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Dr. Westley studies and researches the economics of the free society.

Biography

Dr. Christopher Westley is dean of the Lutgert College of Business and professor of economics at Florida Gulf Coast University. A prolific writer, his scholarly articles have appeared in Economics and Politics, Constitutional Political Economy, the Eastern Economics Journal, the American Journal of Economics and Sociology, and the International Journal of Social Economics. In addition, Westley has published more than 100 economics columns, including some that have appeared in Investor's Business Daily, the Christian Science Monitor, several Florida newspapers, as well as business and public policy journals throughout the United States.

Areas of Expertise

Political Economy, Economics, Public Economics, Finance, Austrian Economics

Affiliations

Mises Institute : Associated Scholar, Acton Institute : Adjunct Scholar, Education Facilities Authority (Lee County) : Board Member, Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance : Board Member, Village of Estero Economic Development Partnership : Member, Florida Council of Business Economists : Member, Southwest Florida Community Foundation : FutureMaker, Comprehensive Economic Development Committee : Member, Opportunity Naples Steering Committee : Member, Regional Economic Indicators : Editor and Publisher, Lee County Business Climate Survey : Editor and Publisher, Industry Diversification Report : Editor and Publisher, Workforce Now Report : Editor and Publisher, Economic Almanac of Southwest Florida : Editor and Publisher, Immokalee Economic Overview : Editor and Publisher, Top 100 Employers of Southwest Florida : Editor and Publisher

Selected Event Appearances

The Financial Determinants of NCAA Football Championship Series Power Ratings
Eastern Finance Association Annual Meetings

The Leno Effect: Toward a Political Economy of 'Tonight Show' Monologues
Western Economics Association Meetings

Luck, Human Agency, and Micro Institutions in Colonial Brazil
Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference

Operating Strategies and Economic Factors in the Airline Industry: The Southwest Effect Extended
Southeast Decision Science Institute Meetings

Who Wins? The Role of Economic Freedom on Olympic Performance
Association for Private Enterprise Education Meetings

Corporations as Counterweights: The Role of Transnational Firms as Checks on State Power in the 21st Century
Public Choice Society Meetings

Why Productivity Matters: A Panel Study of Airline Profitability Before and After 9/11
Academic Business World Conference

Medical Malpractice Reform Policy: Why Economic Efficiency Matters
International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines

Education

Auburn University
Ph.D. Economics

St. Mary's University
M.A. Economics

University of Florida, Gainesville
B.S. Public Relations

Accomplishments

Industry Diversification Project

Established by Dr. Westley, this project tracks the Industry Diversification Index that measures how diversified economies are by Florida MSA, workforce region and every U.S. state. The index ranks Florida and Southwest Florida against other regions based on business diversity.

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