

CCU + SYMPOSIUM

2022

SEPTEMBER 26-27



# SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM

A CLOSER LOOK

She sees that her trading is profitable...She opens her arms to the poor  
and extends her hands to the needy. Prov 31:18-20



COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
Grace and Truth

## SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 26

- 6:30 p.m.** **Dr. David Kotter, Dean of the School of Theology & Mr. Tim A. McFavish, Interim President**  
*Welcome and Opening Prayer*
- 6:35 p.m.** **Dr. Donald W. Sweeting, Chancellor**  
*Socialism and Capitalism: Why Should Christians Care?*
- 6:45 p.m.** **CCU University Choir Directed by Dr. David McNeil**  
*The Battle of Jericho*  
*Jesus Shall Reign*  
*In Christ Alone*
- 6:55 p.m.** **Julie Koyamatsu, CCU Business Admin. Student**  
*Introduction of the Faculty Speaker*
- 7:00 p.m.** **Faculty Speaker: Dr. Isaac Y. Chilima, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business**  
*Economic Systems Modern Warfare: Why Today's Criticisms Against Capitalism Are Appealing*
- 7:40 p.m.** **Dr. David Kotter, Dean of the School of Theology**  
*Introduction of the Keynote Speaker*
- 7:45 p.m.** **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lawrence W. Reed, President Emeritus and Humphreys Family Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Economic Education**  
*Was Jesus a Socialist?*
- 8:30 p.m.** **Q&A Session with Speakers**
- 8:45 p.m.** **Prof. Michael Plato, Associate Professor of Philosophy**  
*Benediction and Closing*

### Tuesday, September 27

- 8:30 a.m.** **Dr. Matt Jones, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies**  
*Welcome and Overview of the Day*
- 8:40 a.m.** **Music Team: Praise and Worship**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Dr. John Wind, Associate Professor of Theology**  
*Introduction of the Plenary Speaker*
- 9:05 a.m.** **Plenary Speaker: Dr. Jay W. Richards, Director of the DeVos Center for Life, Religion, and Family and the William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation**  
*The Christian Case for Free Enterprise*
- 9:55 a.m.** **Coffee Break**
- 10:15 a.m.** **Dr. Seth Rodriguez, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Archaeology**  
*School of Theology Opportunities Around the World*
- 10:20 a.m.** **Dr. David Kotter, Dean of the School of Theology**  
*Introduction of the Plenary Speaker*
- 10:25 a.m.** **Plenary Speaker: Dr. Anne Rathbone-Bradley, The George and Sally Mayer Fellow for Economic Education and the Vice President of Academic Affairs at The Fund for American Studies**  
*Free Markets Free the World*
- 11:15 a.m.** **Q&A Session with Speakers**
- 11:45 a.m.** **Dr. Kevin Turner, Professor of Youth Ministry and Theology**  
*Closing and Instructions for Lunch*
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch Break**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Workshop #1 (See schedule of topics and locations)**
- 2:15 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:45 p.m.** **Workshop #2 (See schedule of topics and locations)**
- 3:45 p.m.** **Symposium Concludes**

**WORKSHOPS | 1:30PM AND 2:45PM**



**Dr. Lawrence W. Reed**

***Excuse me, Professor  
Anschutz Student Center Great Hall***

This workshop is intended to equip and provide students with the facts, evidence, and well researched arguments in order to provide a thoughtful defense against myths maintained by society today. Subjects include income inequality, government intervention, minimum wage, and more.

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**Dr. David Kotter**

***What is the Difference Between Self Interest  
and Greed?  
Leprino Hall 102***

Economist Adam Smith taught that individual self interest drives the economic engine of the world and has raised billions of people out of poverty. On the other hand, the church teaches that greed is a deadly sin that leads to all sorts of evils. This workshop will provide practical help to distinguish self interest from greed to help you succeed in the business world without losing your soul.

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**Dr. Jay W. Richards**

***Will Machines Take Our Jobs? The Human  
Advantage and the Future of Work***

***Leprino Hall 170/172***

America has been built on the belief that hard work will lead to prosperity and a better life. But over the past decade, that idea has come into crisis with mass outsourcing and automation that will replace millions of blue-and white-collar jobs alike. To survive, we need a new model for how ordinary people can thrive in this age of mass disruption and how we can capitalize on the skills that are most uniquely human: creativity, resilience, and empathy for the needs of others.

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**Dr. Stephen Shumaker**

***Why Socialists Will Never Disappear from  
Free Societies and What We Can Do  
Leprino Hall 202***

Democratic souls and longings undergird any democratic society. Unfortunately, the democratic soul naturally tilts towards socialism which will then always prove an inescapable threat to those who love liberty. Surprisingly, the writers of the Bible understood this challenge long ago. Come explore this connection between socialism and democracy along with several insights the Bible provides for mitigating this shadowy side of democracy.



**Dr. Anne Rathbone-Bradley**

***Human Flourishing and the Economic  
Way of Thinking  
Leprino Hall 106***

This workshop will guide us through a biblical exploration of the basic principles of economics to learn how thinking economically can provide a framework for living that fits God's design, brings him glory, and leads to fulfillment in life. We will discuss how living out biblical economic principles empowers people to live faithfully as Christians, to flourish, and to contribute to the flourishing of their families, communities, nation, and ultimately, the world.



**Dr. Debora Scheffel and Pam Beningo**  
(Director of the Education Policy Center,  
Independence Institute)

***Socialist Influences on American Public  
Education and their Implications***

***Leprino Hall 307***

The education of our youth determines the future of our nation and way of life, but Socialist ideologies and assumptions are increasingly exerting an undue influence on curriculum and instruction in K-12 education. The next generation's understanding of our history and form of government in a Constitutional Republic is being undermined. In this workshop, learn how to refute these ideologies and help preserve the original intent of public education.

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**Dr. Mellani Day**

***Is Socialism Good for Business?***  
***Leprino Hall 104***

The socialist ideal sounds so good in theory. It aims to create "the conditions for the truly free, rational, active and independent man" (Fromm, 1961) who is freed from the elites who unfairly dominate the working class. Why does it not actually work in practice? This workshop will explore, from a Biblical perspective, the logic and actual effect the model of socialism has had on businesses and workers as compared to other models, with examples from several economies around the world.



**Prof. Michael Plato**

***Will Shopping Kill You?***  
***Leprino Hall 206***

One of the effects of a free market society is the culture of consumerism. While many on the left have made no secret of their disdain for it, many conservatives and religious people are likewise also concerned about consumerism and its repercussions, especially morally and spiritually. How best should we think about consumerism from a Christian perspective? This workshop will examine three arguments against consumerism and present a more helpful way of thinking about it.

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**Dr. Tom Copeland**

***Does the Free Market Erode Moral Character?***  
***Leprino Hall 305***

The free market both requires and produces moral behavior — yet it also permits immoral behavior. How tightly should government limit markets to enforce morality? What kinds of virtues are required to be successful in the market, and what virtues are produced by it? These questions and more will be discussed in this workshop.

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**Prof. Susan Pahlau**

***Economy of the Soul: A Post-Pandemic Look  
at Recovery and Resilience***  
***Leprino Hall 204***

Do you feel weary and depleted? What helps? Based on Ephesians 3:16, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being..." and John Eldredge's new book, *Resilient*, this workshop will examine the effect the pandemic has had on us. Come learn practical suggestions for recovery and biblical instruction on resilience to strengthen the economy of your soul.

## SPEAKERS



### **Dr. Isaac Chilima**

Isaac Chilima is the Assistant Professor of Economics and Business at Colorado Christian University. He is a native of Malawi where he began his career in banking, but quickly transitioned to serving as a university professor. As an intern at the World Economic Forum (WEF), he served at the 2015 Japan meeting in Tokyo. In 2017, he was also trained in macroeconomic analysis by the Asia office of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Chilima is a published author with articles in peer-reviewed journals, and received best paper and best presenter awards at international conferences in Hong Kong and New York respectively. He earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in Economics from Yokohama National University in Japan where he graduated top of his class.



### **Dr. Lawrence W. Reed**

Economist and historian Lawrence ("Larry") Reed is President Emeritus and Humphreys Family Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) in Atlanta. He previously served for 21 years as President of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan. Dr. Reed also taught economics full-time at Northwood University where he chaired its department of economics.

He is the author of seven books, most recently *Was Jesus a Socialist?* and *Real Heroes: Inspiring True Stories of Courage, Character and Conviction*, as well as some 2,000 articles and columns in publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*. His interests in political and economic affairs have taken him to 87 countries on six continents.

He holds a B.A. in Economics from Grove City College and a M.A. in History from Slippery Rock State University. He holds two honorary doctorates, one from Central Michigan University and one from Northwood University.



### **Dr. Jay W. Richards**

Jay W. Richards, Ph.D., is director of the DeVos Center for Life, Religion, and Family and the William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation. He joined the Heritage Foundation in 2021, after serving for seven years on the faculty at The Catholic University of America. At Heritage, he has been focusing on the dangers that gender ideology poses for children and families.

Richards is author or editor of more than a dozen books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Infiltrated* (2013) and *Indivisible* (2012), *The Human Advantage*, and *Money, Greed, and God*, winner of a 2010 Templeton Enterprise Award. His most recent book is *The Price of Panic: How the Tyranny of Experts Turned a Pandemic Into a Catastrophe*. He is also creator and executive producer of several documentaries, including three that have appeared widely on PBS.

An experienced international public speaker, Richards has lectured at various academic conferences, think tanks, public policy meetings, and on several occasions to members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. congressional staff. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary.



**Dr. Anne Rathbone-Bradley**

Dr. Anne Rathbone-Bradley is the George and Sally Mayer Fellow for Economic Education and vice president of academic affairs at The Fund for American Studies (TFAS). Through this position, Dr. Bradley works to enhance the impact and reach of TFAS economic education programs through courses, seminars, videos and social media. Previously, Bradley served as the vice president of economic initiatives at the Institute for Faith, Work & Economics, where she continues to research a systematic biblical theology of economic freedom.

In addition to her work with TFAS, Bradley is a professor of economics at The Institute for World Politics and Grove City College. Her academic work ranges from the question of income inequality and economic freedom to the political economy of terrorism, with specific emphasis on the industrial organization of al-Qaeda. Based on her academic research, she also worked as an economic analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of Terrorism Analysis.

She is the co-editor and author of *Counting the Cost: Christian Perspectives on Capitalism, For the Least of These: A Biblical Answer to Poverty*, and *Be Fruitful and Multiply: Why Economics is Necessary for Making God-Pleasing Decisions*. Bradley received her Ph.D. in Economics from George Mason University where she was a James M. Buchanan Scholar.



**Dr. Donald W. Sweeting**

After serving as Colorado Christian University president from 2016-2022, Dr. Donald Sweeting was appointed by the Board of Trustees as Chancellor of the University. As chancellor, Dr. Sweeting is responsible for amplifying the University's educational mission, convictions, and strategic priorities inside and outside CCU.

Before coming to CCU, Dr. Sweeting served as the president of Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando from 2010-2016. As an ordained minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Sweeting served as senior pastor of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Greenwood Village, a Denver suburb, for 12 years and for 11 years as the founding pastor of Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church in northern Illinois. Sweeting also served as an assistant to Chuck Colson with Prison Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

Sweeting studied Bible and Theology at Moody Bible Institute, earned his B.A. degree in History from Lawrence University, a B.A./M.A. degree from Oxford University in England, and his Ph.D. in Historical Theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He also speaks and preaches around the country and has published numerous articles for well-known magazines and scholarly journals. He has co-authored several books, including *How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half of Life*.