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“FREEDOM AND VIRTUE:

CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS IN A TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS”

ISI HOSTS 2009 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute’s (ISI), a national education organization headquartered in Wilmington, DE, will host its 2009 National Leadership Conference at The Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, One South Capital Avenue in Indianapolis, IN, on **Saturday, October 10, 2009** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The daylong seminar provides an opportunity for top undergraduates, faculty, and community leaders to enjoy a variety of presentations and to have an intellectual conversation on the challenges and prospects in a time of economic crisis.

The global financial crisis has prompted Americans to question the very foundations of our nation’s economic system. Politicians, academics, and voters who had previously stood as stalwart defenders of the free market and limited government are now lobbying for massive economic solutions which place the federal government at the center of the nation’s recovery. How do free markets fit into a broader conservative understanding of man and society? How does the present situation compare with past recessions? What is the role of citizens in the recovery, and what adjustments must be made for free markets to flourish again? Conference presentations include:

- **“ECONOMIC CRISES, THEN AND NOW”** by Brian Domitrovic, professor of history at Sam Houston State University and author of *Econoclasts: The Rebels Who Sparked the Supply-Side Revolution and Restored American Prosperity*.
- **“WHAT JUST HAPPENED? THE ECONOMICS OF THE PANIC OF 2008”** by Gabriel Martinez, professor of economics at Ave Maria University.
- **“AN ECONOMIC HISTORY LESSON”** by Robert Murphy, senior fellow in business and economic studies at the Pacific Research Institute, an economist with both the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the Institute for Energy Research and author of the *Politically Incorrect Guide to the Great Depression and the New Deal*
- **“CONSUMERISM AND CONCENTRATION OF POWER: THE (IM)MORAL ROOTS OF THE CURRENT CRISIS”** by Andrew Abela, professor of marketing in the business and economics department at Catholic University of America.
- **“CAPITALISM AFTER THE CRISIS”** by Gary Wolfram, professor of political economy at Hillsdale College.

This event is complimentary and includes lunch, but seating is limited so **registration is required**. For more information or to register, e-mail indy@isi.org, call (302) 524-6127, or visit <http://indy.isi.org> for the complete conference schedule.

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