



# ADVANCING LIBERTY, CREATING CHANGE

Institute for Humane Studies and Mercatus Center at George Mason University

13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT

INTERCONTINENTAL MONTELUCIA RESORT & SPA SCOTTSDALE, AZ

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**Thursday, March 15**    **InterContinental Montelucia Property Tour (optional)**

4.00 p.m.

*To familiarize yourself with the InterContinental Montelucia, join us for a tour of our group meeting spaces for the weekend.*

*Meet in the front of the Resort in Cortijo Plaza*

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6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Early Arrivals Get-Together**

*If you are not a member of our Founders Circle supporter giving club but are arriving early, we would invite you to join us for an informal dinner.*

*Meet in the front of the Resort in Cortijo Plaza.*

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**Friday, March 16**

8:00–10:00 a.m.

**BREAKFAST FOR EARLY ARRIVALS**

Prado Restaurant

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10:00–11:00 a.m.

**Introducing the Institute for Humane Studies and Mercatus Center (optional)**

Valencia I

*Optional get-to-know us session, recommended for new attendees at our Annual Retreat.*

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12:00–1:30 p.m.

**KICK-OFF LUNCHEON**

Valencia I

**The Role of Ideas in the 2012 Election**

*An astute observer of the political scene parses the current clash of ideas and what it means for the upcoming elections.*

*Stephen Moore, Wall Street Journal*

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1:45–2:45 p.m.

**The Great Depression, the New Deal, and Today**

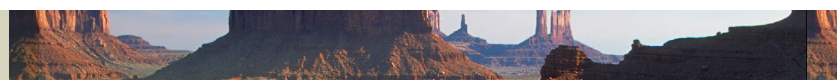
Valencia Ballroom

*A historian and an economist pair up to explode myths about defining events of the 20th century and shed light on the latest financial crisis.*

*Peter Boettke, Mercatus Center and George Mason University*

*Stephen Davies, Institute for Humane Studies and Institute of Economic Affairs*

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3:00–4:00 p.m.  
Valencia I

Concurrent Sessions—Your Choice!

**Applying the Ideas of Great Leaders**

*Milton Friedman, Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan—how is the Mercatus Center helping policymakers apply lessons from these heavyweight defenders of freedom to the problems we face today?*

Maurice McTigue, Mercatus Center

Valencia II

**Over Three Million Served... and Counting**

*One year ago, IHS launched a ground-breaking initiative to reach millions of college students with the ideas of liberty. Two of Learn Liberty's star faculty will illustrate its phenomenal success.*

Christopher J. Coyne, Mercatus Center and George Mason University

Jeffrey Miron, Harvard University

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**The School Choice Tipping Point**

*With state and local governments feeling the funding pinch, education reform has taken on new urgency. And from the Supreme Court to innovations on the ground, school choice is winning.*

Lisa Snell, Reason Foundation

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4:10–5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions—Your Choice!

Valencia I

**Government Unions, Federal Interference, and Budget Gimmicks**

*Out-of-control state budgets—the consequences and solutions. How states can address their growing fiscal problems.*

Matthew Mitchell, Mercatus Center

Valencia II

**Philosophy That Matters for the Real World**

*What's different about the freedom-friendly philosophers at the University of Arizona? An outside-the-box philosopher is interviewed by an outside-the-box legal scholar to glean the answer.*

David Schmidtz, Philosophy, University of Arizona

Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University School of Law

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6:30–9:30 p.m.  
Cortijo Plaza and  
Castillo Lucena

RECEPTION & DINNER

**An Evening with Judge Andrew P. Napolitano**

Former host of *Freedom Watch* on Fox Business Network

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**Saturday, March 17**

8:00–9:15 a.m.  
Valencia Ballroom

**The So-Called Balanced Approach to our Fiscal Woes**

*Join us for French toast with our French host as she discusses what Washington should and should not do to address our country's unsustainable fiscal situation.*

Veronique de Rugy, Mercatus Center

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9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Valencia Ballroom

**Today's Talent, Tomorrow's Leaders**

*IHS and Mercatus showcase some of the top young talent we are working with and the interesting problems they're tackling.*

Katelyn Christ, Congressional staffer and Mercatus MA Fellowship Program alumna

Carl Kitchens, PhD candidate in economics, University of Arizona

Jayne Lemke, PhD candidate in economics, George Mason University

Emily McClintock Ekins, PhD candidate in political science, UCLA

Moderator: Christopher J. Coyne, Mercatus Center and George Mason University

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10:45–11:45 a.m.  
Valencia I

Concurrent Sessions—Your Choice!

**The Budget Crisis: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid**

*One of the foremost experts on "entitlement" programs shows us where things really stand and how proposed reforms stack up.*

Jason Fichtner, Mercatus Center

Valencia II

**Ladies for Liberty: Women Who Made a Difference in American History**

*Putting the spotlight on women—from Abigail Adams to Sojourner Truth to Ayn Rand—who played a large, but largely unsung, role in advancing freedom.*

John Blundell, Institute of Economic Affairs

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12:00–1:30 p.m.	LUNCH
Valencia Lawn	<b>Milton Friedman's Legacy</b>  <i>Celebrating the life and ideas of a great champion of liberty, 100 years after his birth.</i> Patrick Byrne, Chairman, Overstock.com and Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice
Afternoon	OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
11:45 a.m.	<b>Golf at Camelback Golf Course</b>  <i>(Golfers who have signed up in advance will have to adjourn from the program at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the golf course.)</i>  <i>Please meet at the front of the Resort for a shuttle to the golf course.</i>
2:00 p.m.	<b>Group Outing to Taliesin West</b>  <i>Nestled in the foothills of the McDowell Mountains and surrounded by the spectacular Sonoran Desert, Taliesin West is a living memorial designed and built by great American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Join us for a private group tour.</i>  <i>Please meet at the front of the Resort for a shuttle to Taliesin West.</i>
6:30–9:30 p.m.	RECEPTION & DINNER
Valencia Lawn and Ballroom	<b>Outstanding IHS Alum Award</b> Presented by Marty Zupan, Institute for Humane Studies  <b>Economics – What Is It Good For?</b>  <i>Most economists didn't predict the financial crisis. Many have been wrong about how to stimulate a recovery. What should we really expect from economists?</i> Russell Roberts, Mercatus Center and George Mason University
<b>Sunday, March 18</b>	
10:00 a.m.–noon	FAREWELL BRUNCH
Alhambra Terrace	

