

MASON JUDICIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Presents

EconFest for Judges!

Featuring well-known economist-scholar-communicators from
George Mason University

Sunday, October 30 to Tuesday, November 1, 2011

*Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA*

AGENDA

Sunday, October 30

- 5:00 – 6:00 pm Registration
- 6:00 Reception
- 7:00 Dinner: **Keynote Address:
Advice for Truth-Seekers**
Russell D. Roberts, *Professor of Economics, George Mason University*

Monday, October 31

- 7:00 – 7:50 Breakfast
- 8:00 **Welcome**
Linda E. Kelly, Director, Mason Judicial Education Program
Daniel Polsby, Professor and Dean, George Mason University School of Law
- 8:10 - 8:30 **Introduction to Economic Thinking**
Henry N. Butler, George Mason University Professor of Law and Executive Director, Law & Economics Center, George Mason University School of Law
- 8:30 – 9:30 **Experimental Economics**
Kevin McCabe, Professor of Economics and Law, George Mason University
- 9:45 – 10:35 **Police, Prisons, and Punishment: The Empirical Evidence on Crime Deterrence**
Alex T. Tabarrok, *Associate Professor of Economics, George Mason University, Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics at the Mercatus Center*

- 10:35 – 11:30 **Political Economy at Any Speed: Economic Determinants of Traffic Tickets**
Thomas Stratmann, *University Professor of Economics and Law, George Mason University*
- 11:30 to 1:15 **Lunch and Luncheon Address:**
“Discrimination: The Law vs. Morality”
Walter E. Williams, *John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics, George Mason University*
- 1:30 – 2:20 **Overdiscovery and Discovery Abuse: A Simple Economic Solution to a Complex Problem**
Bruce Kobayashi, *Professor of Law, George Mason School of Law*
- 2:20 – 3:10 **Property Rights Among American Indians**
D. Bruce Johnsen, *Professor of Law, George Mason School of Law*
- 3:30 – 4:20 **Some Economics of Income “Inequality”**
Donald J. Boudreaux, *Professor of Economics, George Mason University*
- 4:40 – 5:30 **Selfish Reasons to Have More Kids**
Bryan D. Caplan, *Professor of Economics, George Mason University*
- 5:30 – 6:30 **Reception and Book Signing**
- 6:30 **Dinner and Keynote Address:**
The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates
Peter T. Leeson, *BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism, George Mason University; Senior Scholar, Mercatus Center*
- Tuesday, November 1**
- 7:15 – 8:10 **Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 8:50 **The Not-So-Good Good Old Days of Consumer Finance**
Todd J. Zywicki, *George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law*
- 8:50 – 9:40 **The Public Purposes of Economics**
Peter J. Boettke, *Professor of Economics, George Mason University*
- 10:00 – 10:50 **Mis-Behavioral Law & Economics**
Joshua D. Wright, *Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law*
- 10:50 – 11:40 **Prof. Coase’s “Big Joke” – The Curious History of FCC Auctions**
Thomas Hazlett, *Professor of Law and Economics, George Mason University*
- 12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch and Luncheon Address:**
"The Great Stagnation: How America Ate its Low-Hanging Fruit, Got Sick, and Will (Eventually) Feel Better"
Tyler Cowen, *General Director, Mercatus Center, Holbert C. Harris Chair of Economics, George Mason University*
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Grand Finale! What We’ve Learned About You**
Henry N. Butler and Kevin McCabe