

Save the Date

November 3, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

State Chamber/AIA and GIC Presentation

The State Chamber/AIA is pleased to present four leading experts from the Global Interdependence Center at the Association of Arkansas Counties Meeting Room (1415 W. Third Street, Little Rock, AR 72201) on November 3, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

To register for this event, please contact Deb Mathis at dmathis@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-372-2222.



David Kotok, Chief Investment Officer for Cumberland Advisors, will speak on **U.S. Equity Markets**. Kotok, who cofounded Cumberland Advisors in 1973 and has been its CIO since inception, holds a B.S. in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and M.S. in organizational dynamics from the Schools of Arts and Services at the University of Pennsylvania and a masters in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania.



Michael Drury, Chief Economist for McVean Trading & Investments, LLC, will speak on **China and its impact on world commodity markets**. Drury assesses macroeconomic developments around the world to help develop hedging strategies using future markets in interest rates, currencies and industrial materials. He joined McVean in 1992, after serving for five years a Senior Economist with Allen Sinai at Shearson Lehman Brothers and its successor firms. He received his B.S. in economics from the Georgia Institute of Technology and did his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Manuel Balmaseda, Chief Economist at CEMEX, a leading global building materials corporation, will speak on **Latin and South America**. Previously, he served as Chief Economist for Spain and Europe at BBVA, Chief Economist for Capital Markets at BBV, professor of economics at CELMFI and visiting researcher at the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis. Balmaseda holds a Ph.D. and a Master's degree in economics from Northwestern University and a B.A. in economics, government, and mathematics-computer science from Colby College.



David E. Altig is **Executive Vice President and Director of Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** and will speak on **the US Economy**. In addition to advising the Bank president on monetary policy and related matters, Dr. Altig oversees the Bank's regional executives and the Bank's research department. He leads the Atlanta Fed's *macroblog*, which provides commentary on economic topics, including monetary policy, macroeconomic developments, and the Southeast economy. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Brown University.

Founded in 1976, the Global Interdependence Center (GIC) is a neutral convener of dialogue that aims to stimulate thoughtful discussion on a wide range of issues that affect the international community including monetary policy, economics, government, and health care.

GIC convenes thought leaders and industry professionals to exchange knowledge and ideas, both virtually and in person in the U.S. and abroad. GIC's mission is to encourage the expansion of global dialogue and free trade in order to improve cooperation and understanding among nations, with the goal of reducing international conflicts and improving worldwide living standards.

GIC provides a forum for the exchange of divergent perspectives, engaging experts to identify emerging economic, social and political issues vital to the interdependent global community. GIC organizes country and region-specific meetings, conferences and briefings for educational and networking opportunities. Promoting global partnerships among governments, non-governmental organizations, corporations, businesses and academic and research institutions. GIC also prides itself on sharing its findings with policymakers and the press worldwide. More information is available at www.interdependence.org.