

# EDUCATION AND FREEDOM

October 19, 2017 – Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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A one-day conference where we will be discussing the problems plaguing education at all levels with expert practitioner and scholar panelists. They will offer solutions to the many problems—solutions grounded in personal liberty that address cost, content, and delivery of education in the United States.

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, October 19, 2017

- 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome Remarks and Introduction – Paul J. Bonicelli, Ph.D., Acton Institute
- 9:15 am **Morning Session: K-12**  
Panel Chair: Catherine Pakaluk, Ph.D., Catholic University of America
- 9:30 am Brian Britton, National Heritage Academies  
-How to serve the disadvantaged
- 9:45 am Greg Reed, J.D., Institute for Justice  
-How do we expand access that is hindered due to financial issues?
- 10:00 am Ben DeGrow, Mackinac Center  
-What are the legal impediments to alternatives?
- 10:15 am Timothy Hall, Ph.D., Thales Academy  
-Pedagogical biases as impediments/what innovations should be explored
- 10:45 am Q&A
- 11:45 am Lunch Available
- 12:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Jeff Sandefer, Founder, Acton School of Business
- 1:15 pm **Afternoon Session: Higher Education**  
Panel Chair: Tom Lindsey, Ph.D., Texas Public Policy Foundation
- 1:30 pm Richard Vedder, Ph.D., The Ohio University  
-Unsustainable Costs
- 1:45 pm Joe Cohn, J.D., FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education)  
-Intellectual diversity/hostile campus
- 2:00 pm Panelist to be determined  
-Abandonment of Core Curriculum
- 2:15 pm Panelist to be determined  
-Alternatives to the bachelor's degree/trades and other credentialing
- 2:15 pm Q&A
- 3:30pm Closing Remarks – Paul Bonicelli, Ph.D., Acton Institute
- 4:30 pm Bonus Lecture: Charlie Sandefer (topic TBD)