

## The BB&T Learning Laboratory on Capitalism Book/Discussion/Event Club, Spring 2012

You are invited to join a reading/discussion/event group to learn about and share views on aspects of free enterprise and capitalism, including its morality and effectiveness.

Plans include reading and discussing contrasting viewpoints on free enterprise, capitalism, progressivism, and the role of government in a free society.

### **Planned Readings and Discussions on selections from:**

Milton Friedman, *Free To Choose*, “The Power of the Market.”

Frederic Bastiat, *The Law*.

Paul Krugman, *Conscience of a Liberal*.

Edgar Browning, *Stealing From Each Other: How the Welfare State Robs Americans of Money and Spirit*.

George Soros, *The Soros Lectures*.

Paul Heyne, *Are Economists Basically Immoral?*

Ayn Rand, *Atlas Shrugged*, “The Sign of the Dollar.”

Alexander Tabarrok, *Entrepreneurial Economics*.

Discussions of current events such as Crony Capitalism, Occupy Wall Street, Too Big To Fail, Healthcare Reform, Environmental Regulation, and many more.

View and discuss videos such as: *Commanding Heights: The Battle Between Government and the Marketplace That is Remaking the Modern World*.

### **Special Events**

<b><u>Speaker</u></b>	<b><u>Day/Time/Place</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
<b>Prof. Donald Boudreaux</b> , George Mason University and Café Hayek blogger	Wed., Feb. 1, 4:30- 5:30, CB 102	Presentation on “Price Controls.” Plus opportunities for informal interaction.
<b>Rand Paul</b> , U. S. Senator	to be announced	Presentation for the “Leaders in Public Policy” lecture series.

### **Regular Meetings (Pizza and Soft Drinks Provided!)**

<b><u>Day/Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time/Place</u></b>		<b><u>Day/Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time/Place</u></b>
Thurs., Jan 19	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324		Thurs., March 8	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324
Thurs., Jan. 26	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324		Thurs., March 29	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324
Thurs., Feb. 9	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324		Thurs., April 12	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324
Thurs., Feb.23	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324		Thurs., April 26	6:00-7:00 pm, BE 324

Materials are free and available from Professor John Garen, BE 335AZ, [jgaren@ukv.edu](mailto:jgaren@ukv.edu).

### **Independent Study Credit:**

Students who wish to commit to attending and participating regularly can earn one credit of ECO 395, pass/fail if they get approval from Dr. Garen.