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Thursday, April 25, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Light Refreshments
- 6:00 p.m. Presentation (no reception to follow)

Saint Louis University Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business
Anheuser-Busch Auditorium
3674 Lindell Blvd. at Spring Ave. in Saint Louis

Guest Speakers: Rik W. Hafer & William H. Rogers



Event Details:

Since the moon landing 50 years ago, one million people have gone missing from Missouri. Had Missouri's population growth rate simply kept pace with the national average, it would be home to 1.2 million more people today. Missouri's economic growth has been so slow that it ranks among the worst in the country.

In this presentation, Rik Hafer and William Rogers will present on the findings of their recent study into the state's long running lack of robust economic activity and Missouri's "Missing Million."

Speaker Biographies:

Rik Hafer

Director of the Center for Economics and the Environment and a Professor of Economics in Lindenwood's Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Rik Hafer joined Lindenwood in 2016 having worked previously in the department of economics and finance at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Hafer has published over 100 academic articles, several books on monetary policy and financial markets, and a principles of economics text. His research has covered many fields in addition to monetary economics, including the link between economic freedom and economic growth, and more recently the role of education in explaining why some countries and states grow faster than others. He also has written over 150 commentaries which have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the *Illinois* and *St. Louis Business Journals*. Previously, Dr. Hafer worked in the research department of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Dr. Hafer received his BA in Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his MA and PhD from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

William Rogers

Senior Research Fellow in the Center for Economics and the Environment and an Associate Professor of Economics in Lindenwood's Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship.

William Rogers joined Lindenwood in 2016, having been on the economics faculty at the University of Missouri at St. Louis since 2004.

Rogers specializes in the field of urban economics, where he studies the role of private land-use regulation, foreclosures, and the relationship between housing markets and labor markets. He has a particular passion teaching the connections that link economic theory, statistical analysis, and programming implementation. Rogers has worked as a consultant on St. Louis area

research projects focused on labor unions, tax-increment financing, property taxes, housing prices, and higher education. He also works as an expert witness estimating financial losses for litigation.

Dr. Rogers received his BA in International Economics from Hastings College and his Master of Arts and Ph.D. from Colorado State University.

Presented By:

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