"Rethinking Regulation in the Wake of the Financial Crisis"
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In the face of the current economic crisis, there are now many calls for dramatic reform – and even overhaul – of economic regulation in the United States. What role should scholars play in this discussion, and what role can they play? What have been the greatest strengths and weaknesses in the study of regulation over recent decades, and what types of new work are most urgently needed? These are the central questions that will inform the discussion on March 24th.

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Professor Moss has published three books: Socializing Security: Progressive-Era Economists and the Origins of American Social Policy (Harvard University Press, 1996), which traces the intellectual and institutional origins of the American welfare state; When All Else Fails: Government as the Ultimate Risk Manager (Harvard University Press, 2002), which explores the government's pivotal role as a risk manager in policies ranging from limited liability and bankruptcy law to social insurance and federal disaster relief; and A Concise Guide to Macroeconomics: What Managers, Executives, and Students Need to Know (Harvard Business School Press 2007), a primer on macroeconomics and macroeconomic policy. In addition to these books, Moss has published numerous articles, book chapters, and case studies, mainly in the fields of public risk management, institutional and policy history, and political economy.

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