas Debate this fall. The debate will feature expert opinions on the direction of economic policy and government spending in Illinois, what options the state and citizens have to address the continuing economic and budget crisis, and

lessons from experiences in other states.

AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE ALWAYS PAYS THE BEST INTEREST.

-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

SENIOR FELLOW DEIRDRE McCLOSKEY
FROM HER NEW BOOK ON THE
HISTORY OF ECONOMIC GROWTH:

“Nor during the Age of Innovation have the poor gotten poorer, as people are always saying. On the contrary, the poor have been the chief beneficiaries of modern capitalism. It is an irrefutable historical finding, obscured by the logical truth that the profits from innovation go in the first act mostly to the bourgeois rich. But in the second act, and in massively documented historical fact, other bourgeois rush forward at the smell of profit. Prices fall relative to wages, which is to say that goods and services expand per person—they have again and again and again—and the poor get better off in real



World renowned economic historian and Academy Senior Fellow, Deirdre McCloskey spent a day in Champaign meeting with students and faculty. She lectured on the history of economic development and the importance of respect for entrepreneurship and business activity in advancing human well-being.

terms. Such a crucial, long-term dissipation of profit is not mere logic, or some unsupported neoliberal article of faith. It has happened repeatedly since 1800, the Bourgeois Deal: ‘Let me get very rich by buying innovations low and selling them high (and do please refrain from stealing from me, or interfering) and I’ll make you pretty rich too.’ That’s what happened in economic history. That’s why you earn and spend so much more than \$3 a day....The system has delivered in bulk the feeding (\$30 a day vs. \$3 a day, West Germany in 1989 versus East Germany, Norway now versus Norway in 1800) and justice (democracy, anti-colonialism, a free press, the end of lynching, equality for women, Independence for the Republic of Ireland). In every half century if not in every single decade the within-

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*-Deirdre McCloskey
The Bourgeois Dignity*

country equality of distribution has improved, and never over a generation has it much worsened. When the rich have gotten richer, as after 1978 in the United States, the poor have not gotten poorer—merely richer at a smaller pace than your local portfolio manager.”

Excerpted from The Bourgeois Dignity: Why Economics Can’t Explain the Modern World, by Deirdre N. McCloskey; the second in a six book series on the Bourgeois Era. (University of Chicago Press, 2010).

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