Professor Richard Zeckhauser
50 Years of Teaching at Harvard
SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018
1:30 – 5:00 pm
Nye Conference Center, Taubman Building
Harvard Kennedy School
RICHARD ZECKHAUSER is the Frank P. Ramsey Professor of Political Economy, Harvard Kennedy School. He graduated from Harvard College (summa cum laude) and received his Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard. He is an elected fellow of the Econometric Society, the National Academy of Medicine (National Academy of Sciences), and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Economic Association. Uncertainty is at the core of most of Zeckhauser’s research investigations. His contributions to decision theory and behavioral economics include the concepts of quality-adjusted life years (QALYs), status quo bias, betrayal aversion, and ignorance (states of the world unknown) as a complement to the categories of risk and uncertainty. His work frequently explores ways to promote the health of human beings, to help markets work more effectively, and to foster informed and appropriate choices by individuals and government agencies. Zeckhauser has produced 13 books or edited books, and published over 300 articles. His recent coauthored books are The Patron’s Payoff: Conspicuous Commissions in Italian Renaissance Art (2008), and Collaborative Governance: Private Roles for Public Goals (2011). His current major book project (coauthored) is on collaborative governance in China and the United States. Outside academics, Zeckhauser is a Senior Advisor to Equity Resource Investments, a real estate private equity firm. He has won multiple national championships in contract bridge. He and Sally Zeckhauser recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two children and two granddaughters.

Agenda

1:30 pm Panel I: Innovation and Public Policy
MODERATOR:
Edward Glaeser, Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics, Harvard University

SPEAKERS:
Karen Eggleston, Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University; Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
Jeffrey Liebman, Malcolm Wiener Professor of Public Policy; Director, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, HKS
Daniel Schrag, Sturgis Hooper Professor of Geology and Professor of Environmental Science and Engineering, Harvard University
Cass Sunstein, Robert Walmsley University Professor; Member of Faculty, Harvard Law School and HKS

3:00 pm Break

3:30 pm Panel II: Behavioral Economics and Behavioral Finance
MODERATOR:
David Laibson, Robert I. Goldman Professor of Economics, Harvard University

SPEAKERS:
Iris Bohnet, Academic Dean; Albert Pratt Professor of Business and Government; Co-Director, Women and Public Policy Program, HKS
Andrew Metrick, Janet L. Yellen Professor of Finance and Management, Yale School of Management
Lawrence H. Summers, President Emeritus and Charles W. Eliot University Professor, Harvard University

4:50 pm Comments from Richard Zeckhauser, Frank P. Ramsey Professor of Political Economy, HKS