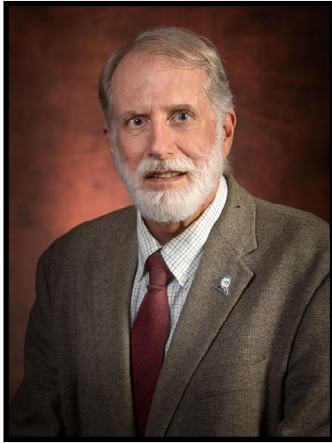


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## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

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#### ***Political Capitalism: How Economic and Political Power Is Made and Maintained***

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Proponents of capitalism and free markets often cite creeping socialism as the main threat to capitalism. Meanwhile, the market system is being undermined from within by the capitalists who have benefitted the most from it. The creative destruction of capitalism allows entrepreneurial individuals to profit and prosper from introducing innovations into the economy. But that same creative destruction that helps those trying to get ahead threatens the economic elite who have succeeded in the past. The economic elite conspire with the political elite to undermine the creative destruction of capitalism by creating regulatory barriers to entry for potential competitors, and to get tax breaks, subsidies, and regulatory advantages for themselves. Policies promoted as pro-business are almost always anti-free market. The biggest threat to capitalism is capitalists.



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