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**Speakers:**

**Susan Offutt**, Government Accountability Office—Ethics in Economics: Government Service

**David Colander**, Middlebury College—Creating Humble Economist

**Martha Starr**, American University—Contributions of Economists to the Housing-Price Bubble

**William Black**, University of Missouri–Kansas City—Pandering to Power: The Economist as Apologist for Elite Frauds

**Discussants:**

**Deirdre McCloskey**, University of Illinois–Chicago

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