



Cascade Policy Institute

presents



Professor Mark Skousen

named “one of the top 20 [most influential living economists](#)”
as he reveals

What Hidden Forces Lead to Economic Growth and a Higher Standard of Living?

and

Why are some countries rich and others poor?

Friday, August 14, 2015

11:30am – 1:00pm

[Ernesto's Italian Restaurant](#) (just off Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy.)

8544 SW Apple Way Portland, Portland, OR 97225 ([directions](#))

Full Lunch Buffet and Beverage

\$18 complete cost including gratuity

[Reservations and pre-payment required by August 12th](#)

Mark Skousen grew up in Portland and is returning to talk with us before attending his 50th high school reunion at Sunset High School in Beaverton. His view of what leads to economic growth may surprise you—and dramatically alter your perception of how the world works. You can watch his 2005 talk for Cascade, “1776...The Triumph of an Idea,” [here](#).

He earned his Ph.D. in economics from George Washington University and has taught economics and finance at five colleges and universities, including Columbia Business School and Columbia University. Currently, he is a Presidential Fellow at Chapman University in California. For the past 35 years, he has been editor of the award-winning investment newsletter “Forecasts & Strategies.”

Dr. Skousen has the unique distinction of having worked as an analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, as President of the non-profit [Foundation for Economic Education](#), and for several for-profit companies. As a former columnist for *Forbes* magazine, he interviewed some of the world's top political and business leaders, including Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, and Presidents Clinton and Bush. He has authored over 25 books on economics and finance; and as a sixth-generation direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin, he finished Franklin's Autobiography in 2006 with *The Completed Autobiography by Benjamin Franklin*.

Mark Skousen may be best known currently for being the producer of the “the world's largest gathering of free minds,” [FreedomFest](#), held every July in Las Vegas. 2,500 people attended this year to watch columnist Paul Krugman debate Stephen Moore, the keynote speaker at Cascade Policy Institute's 20th Anniversary dinner cruise in 2011. Mark Skousen's websites are: [www.mskousen.com](#); [www.markskousen.com](#); [www.freedomfest.com](#).

Register online: <http://mark-skousen-at-cascade.eventbrite.com>

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