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## **UVa Miller Center, Jack Kemp Foundation Host Conference on Tax Reform**

*Participants include former U.S. Senators, Reagan Aides &  
Congressional Staffers*

Charlottesville, VA – To mark Tax Day, the University of Virginia's Miller Center and the Jack Kemp Foundation hosted a day-long conference on April 18 that brought together key figures who helped enact major tax-reform legislation during the Reagan administration. The gathering recorded for history the inside story of the Tax Reforms of 1981 and 1986, which were achieved at a time of deep partisan division, and explored how those lessons can be applied today.

The first panel, which explored Jack Kemp and the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, included Bruce Bartlett, Kemp's staff economist; former Sen. Bill Brock, who chaired the Republican National Committee; Randy Teague, Kemp's chief of staff; and John Mueller, Kemp's speechwriter and staff economist. Morton Kondracke, veteran journalist and director of the Jack Kemp Oral History Project, and Brian Domitrovic, author of "Econoclasts: The Rebels Who Sparked the Supply-Side Revolution and Restored American Prosperity," moderated the panel.

Following a keynote interview with former Sen. Bill Bradley conducted by Kondracke, the day proceeded with a panel on Kemp and the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Participating in this panel were Mueller; Robert Kasten, former senator from Wisconsin; Jeff Bell, a key player in the 1986 tax reform and in the 1988 Kemp presidential campaign; David Hoppe, Kemp's chief of staff; and Alan Reynolds, a bank economist who secured National Review's support for supply-side economics. Moderating the panel were Kondracke and Alan Murray, deputy managing editor of The Wall Street Journal.

James Kemp, Jack Kemp's son and president of the Jack Kemp Foundation, provided the conference's concluding remarks.

A full agenda is available at <http://web1.millercenter.org/temp/kempagenda.pdf>.

An archived webcast of the conference is available at [www.millercenter.org](http://www.millercenter.org).

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