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LIBERTY AND ETHICS CENTER RECEIVES GRANTS FOR SPRING CONFERENCE

January 28, 2015

The Liberty and Ethics Center at Lindenwood University has announced two grant awards to support its spring conference, "Capitalism, Crony Capitalism, and the Common Good." A \$10,000 grant award was received from the Charles Koch Foundation, and a \$12,000 grant was received from the Earhart Foundation.

The conference will be held March 19-21, 2015, on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles.

The plenary session keynote speakers are Ralph Nader and Grover Norquist. Nader, a former Green Party presidential candidate, and Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, will discuss areas of principle agreement on the topics of right and left coalitions and nonpartisanship. The keynote address will be themed around Nader's book, Unstoppable: The Emerging Left-Right Alliance to Dismantle the Corporate State.

"Primary to our discussions will be the idea of business as a lofty vocation and whether crony capitalism ought to be of greater concern within business ethics debates than it currently is," said Rachel Douchant, director of the Liberty and Ethics Center. "Nader and Norquist will be an eloquent addition to our conference and may disrupt assumptions about the Hammond Institute's focus on free-markets; we strongly distinguish between government leaving markets to operate naturally and government trying to aid or speed up market processes."

A full conference schedule will be released at a later date.

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