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## ISI LAUNCHES NEW CULTURE OF ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

*Over \$100,000 to be awarded to outstanding scholars*

**Wilmington, DE**—The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), a national educational organization headquartered in Wilmington, DE, is pleased to announce the launching of one of its most exciting and innovative programs to date—**The Culture of Enterprise Initiative (COE)**—made possible by a generous grant from The Templeton Foundation. This initial five-year program intends to explore the cultural underpinnings, institutional prerequisites and societal achievements of the free-market economy worldwide, and how the establishment and maintenance of such “humane” market systems may be impacted by the unprecedented changes wrought by the forces of globalization.

To realize this vision, ISI plans to promote path-breaking and interdisciplinary scholarship by conducting a set of international yearly Templeton Enterprise Awards and Undergraduate Essay Contest that are designed to elicit nominations and submissions from the best young minds around the globe. **ISI intends to make these COE awards some of the most highly sought-after prizes in the scholarly community, with the top book award totaling \$50,000; the top article award \$25,000; and the top essay winner \$10,000.** Winners of the Book and Article awards must be **39 years or younger at the time of publication** to qualify for consideration. Along with these academic contests, the COE Initiative will feature a Book Series under ISI’s imprint **ISI Books**, and hopes to attract manuscripts from a wide variety of fields, approaches, and cultures. With its unique ability to tap into a vast and diverse network of international scholars and thinkers, ISI is ready to unite its intellectual prowess with Templeton’s global resources to form a dynamic partnership destined to foster substantial, creative research in economics and culture.

To run this exciting initiative, ISI has tapped **Dr. Rich Brake** as its first director. Dr. Brake holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in American Government from Georgetown and Virginia, a Ph.D. in American Politics from Temple University, and is a former ISI Weaver Fellow. Prior to coming to ISI, Dr. Brake taught American Politics at Millersville, Shippensburg, and Temple Universities in Pennsylvania, and Stockton College in New Jersey. He also worked as a legislative assistant in both the U.S. and Pennsylvania Houses of Representatives. He is currently a major in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Founded in 1953, ISI works to “educate for liberty” –to identify the best and the brightest college students and to nurture in these future leaders the American ideal of ordered liberty. **For more information on ISI’s Culture of Enterprise Initiative, please contact Dr. Rich Brake at [rbrake@isi.org](mailto:rbrake@isi.org) or (302) 763-1010, and visit our websites, [www.isi.org](http://www.isi.org) and [www.cultureofenterprise.org](http://www.cultureofenterprise.org).**