

Our guest speaker for our March meeting will be Dr. Eric Schneider. He is the Assistant Dean and Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Adjunct Professor of History, at the University of Pennsylvania.

The meeting will be held on Friday, March 11 at New World Landing. **Please keep in mind that this meeting will be on the second Friday of the month, not the usual third Friday.** Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the program will begin at noon.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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March Speaker: Dr. Eric Schneider of the University of Pennsylvania



The Panhandle Tiger Bay Club welcomes Dr. Eric Schneider. He is the Assistant Dean and Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Adjunct Professor of History, at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Schneider specializes in American urban life, crime and the history and consequences of U.S. drug control policy and law. He is a noted researcher and an author of four books.

the upcoming meeting!

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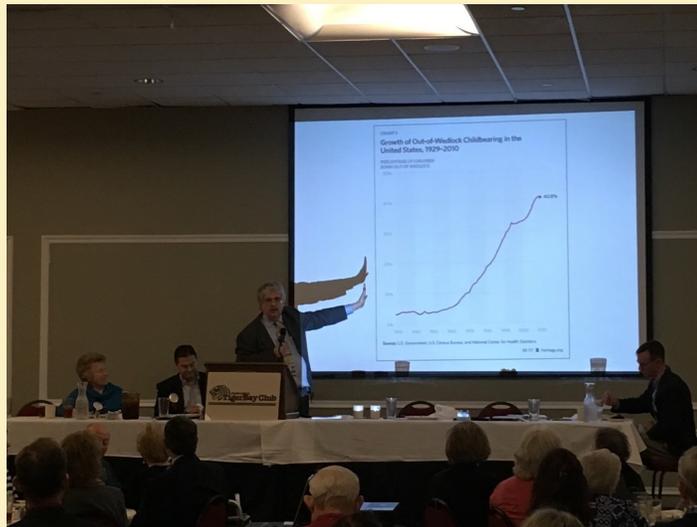
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His current research focuses on the history of murder in modern Philadelphia (1940-1990) that is intended to explore the roots of violence in the modern city.

Within his presentation, he will discuss the history and consequences of the U.S. drug control policy. Please RSVP today!

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February Meeting Recap: Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation



We had the opportunity to invite Mr. Robert Rector, Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation as our February meeting guest speaker. Robert Rector is a leading national authority on poverty, the U.S. welfare system and immigration.

He is dubbed the "intellectual godfather" of welfare reform by National Review Editor Rich Lowry, Mr. Rector concentrates on a range of issues relating to welfare reform, family breakdown and America's various social ills. Within his presentation, he explained that poverty is not a universal term. Each person has their own standard and understanding of poverty in their minds, making it difficult to comprehend if an individual is actually living in poverty. This is especially true when our government provides an abundance of welfare benefits such as Medicaid, food stamps, etc.

He presented a case study about a single mother with two children that earns minimum wage. Although her

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annual post tax earnings amount to \$13,853, she receives \$23,394 in welfare benefits a year. This brings her annual combined earnings and welfare to \$37,247. This illustrates that the individual may be living in poverty if you look at their earnings but the benefits provide a different outlook.

Poverty affects millions of people in the United States and of the strongest factors that lead to poverty; children that are born out of wedlock are at the highest risk. A child that is born into a dual-parent family decreases the probability of child poverty by 82%.

When you refer back to the case study with the single mother, you may find that she receives many tax benefits that are provided due to her single status. Our welfare program is structured to help single parents to the extent that many are taking advantage of the system. In relation to the single-mother from the case study, she would have many benefits taken away if she gets married. This is encouraging single parents to not get married so that they can continually receive the highest amount of benefits.

Rector suggests that if we reverse the welfare program to nurture the traditional family standards by not taking away those benefits when a couple gets married, the structure can change. There are many advantages for children when they live in a dual-parent household that outweigh the tax benefits in the long run, such as breaking the cycle of poverty for that child.

Within his powerpoint presentation, Rector provides a robust amount of research to provide further insight to our viewers. To view the powerpoint [please click here](#).

For further information about Robert Rector, [please click here](#).

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