

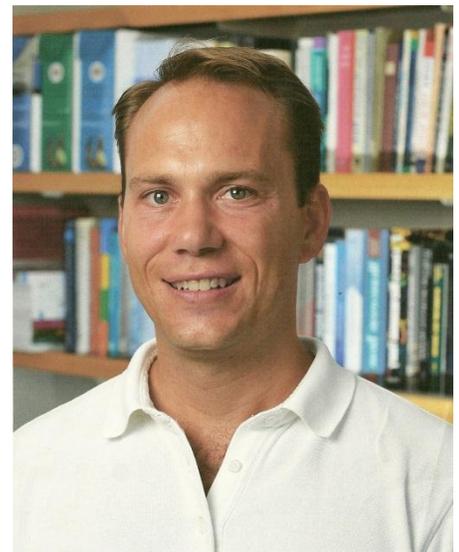
Lecture to address national debt's effect on economic future

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – Feb. 6, 2012) - Since September 2007, the national debt has continued to increase an average of \$3.98 billion per day, with each U.S. citizen share amounting to over \$48,855. The federal government deficits have reached levels not seen since World War II. What will be the consequences of continued debt growth on our future? What are the policy options for restoring fiscal balance?

Dr. Michael Pries, associate professor of economics at the University of Notre Dame, will discuss the state of our nation's economic health in a talk titled "Our Growing National Debt and What it Means for Our Economic Future" on Thursday, Feb. 23 at Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens.

Sponsored by Palm Beach State College and the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club, the 13th annual lecture event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Meldon Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Pries received his B.A. degree from Notre Dame in 1993 and his Ph.D. from Stanford in 1999. He joined the Notre Dame department of economics in 2007. His primary field is macroeconomics with a focus on labor markets, and he teaches macroeconomics at both graduate and undergraduate levels. Pries has published articles in the *Journal of Political Economy*, *The Review of Economic Studies* and the *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*.



For more information about this event, contact Adjunct Professor Thomas Magill at 561-842-3019.

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