



MURRAY WEIDENBAUM CENTER

on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy

The Weidenbaum Program

The Center is a non-profit, non-partisan research organization at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Founded in 1975, it is recognized nationwide. The Center supports scholarly research in the fields of economics, government, and public policy. It works closely with the Department of Economics, the Department of Political Science, and other academic units at Washington University.

The Center's public policy efforts consist of a multifaceted program of research, forums,

Our Purpose

The Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy supports scholarly research, public affairs programs, and other activities at the intersection of government and business. The Center serves as a bridge between scholars and policy makers.

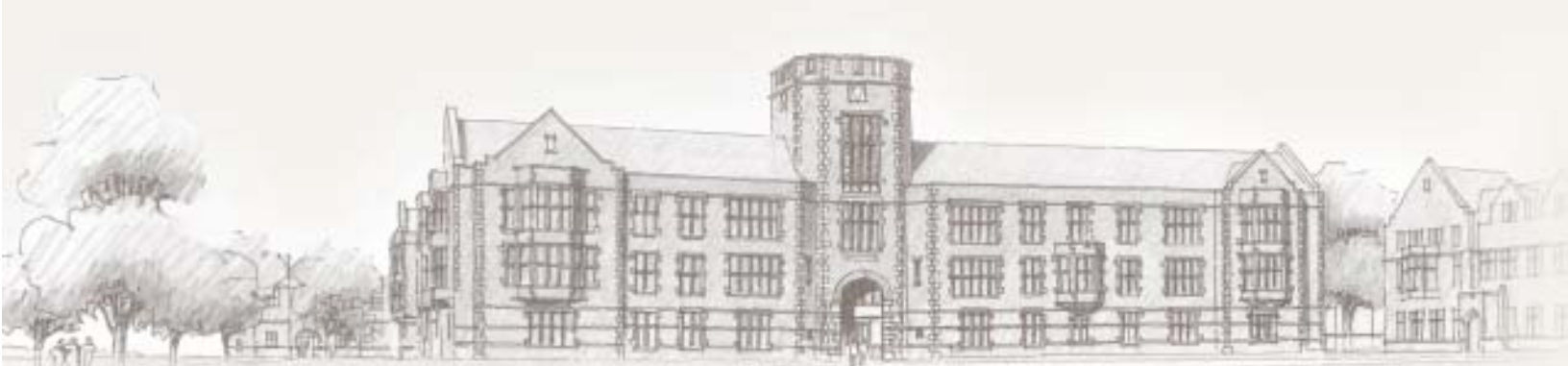
retreats, publications, and online resources. These programs reach a wide audience of influential individuals in business, government, academia, and the national media. They educate policy-makers, journalists, and the general public on policy issues at the intersection of business and government. In addition, the Center's media coverage and public speaking engagements help to further shed light on important public policy concerns.

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Public Policy Programs

Forum Programs

Forums are public affairs programs that focus on economic and political issues important to the nation and the world.

These programs include speeches, conferences, and debates where national and international experts are brought to Washington University to

examine pressing issues. Programs focus on regulation, taxing and spending, health care, international trade, and other social, economic, and political issues. Pamphlets summarizing the content of the program, as well as streaming video/transcripts, are accessible at <http://wc.wustl.edu/forum.html>.

Eliot Society Policy Luncheons

Center Eliot Society Luncheons are meetings that address current affairs in an open discussion format so that members become better informed on issues through a free exchange of ideas. Experts from academia, government, and business lead the discussions.



St. Louis Series

The St. Louis Series addresses important needs in the community and surrounding region by sponsoring conferences, speeches, and other programs. Streaming video/transcripts are accessible at <http://wc.wustl.edu/forum.html>.



Speaker Series

The Speaker Series brings in experts from academia, government, and business to speak on timely topics. Some programs are reserved for the Center's Eliot Society members. Programs can be accessed at http://wc.wustl.edu/breakfast_program.html.

Media Retreats

This program brings journalists, business and government leaders, and scholars together to achieve two goals: (1) to help journalists obtain a richer understanding of public policy issues, and (2) to help them become more effective journalists.

Publications

For the past 25 years, the Center has released an annual publication examining the federal budget to track the expenditures of federal regulatory agencies and their staff. This report is extensively referenced in textbooks, government papers, and newspapers.

When warranted, the Center publishes reports, papers, and edited volumes generated from its Forum Series and other programs.

On occasion, the Center distributes a limited amount of textbooks that have been published by its faculty on topics encompassing government, Congress, business, and public policy.

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Leadership Team



Steven
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The Center has a unique leadership team that is comprised of a leading political scientist and a renowned economist. The Center is directed by Steven S. Smith, Kate M. Gregg Professor of Social Sciences at Washington University and a member of the University's Department of Political Science.

The Center's Honorary Chairman is Murray Weidenbaum, Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor at Washington University.



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Academic Programs



Faculty Programs

A goal of the Center is to help sponsor and support research by faculty in the Departments of Economics and Political Science. The Center provides:

- small seed grants to initiate faculty projects and encourage research and development,
- provides assistance in seeking outside funding sources and submission preparation, and
- works with faculty on major programs that combine research, scholarly conferences, and public affairs events to give the researcher an opportunity to reach academics, policymakers, and the general public.

The Center also sponsors workshops and conferences for scholars. These programs recruit experts in a variety of fields from across the nation. These events facilitate the scholarly exchange and review of academic work in progress. They frequently lead to scholarly publications.

Student Programs

Through the Center, select undergraduate scholars have the opportunity to work with university faculty on research projects concerning the economy, government, and public policy. This program provides students with valuable research, writing experience, and publication opportunities.

The Center also supports graduate students as Weidenbaum Center Fellows. Fellows work with university faculty on research projects. Most fellowships are for the summer months.

EITM Program

The Center's EITM (Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models) Summer Institute, funded by the National Science Foundation, brings top ranking faculty from across the country to the Center to share their knowledge and teachings with select graduate students and junior faculty on cutting-edge problems in the study of political economy.



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Financial Support Base

The Weidenbaum Center, while an integral part of Washington University, is responsible for its own financial support and relies heavily upon generous donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, the Center falls under the University's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

The Center continues to seek funding from various sources. Anyone wishing to support the Center's efforts should contact:

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