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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Cedarville University School of Business Administration will host the Freedom to Flourish: Socialist Dreams. Market Realities speakers series beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18 with guest Dr. James Otteson, political economist from Wake Forest University. All lectures will take place in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies (Room 104) at 7 pm. The series is open to the public and is free of charge.

The Freedom to Flourish speakers series is supported by the Acton Institute, Charles Koch Foundation, American Enterprise Institute, Cedarville University's Center for Political Studies, and the Berry Chair for Free Enterprise.

Notable scholars providing keynote addresses for the speaker series include Dr. Jay Bruce, associate professor of philosophy at John Brown University on "The Siren Song of Equality" on March 16; and Dr. Wayne Grudem, professor of theology and biblical studies from Phoenix Seminary, on "Freedom to Flourish" on March 30. Other speakers include Dr. Jay Richards, assistant research professor in the school of business and economy at Catholic University on "The Case for Free Enterprise" on March 31, and "The March of History: Mises vs. Marx" by Edward Stringham, president and director of research and education at the American Institute for Economic Research, on April 16.

"The lectures are timely because of the growing support by younger people for socialism," said Dr. Bert Wheeler, professor of economics and the Berry Chair of Free Enterprise at Cedarville University. "The embrace of socialism by several leaders in the Democratic party has made the topic particularly relevant in this election year."

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