



PROGRAM AGENDA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

9:25 AM AMTRAK DEPARTS FROM UNION STATION FOR PHILADELPHIA, PA
TRAIN #184

12:00—1:00 PM **WELCOME LUNCH AND PROGRAM ORIENTATION**
THE EXCHANGE (LOBBY LEVEL)

OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Tyler Cowen
General Director, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

1:15—2:30 PM **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**
GRAND BALLROOM (LOWER CONCOURSE LEVEL)

REAL DECISIONS IN A RISKY WORLD
Dr. Russell Roberts
*J. Fish and Lillian Smith Distinguished Scholar,
Mercatus Center at George Mason University*

2:30—2:45 PM BREAK

2:45—4:15 PM **POLICY TOPIC ELECTIVES I**

A. IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
PETITE BALLROOM (2ND FLOOR)
Dr. Kenneth Button
Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University School of Public Policy

B. FANNIE, FREDDIE, AND HOUSING FINANCE: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?
PLAZA I&II (3RD FLOOR)
Dr. Lawrence J. White
Professor of Economics, New York University

C. WHY DO ECONOMISTS DISAGREE AND WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?:
AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP
PLAZA III (3RD FLOOR)
Dr. Russell Roberts
*J. Fish and Lillian Smith Distinguished Scholar,
Mercatus Center at George Mason University*

D. CASTING A WIDER NET: BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT IN THE U.S.
LIBERTY (5TH FLOOR)
Dr. Gerald Faulhaber
Professor Emeritus of Business and Public Policy, University of Pennsylvania

4:15—6:00 PM CHECK IN TO THE HOTEL AND RECREATIONAL TIME

6:00—7:00 PM **WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
ARDEN/MELLON BALCONY (2ND FLOOR)



7:00—9:00 PM

DINNER KEYNOTE

PETITE BALLROOM (2nd FLOOR)

PERSPECTIVES ON THE ECONOMY AND THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Charles I. Plosser

President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

8:00—9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

THE EXCHANGE (LOBBY LEVEL)

9:00—10:15 AM

POLICY TOPIC ELECTIVES II

A. THE HEALTH AND WEALTH OF AMERICAN CITIES

PETITE BALLROOM (2nd FLOOR)

Eileen Norcross

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Dr. Jeffrey Robinson

Assistant Professor of Management & Global Business, Rutgers University

Daniel Rothschild

Associate Director, Global Prosperity Initiative, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Mary Rowe

New Orleans Institute for Resilience and Innovation

B. PREPARING FOR 21st CENTURY THREATS

PLAZA I&II (3rd FLOOR)

Dr. Timothy J. Roemer

Distinguished Scholar, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

C. RETAKING REGULATION: INNOVATION IN LEGISLATION

PLAZA III (3rd FLOOR)

Dr. Jerry Ellig

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Dr. Richard Williams

Managing Director, Regulatory Studies Program and Government Accountability Project, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

D. THE UNINSURED IN AMERICA

LIBERTY (5th FLOOR)

Dr. David Hyman, MD, JD

Professor of Law, University of Illinois

10:15—10:30 AM BREAK



10:30—11:45 AM **POLICY TOPIC ELECTIVES III**

A. CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE MORTGAGE INDUSTRY

PETITE BALLROOM (2nd FLOOR)

Todd Zywicki, JD

Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law

Senior Scholar, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

B. KEEPING RETIREMENT SECURITY SECURE

PLAZA I&II (3rd FLOOR)

Dr. Antony Davies

Associate Professor of Economics, Duquesne University

C. STIMULATING ACCOUNTABILITY

PLAZA III (3rd FLOOR)

Jerry Brito, JD

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Dr. Jerry Ellig

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Hon. Maurice McTigue

Director, Government Accountability Project, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

D. TURNING CONSTITUENT MAIL FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN INTO A STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY

LIBERTY (5th FLOOR)

Tim Hysom

Director of Communications and Technology Services, Congressional Management Foundation

12:00—1:00 PM

LUNCH

THE EXCHANGE (LOBBY LEVEL)

1:15—2:30 PM

POLICY TOPIC ELECTIVES IV

A. UNDERSTANDING THE WTO AND FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

PETITE BALLROOM (2nd FLOOR)

Dr. Michael Moore

Professor of Economics and International Affairs, George Washington University

B. CREDIT DERIVATIVES AND REGULATORY REFORM

PLAZA I&II (3rd FLOOR)

Houman Shadab, JD

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

C. SEARCHING FOR THE NEW KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

PLAZA III (3rd FLOOR)

Dr. Bruce Yandle

Alumni Distinguished Professor of Economics Emeritus, Clemson University

D. WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH NET NEUTRALITY?

LIBERTY (5th FLOOR)

Jerry Brito, JD

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University



2:30—2:45 PM BREAK

2:45—4:00 PM **CONCLUDING GENERAL SESSION**
GRAND BALLROOM (LOWER CONCOURSE LEVEL)

AFTER THE STORM: REBUILDING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

A panel discussion with the Mercatus Center's Financial Markets Working Group

Dr. Tyler Cowen

General Director, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Houman Shadab, JD

Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Dr. Lawrence J. White

Professor of Economics, New York University

Dr. Bruce Yandle

Alumni Distinguished Professor of Economics Emeritus, Clemson University

4:00—5:40 PM BREAK

5:40 PM DEPART TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
PENN SQUARE ENTRANCE

6:00—7:15 PM **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
FROM THE FOUNDERS TO THE FINANCIAL CRISIS:
A HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF AMERICAN BANKING

John Steele Gordon
Author, An Empire of Wealth: The Epic History of American Economic Power

7:15—9:00 PM DINNER RECEPTION
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

9:00 PM DEPART TO THE RITZ-CARLTON

RETREAT CONCLUDES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

7:00—9:00 AM BREAKFAST
THE EXCHANGE

9:30 AM DEPART RITZ-CARLTON FOR AMTRAK STATION VIA BUS
PENN SQUARE ENTRANCE

10:30 AM AMTRAK DEPARTS FROM 30TH STREET STATION FOR WASHINGTON, DC
TRAIN #155
