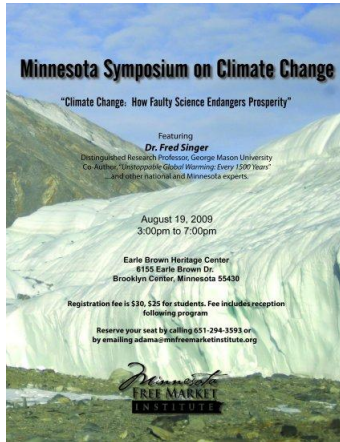


The Minnesota Free Market Institute Weekly Update Friday, August 7, 2009

Don't Miss Our Climate and Energy Symposium on August 19!



Join the Minnesota Free Market Institute as we host **Dr. Fred Singer**, Distinguished Research Professor at George Mason University on the subject of climate "realism."

The talk will be followed by breakout sessions with presentations on Climatology, Energy, Cap and Trade and the economic impact of climate change legislation in Minnesota with local and national commentators and experts.

Here are some of the participants at this date:

- **John Coleman**, Meteorologist, founder of The Weather Channel
- **Kenneth Green**, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute
- State Senator **Mike Jungbauer**
- **Paul C. Knappenberger**, *Master Resource* blog
- **Carolyn Sampson**, Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA)

The event will be held August 19th at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center from 3-7pm including reception.

Please register by visiting <http://mnfreemarketinstitute.org/climate/>

Get the all the details [here](#) or click on the program flyer.

Friedman Event Wrapup



On July 31st, 2009 the Minnesota Free Market Institute held it's annual Milton Friedman birthday party. The event was a great success. Over 100 people attended the Friday afternoon event, hosted by Free Market Institute Chairman Tom Kelly. A drawing was held for copies of Friedman's Free to Choose and Milton Friedman posters.

Senior Policy Fellow David Strom gave some brief remarks and offered a toast. Here is the text of his remarks:

It is a genuine pleasure to have the honor of toasting Milton Friedman on what would have been his 97th Birthday. In many of Friedman's biographies he is described as being an

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economist best known for having won the Nobel Prize in 1976. That is, of course, completely wrong. If we only knew of Friedman as an economist, we hardly would know of him at all.

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Must Read

Chad Brown. [Protectionism Exposed](#) *Wall Street Journal*. (subscription may be required).

Although there are many issues being debated right now in Washington, Health Care, "Cash for Clunkers," and the still active Cap and Trade bill it's important to keep an eye on what is happening with tariffs and anti-dumping actions world wide which may have a longer term effect on the economy and whether it recovers or falls deeper into a recession. At the moment, according to Professor Chad Brown of Brandeis University, countries like China and the are content to engage in "tit for tat" style retaliation with anti-dumping penalties but at any time these limited measures could spiral into real trade wars as economic indicators worsen and public pressure demands action.

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