

D. K. Smith '42 Fall 2016 Economics Lecture

“Economics of Philanthropy: How to Give Away 100 Million Dollars?”

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Robert A. Jones '59 House Conference Room

New philanthropists and old-school foundations, increasingly focused on measurable impact, are experimenting with disruptive models of giving. These diverse models are being challenged: specifically, whether the social benefit of philanthropic activity justifies the foregone benefits of the lost tax revenue, leading one observer to ask “Is Philanthropy Bad for Democracy?” *The Atlantic*, October 30, 2014.

Dr. Cecilia Conrad will provide an interdisciplinary perspective on recent trends in American philanthropy. In addition, her lecture will cover:

- should Foundations be perpetual?
- is there too much emphasis on impact?
- should philanthropy be more democratic?

This lecture will address these and other related issues regarding philanthropy.