



Economist Walter Williams Wins 2017 Bradley Prize for Free Market Advocacy

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Walter E. Williams, an economist and Professor at George Mason University, is one of four recipients to be awarded the 2017 Bradley Prize, an award given out annually by [The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation](#).

The \$250,000 award, given to up to four distinguished individuals each year, “recognize[s] individuals of extraordinary talent and dedication” whose values coincide with those of The Bradley Foundation.

The Bradley Foundation, founded in 1985, is “devoted to strengthening American democratic capitalism and the institutions, principles, and values that sustain and nurture it,” according to the Bradley Foundation’s [mission statement](#).

Through “recognizing that responsible self-government depends on enlightened citizens and informed public opinion,” the foundation, created by Lynde and Harry Bradley, brothers and business partners, supports scholarly research, like the work produced by Williams.

Williams is the author of numerous books and publications, according to his [personal website](#). His syndicated column is also published by many newspapers and websites, including [The Daily Signal](#).

A longtime professor and scholar, Williams has taught at George Mason University since 1980, and has also taught at Los Angeles City College, California State University-Los Angeles, Temple University, and Grove City College.

Williams has also served on several advisory boards, including the Cato Institute, Landmark Legal Foundation, Institute of Economic Affairs, and The Heritage Foundation.

“Walter E. Williams, a tireless defender of personal liberty, economic freedom, and limited government, speaks the truth even at personal cost,” said Richard Graber in a statement announcing Williams’ award, “Dr. Williams is a formidable advocate for economic liberty and individual rights.”

The president and CEO of The Bradley Foundation went on to say, “Through the Bradley Prizes, we recognize individuals like Dr. Williams, who, through his personal and intellectual courage, has inspired his students to become active in support of freedom and free markets.”

Former recipients of the Bradley Prize include Hillsdale College President Larry P. Arnn, 2016 Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush, and author Charles Murray, according to [The Bradley Prizes website](#).

Williams will be formally recognized at an award ceremony at the Shakespeare Theatre Company in the District of Columbia on April 6.