



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Author, Journalist William Greider to Keynote National Conference Examining Corporate Law and Progressive Social Movements**

APRIL 7-9, 2005  
HOSTED BY THE  
UCLA SCHOOL  
OF LAW

A NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE BY  
THE EQUAL  
JUSTICE SOCIETY  
AND THE  
CENTER ON  
CORPORATIONS,  
LAW & SOCIETY  
AT SEATTLE  
UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW

SAN FRANCISCO (March 10, 2005) – The Equal Justice Society and the Center on Corporations, Law & Society at Seattle University School of Law announced that William Greider, national affairs correspondent for *The Nation* and author of *The Soul of Capitalism: Opening Paths to A Moral Economy*, will be the keynote speaker at “New Strategies for Justice: Linking Corporate Law with Progressive Social Movements,” a national conference taking place April 7-9 at the UCLA School of Law.

This conference will explore the evolution of corporate influence in the United States, as well as new intellectual, political, private sector and grassroots trends that are emerging to address how corporations can support public interest values of justice and equality. Through understanding the mechanisms driving corporate interests today, progressives can supplement issue-specific remedies with new strategies that can address root causes of injustice.

Greider is the bestselling author of five previous books on apparently inscrutable institutions that govern our lives, including *One World, Ready or Not* (on the global economy), *Who Will Tell the People?* (on the decline of democracy in America), and *Secrets of the Temple* (the first inside report on the Federal Reserve). A reporter for forty years, he was a national correspondent, an assistant managing editor, and a columnist for *The Washington Post*, as well as a columnist for *Rolling Stone*. He has also been an on-air correspondent for six documentaries for Frontline on PBS. Currently the national affairs correspondent for *The Nation*, he lives in Washington, D.C.

In *The Soul of Capitalism: Opening Paths to A Moral Economy*, Greider examines how the greatest wealth-creation engine in the history of the world is failing most of us, why it must be changed, and how intrepid pioneers are beginning to transform it. Public outrage over crooked corporate officers, the looting of pension funds, the defrauding of stockholders, and the wholesale firing of hard-working employees has reached a new high.

Yet Greider argues that our anger actually has much deeper roots, as he analyzes how our relentless pursuit of unprecedented affluence has eroded family life, eaten away at our sense of personal and professional security, corroded our communities, impoverished our spiritual lives, and devastated our natural environment. The solution, Greider contends, will not come from the politics of the past, or from more government regulation, but from a fundamental realignment of power that is already underway on many fronts.

Registration for the conference is now open online: <http://conf2005.equaljusticesociety.net>. The website also provides information on how to register by phone or by fax. Registration fees are \$75 for public interest and nonprofit sector and \$175 for private sector.

A limited number of slots are available to students for free, with an option to purchase meals for the entire conference at \$25. The tentative conference program is available on the website.

The Equal Justice Society certifies that this activity has been approved for 11.75 MCLE credits by the State Bar of California. This program has also been approved by the Washington State Bar Association for 11.5 general CLE credits.

- more -

**“New Strategies for Justice: Linking Corporate Law  
with Progressive Social Movements” Conference  
March 10, 2005  
Page 2-2-2-2-2**

For more information on the conference, contact Equal Justice Society project coordinator Rico Oyola at (415) 288-8700 or at [royola@equaljusticesociety.org](mailto:royola@equaljusticesociety.org).

**About the Equal Justice Society**

The Equal Justice Society is a national organization of scholars, advocates and concerned individuals advancing innovative legal strategies and public policy for enduring social change. We generate critical analysis on issues of race and social justice through research, public education and bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. Our goal is to reshape jurisprudence to ensure that the rights of all are expanded, rather than diminished, by our courts and policy makers.

**About the Center on Corporations, Law & Society at Seattle University School of Law**

The Center on Corporations, Law & Society at Seattle University School of Law conducts and promotes interdisciplinary scholarship and dialogue on issues related to the roles and obligations of corporations in an increasingly privatized and interdependent global society. In addition to serving as a platform for enhanced scholarly inquiry, the Center provides a forum for sustained discussion among academics, legal practitioners, business leaders, activists, policy makers and community members on the complex and important relationships between business enterprises and their many stakeholders.

- 30 -

**Media Contacts:**

Rico Oyola, Project Coordinator  
Equal Justice Society  
(415) 288-8707  
[royola@equaljusticesociety.org](mailto:royola@equaljusticesociety.org)

Keith Kamisugi, Communications  
Equal Justice Society  
(415) 876-0589  
[kkamisugi@equaljusticesociety.org](mailto:kkamisugi@equaljusticesociety.org)

Dana Gold, Director  
Center on Corporations, Law & Society  
(206) 398-4252  
[goldd@seattleu.edu](mailto:goldd@seattleu.edu)