

Agenda – Liberty, Virtue and Economics Summit

September 19th (11:30am-5pm) and 20th (9 am-5 pm)

Liberty, Virtue & Economics Summit

Concordia's Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center

Opening keynote by Rev. Robert Sirico, President of Acton
Institute

*(Opening keynote in the Todd Wehr Theater; all other events in
the new Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center)*

What's a better solution to poverty, socialism or capitalism?

Should we have free trade or tariffs?

Is there a moral and biblical foundation for business?

*The **Liberty, Virtue and Economics Summit** will tackle these questions. Come learn—in three topical sessions—how Liberty, when coupled with Virtue, produces a flourishing society; and, how business and free markets can be a positive force for empowering people and addressing social needs.*

Session #1 (Sept 19): How entrepreneurialism & capitalism address poverty with dignity

Session #2 (Sept 20): The pros and cons of limits to free markets—tariffs vs. free trade

Session #3 (Sept 20): Biblical and moral foundations for business and free markets

Registration and information: www.cuw.edu/LVESummit

Cost:

Entire event: \$200 (\$50 for Acton members; free for students); includes two lunches

Each session (1, 2, 3): \$80 (\$25 for Acton members; students free); includes 1 lunch

Agenda

Day 1 (Thursday, September 19th)

Session 1: How Entrepreneurialism & Capitalism address Poverty with Dignity

Time: 11:30 am registration

Location: Todd Wehr Theater

Session 1a: Morality, Business and Free Markets – How Best to Address Poverty

- 11:40 | President Ferry – Welcome (in the Todd Wehr Theater)
- 11:45 | Dr. Dolly Clement, Plaster Foundation – Opening Remarks
- 12:00 | **Keynote Lecture: Father Sirico – Morality and Free Markets**
- 12:45 | Q&A
- 1:00 | End Q&A; President Ferry provides blessing; Break for lunch

1:00-2:30 Lunch & networking (in front of the RWP building)

(For Acton members (1-2:30 pm): lunch & discussion with Fr. Sirico in the LCEF Board room; includes facilitated discussion on poverty with Milwaukee community leaders)

Session 1b: Entrepreneurial Approaches to Produce Human and Economic Flourishing

Location: Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center (Collaboratorium)

- 2:30 | **Ismael Hernandez: True Compassion and a Better Way to Help the Poor**
- 3:15 | **Ken Harris: Launch MKE – Teaching Entrepreneurialism in North Milwaukee**
- 3:30 | **Jacarrie Car: My Entrepreneurial Journey with Jacarrie's Kicks for Kids**
- 3:45 | Panel Q&A
- 4:00 | Q&A Ends

Break: 4:00 - 4:30

Session 1c: Student Panel Discussion, Facilitated by Ismael Hernandez

Location: Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center (Collaboratorium)

- 4:30-5:15 | **Student Panel, facilitated by Ismael Hernandez:** How to apply concepts of Liberty, Virtues and Economics to address poverty and unemployment in your community
- 5:15-5:20 | **Daniel Sem:** Closing remarks for the day and explanation of parallel sessions

Parallel sessions (5:30 pm):

- (a) Networking with buffet dinner and tours of building (Commons & reception area)
- (b) Acton Alumni Dinner with Ismael Hernandez and Tom Keppeler (LCEF board room)
- (c) Student Project Session and Dinner (Collaboratorium); facilitated by Daniel Sem, Van Mobley and Shannon Whitworth

Day 2 (Friday, September 20th)

Session 2: The pros and cons of limits to free markets—tariffs vs. free trade

Time: 9:00 (Light Breakfast at 8:30 am)

Location: Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center (*Collaboratorium*)

Session 2a: Economics of Free Markets, Free Trade, Tariffs and Regulatory Restraints

- 8:30 | Light Breakfast
- 9:00 | Daniel Sem: Welcome
- 9:10 | **Economist Panel:** Drs. Tyler Watts, Van Mobley, Scott Niederjohn, Joe Jacobsen
- 9:55 | Audience Q&A
- 10:10 | Break

Break: 10:10-10:30 am (Commons area)

Session 2b: Industry Leader Panel Discussion of Tariffs

- 10:30 | **Industry Leader Panel:** John Mellowes (Charter Steel), Austin Ramirez (HUSCO), Cally Edgren (Kohler)
- 11:15 | Audience Q&A
- 11:30 | Break for lunch; Prayer by Provost William Cario

Lunch in the Robert W. Plaster Building (11:30-12:15)

Session 3: Biblical and Moral Foundations for Business and Free Markets

Location: Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center (*Collaboratorium*)

Keynote Lecture by Sam Greg

- 12:15 | **Sam Gregg: Are Free Markets Moral?**
- 1:00 | Audience Q&A
- 1:15 | Break

Break: 1:15-1:30 pm

Session 3b Vocation and Theological Perspectives on Business

- 1:30 | **Rev. Chris Armstrong, Kern Foundation: Vocation and a Theological Perspective on the Good of the Business Enterprise**
- 2:15 | Q&A
- 2:30 | **Concordia Faculty Panel:** Roy Peterson, Harald Tomesch, Van Mobley, David Loy
Facilitated by Tom Keppeler, Prism EDC and Upstart Kitchen
- 3:15 | **President Ferry: Presidential Ponderings on Connection to Concordia Mission, and closing remarks**

Break: 3:30 - 3:45

Session 3c Closing Keynote Lecture

- 3:45 - 4:30 | **Ann Bradley: A Biblical Answer to Poverty**
- 4:30 - 4:45 | Audience Q&A
- 4:45 | **Closing Remarks and Departure**