

## Conference Themes

The global recession has caused many to reexamine not only the policies and practices of business and economics, but also the underlying values of market institutions and capitalism. The 2009 J. Dennis Hastert Center Conference brings academics and members of the business community together to discuss the roots of market capitalism and its relation to the current crisis from a Christian perspective. The conference will also challenge participants to reexamine the potential role of free markets and competition in the alleviation of poverty and in the pursuit of more equal and just society. The conference will give special attention to the relationship between Judeo-Christian ethics, social responsibility, and a healthy economic system.

## Key Focus Areas

- Is the free market system the only means to attain an effective global economy?
- Can there be justice in a free market system without faith, stewardship and agreed upon moral values?
- How do markets interact with cultural, moral and faith based issues in a global economy?
- What role did the Protestant Reformation and the push for freedom have in the development of modern market economies?
- Can Christian faith, democracy, freedom and markets interact to provide for sustainability in society?
- What is the role of government in implementing moral values?

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

### Keynote Speaker



### Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach

*Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs Intl; Former Dean of City University Business School, London*

Lord Griffiths has written and lectured extensively on Christian faith in relation to politics and business. From 1985–1990 he served as special advisor to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and he currently serves as Vice Chairman of Goldman Sachs, one for the world's most successful asset management firms.

### Speakers and Panelists

#### John Witte

*Director of the Center for Law and Religion, Emory University*

#### Jeffrey P. Greenman

*Associate Dean of Biblical and Theological Studies, Wheaton College*

#### Peter J. Hill

*George F Bennett Professor of Economics, Wheaton College*

#### Andrew Yuengert

*Professor of Economics, Pepperdine University*

#### Brent Waters

*Director of the Jerre L. and Mary Joy Center for Ethics and Values; Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston*

#### Bryan T. McGraw

*Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations Wheaton College*

#### Javier Comboni

*Jean and E. Floyd Kvanme Professor of Political Economy; Director, J. Dennis Hastert Center*

#### C. William Pollard

*Chairman Emeritus, The Service Master Company and Chair of the Advisory Board, J. Dennis Hastert Center*

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September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

# MARKET CAPITALISM Can Godly Values Make the Difference?



Wheaton College

Wheaton, Illinois

Join us for a conference exploring the role of faith and stewardship in affecting markets and governments, particularly in light of the current crisis.

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### The Financial Crisis: Economic, Moral, and Spiritual Dimensions

Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach

Wednesday, September 23, 5:45PM  
Barrows Auditorium, Wheaton College

\*Keynote address free and open to the public.

## REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATIONS

### Registration

Please register online at [wheaton.edu/hastertcenter](http://wheaton.edu/hastertcenter).

Registration rates are as follows.

Ticket Type	Rate
Regular Registrant	\$80.00
Non-Wheaton Student	\$40.00
Wheaton College Student	No charge

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### Accommodations

A block of rooms are reserved at a discounted rate of \$99.00 at the Hilton.

Hilton Lisle Hotel

3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532

Phone 630-505-0900

Reservations include a complimentary buffet breakfast. When making reservations by phone, please mention that you are part of the Market Capitalism Conference at Wheaton College.

Online reservations can be made through the Hastert Center website. We have arranged for a hotel shuttle to transport guests to and from the College. A shuttle schedule will be e-mailed to guests staying at the hotel in the days preceding the event.

### Meals

Conference attendees can purchase a meal pass which includes 2 lunch tickets at Bon Appétit, Wheaton College's award winning buffet-style cafeteria. The pass also includes a ticket to the formal conference banquet on September 23rd. The cost for the meal pass is \$37.00. Tickets can be purchased online during registration. Banquet tickets are sold separately from the meal pass for those individuals who would like to eat lunches off campus. The banquet ticket is \$25.00 and it can also be purchased online on the registration page. Please send an e-mail to the conference coordinator at [hastertcenter@wheaton.edu](mailto:hastertcenter@wheaton.edu) if you have special dietary needs or if you desire a vegetarian entrée.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### Wednesday, September 23

**1:30 PM** **Conference Registration**  
*Foyer, Barrows Auditorium*

**1:50–3:20 PM** **Plenary Session One**  
*Wilson suite*

Presenter: John Witte

Christian Protestant foundations of Liberty, Equality, Basic Rights, and Democracy

Respondent: Peter J. Hill

**3:20–3:45 PM** **Break**

**3:45–5:15 PM** **Plenary Session Two**  
*Wilson Suite*

Presenter: Andrew Yuengert

Thinking About Markets, Acting in Markets

Respondent: Jeffrey P. Greenman

**5:30–6:45 PM** **Key Note Lecture**  
*Barrows Auditorium*

Speaker: Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach

The Financial Crisis: Economic, Moral and Spiritual Dimensions

**7 PM** **Dinner**  
*South Party Room*

Reflections: C. William Pollard

### Thursday, September 24

**8:30 AM** **Greetings and Refreshments**  
*Barrows*

**9–11:45 AM** **Plenary session three**  
*Wilson Suite*

Presenter: Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach

A Theology of Market Capitalism

Respondents: D. Brent Waters, Bryan T. McGraw

**11:45–1 PM** **Lunch**

**1:15–3 PM** **Final Panel Discussion**  
*Barrows Auditorium*

Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, Peter J. Hill, Brent Waters, Bryan T. McGraw, John Witte, Andrew Yuengert

Moderator: Javier Comboni