

# Because Ideas Matter

*Capital Campus Texas* courses provide a forum where reliable academic research and practical discussion of real-world lessons intersect. This unique educational model yields programs offering information that is not only highly credible, but broadly applicable to the work of a diverse audience of state policy makers from all branches of government and from both sides of the aisle.

World renown economist, Dr. Arthur Laffer, gives the keynote speech at dinner.



The Honorable Maurice McTigue, former New Zealand Parliament member, Cabinet Minister and Ambassador delivers a presentation on competitiveness.



*Capital Campus Texas* is a joint project of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and the Texas Public Policy Foundation. The Mercatus Center's Capitol Hill Campus program began 13 years ago in Washington, D.C. and attracts thousands of participants each year through its frequent educational programs. Today, the Mercatus Center's Capital Campus program has expanded to a half-dozen states around the country.

## Texas Public Policy Foundation

The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit, non-partisan research institute guided by the core principles of individual liberty, personal responsibility, private property rights, free markets and limited government. The Foundation's mission is to improve Texas by generating academically sound research and data on state issues, and by recommending the findings to opinion leaders, policy makers, the media and general public. The Texas Public Policy Foundation is providing the ideas that enable policymakers to chart that new course.

## Mercatus Center at George Mason University

The mission of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University is to develop insights and tools that can sustainably advance a free and prosperous civil society. The Mercatus Center is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit research organization that works with scholars, policy experts, and government officials to connect academic learning and real world practice. The Mercatus Center is located at George Mason University's Law School in Arlington, Virginia.



**WESTIN RIVERWALK  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

**JULY 9-10, 2008**



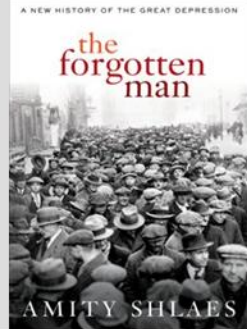


*Capital Campus Texas* returns for its second year with an all new agenda exploring the most pressing issues facing Texas. Designed for legislative leaders and staff, *Capital Campus Texas* provides an unparalleled educational program providing an in-depth look at the intersection of economics and public policy. Each session during the two-day program features nationally recognized scholars and speakers on issues including transportation, natural resources, regulatory policy, and higher education.

*Capital Campus Texas* 2008 will be held at the beautiful Westin Riverwalk hotel in San Antonio. The 2008 program features nationally recognized scholars leading each session and smaller discussion groups. Experts participating in this year's program are:

- Dr. Antony Davies of Duquesne University
- Dr. Jerry Ellig of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- The Honorable Maurice McTigue, former New Zealand Parliament member, Cabinet Minister, and Ambassador.
- Dr. Richard Vedder of Ohio University and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity
- The Honorable Kathleen Hartnett White, Director of the Foundation's Center for Natural Resources and former chairwoman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- Dr. Bruce Yandle of Clemson University

The *Capital Campus Texas* keynote dinner will feature best-selling author Amity Shlaes. Ms. Shlaes' recent book, *The Forgotten Man*, chronicles the policies and economics of The Great Depression and The New Deal. Since it was first printed in June 2007, *The Forgotten Man* has received wide acclaim, as it appeared on best-seller lists around the country.



# ★ Capital Campus Texas Agenda ★

**Westin Riverwalk ★ San Antonio, Texas**  
(subject to change)

Wednesday, July 9th:

- Registration, Welcome and Opening Remarks
- The Games Economists Play
- Lunch
- Regulatory Policy in Texas: A Panel Discussion
- Higher Education Policy
- Breakout Session
- Reception
- Dinner and keynote with Amity Shlaes

Thursday, July 10th:

- Breakfast
- Natural Resources Policy
- Transportation Policy
- Breakout Session
- Lunch
- Return transportation to Austin

*Capital Campus Texas* participants play economic games simulating labor decisions.



*Capital Campus Texas* participants and special guests enjoy remarks from Dr. Arthur Laffer.



Economist Steve Moore, a member of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial board, discusses the economy.



*Capital Campus Texas* participants listen to a presentation on the knowledge economy.



*Capital Campus Texas* participants will be selected through a competitive application process for a limited number of seats. All legislative and leadership staff, as well as state agency staff are eligible to participate and encouraged to apply.

Program tuition and group accommodations provided by *Capital Campus Texas*. Participants must attend the entire event.

- Applications available April 17th at [www.texaspolicy.com](http://www.texaspolicy.com).
- Applications due to the Texas Public Policy Foundation by May 14th.
- Invitations to participants announced May 30th.

