

WJU Institute for the Study of Capitalism and Morality

2008-2009 Academic Year Essay Topic

“The Contributions of _____ to the Development of Political and Economic Thought.”

Each student will select a given thinker (or school of thought) for his or her topic. Below is a non-exhaustive list of some possibilities:

Aristotle	Charles Murray
Thomas Aquinas	Michael Novak
Frederic Bastiat	Robert Nozick
James Buchanan	The Physiocrats
Epictetus	Ayn Rand
Epicurus	John Rawls
Amitai Etzioni	Wilhelm Röpke
Milton Friedman	Murray Rothbard
William Lloyd Garrison	J.B. Say
F.A. Hayek	Joseph Schumpeter
Thomas Hobbes	The Scholastics
David Hume	Adam Smith
J.M. Keynes	Thomas Sowell
Lao Tzu	Herbert Spencer
John Locke	Spinoza
Carl Menger	The Stoics
J.S. Mill	William Graham Sumner
Ludwig von Mises	A.R.J. Turgot

Submissions Guidelines

- Entries should be between 2000 and 3000 words, typewritten, double-spaced, and referenced.
- The contest is open to full-time Wheeling Jesuit University students.
- All submissions must be received on or before **April 15, 2009**.
- Papers should be prepared according to the *Chicago Manual of Style* with in-text citations and minimal explanatory endnotes.
- Text must be double-spaced, 12 pt font.

- According to this dual system of referencing:
 - citations and references should follow the “author-date” system in-text;
 - explanatory notes (if any) should be in the form of endnotes.

Submissions should be sent in attachment form to Carla Cash (ccash@wju.edu).

Awards

- 1st Prize Winner \$600
- 2nd Prize Winner \$400
- 3rd Prize Winner \$200

Selection Process

Prizes will be awarded for the best essays as judged by members of the Institute for the Study of Capitalism and Morality. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria: quality and depth of research, coherence and logic, clarity, persuasiveness, originality, quality of expression, and use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Publication

The winning essays will be published on the ISCM website.