

Economics for the Common Good: The Work of Christian Economists

The Association of Christian Economists

July 20th to July 22nd, 2023
 Hope College, Holland, Michigan

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Speakers should plan to present their research for 20 minutes, reserving 10 minutes or more for questions and discussion.

Thursday, July 20th

5:00 PM	Welcome Reception	Haworth Conference Center
5:45 PM	Dinner	Haworth Conference Center
6:30 to 8:00 PM	Plenary Address	Haworth Conference Center
	Rehumanizing Health Economics: Questions in Need of Attention	
	<i>Sarah Hamersma, Syracuse University</i>	

Friday, July 21st

8:00 AM	Light Breakfast	Martha Miller Center Rotunda
8:30 to 10:00 AM		
Session 1	Why Christian Economists Should Celebrate the Tercentenary of Adam Smith	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: Edd Noell, Westmont College	

	“Just Liberty,” Poverty and Inequality: How Christian Economists Might Evaluate Adam Smith’s Advocacy for the Economically Disadvantaged	
	<i>Edd Noell, Westmont College</i>	
	What Should Christian Economists Think about Adam Smith?	
	<i>Jeffrey Young, Gordon College</i>	
	The Impartial Spectator and the Firm: Revisiting Joint-Stock Companies in The Wealth of Nations	
	<i>Kacey Reeves West, George Mason University</i>	
10:00 to 10:15 AM	Coffee	Martha Miller Center Rotunda
10:15 to 11:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions	
Session 2A	Development Economics	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: Paul Glewwe, University of Minnesota	
	Presentation Title	
	<i>Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame</i>	
	Site Selection and External Validity in Observational and Experimental Settings: How a “risky” RCT may underperform OLS	
	<i>Chris Ahlin, Michigan State University</i>	
	Improving Teachers’ Pedagogical Skills and Student Learning at Scale in Peru	
	<i>Paul Glewwe, University of Minnesota</i>	
Session 2B	Christian Principles in Economic Life	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: TBD	
	Christian Stewardship in the World of ESG	
	<i>Lance Wescher, Covenant College</i>	
	Solzhenitsyn, Hayek, and Social Justice: A Meeting of Minds in Subsidiarity?	

	<i>Russell Dabbs, Lubbock Christian University</i>	
	Preferences for Self-Sacrificing Love: Christian Ideal or Oxymoron?	
	<i>Kristen Cooper, Gordon College</i>	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Haworth Conference Center
12:30 to 2:00 PM	Plenary Address	Haworth Conference Center
	Universal Love, Local Loves, and Normative Economics	
	<i>Andrew Yuengert, Pepperdine University</i>	
2:15 to 3:45 PM		
Session 3A	Institutions, Culture, and Economic Outcomes	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: TBD	
	The Gravity of Homicide: Interpersonal Violence and International Trade	
	<i>Michael Anderson, Washington and Lee University</i>	
	Corruption and Reforms: A Dynamic Panel Data Study	
	<i>Jeffry Jacob, Bethel University</i>	
	Institutions and the Ordering of Society for the Common Good: An Economic Historical Perspective on Today's Political Challenges	
	<i>Douglas Puffert, LCC International University</i>	
Session 3B	Christian Thinking About Economics	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: TBD	
	Divine Pretensions: A Christian Critique of Neoclassical Economic Growth	
	<i>Rob Tatum, University of North Carolina at Asheville</i>	
	Morals over Money	
	<i>Timothy Greene, University of North Carolina at Asheville</i>	

	Economics for the Common Good: A Case Study for Principles of Macroeconomics	
	<i>Monica Hartmann, University of St. Thomas</i>	
4:00 to 5:30 PM	Break	
5:30 PM	Dinner	Haworth Conference Center
6:15 to 7:45 PM	Plenary Address	Haworth Conference Center
	The Bible and Economics: A Reception History Approach	
	<i>Paul Oslington, Alphacrucis University College</i>	

Saturday, July 22nd

8:00 AM	Light Breakfast	Martha Miller Center Rotunda
8:30 to 10:00 AM		
Session 4	Orthodox Social Thought	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: TBD	
	Usury and the Orthodox East: What We Can Learn from Debates in Western Christendom from Late Medieval and Early Modern Eras	
	<i>James Caton, North Dakota State University</i>	
	Consumerism, Consumption, and Human Freedom: Addressing the Shortcomings of Recent Magisterial Orthodox Christian Social Teachings on Economics	
	<i>Gregory Jensen, St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary</i>	
	The Social Dynamics of Asceticism and the Ascetic Dynamics of Society	
	<i>Dylan Pahman, The Acton Institute and St. Mary's University</i>	
10:00 to 10:15 AM	Coffee	Martha Miller Center Rotunda

10:15 to 11:45 AM		
Session 5	Applied Microeconomics	Martha Miller Center
	Session Chair: TBD	
	Do homelessness prevention programs prevent homelessness? Evidence from a randomized controlled trial	
	<i>David Phillips, University of Notre Dame</i>	
	The Effect of Temperature Trends on Multifamily Construction in Los Angeles	
	<i>Bowman Cutter, Pomona College</i>	
	Resettlement Agency Resource Strain and Refugee Outcomes: Evidence from Catholic Sex Abuse Scandals	
	<i>Neil Silveus, Hope College</i>	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Haworth Conference Center
12:30 to 2:00 PM	Plenary Address	Haworth Conference Center
	The Economics of Financing Congregations & Faith-Based Charities	
	<i>Daniel Hungerman, University of Notre Dame</i>	