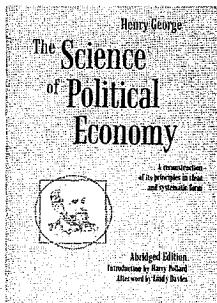


**HGI News** The biggest news from the Henry George Institute isn't news at all, but a long-standing fact, which nevertheless bears repeating: *we need more students!* Our enrollment numbers have been down for the last couple of years, for two main reasons: 1) Advertising choices didn't pan out as we expected and 2) Effort was diverted to the task of revising and updating our course materials. But we are pleased to report that the updating process is complete, for now: all three of the HGI's *Principles of Political Economy* courses offer current examples and cover the questions that today's students are asking. The latest addition



is our brand-new *Economic Science* course, using the new abridged version of Henry George's final book, published by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation with support from the Henry George School and the Institute. The 283-page paperback weighs in at a mere ten ounces (compared to two pounds for the old hardcover edition), and it reads like the "basic primer of political economy" that George originally intended to create. It also features an introduction by Harry Pollard and an

afterword by Lindy Davies. The new book and course based on it are also being used in the classroom by the Henry George Schools in New York and Chicago, and there's an online version at [www.henrygeorge.org/science](http://www.henrygeorge.org/science).

We were very pleased to be honored with the 2004 Henry George Award for an Economic Justice Organization, at the CGO conference in Albuquerque. Although the award was presented to the Program Director, it recognized, fittingly, the efforts of our entire membership organization — and particularly our excellent volunteer faculty. Congratulations, all!

Our current goal to triple our enrollments in a single year: up from 65 new students in 2003-04 to 195 this year! It is a tall order, but we have the resources to do it. The one thing we need from everyone is help spread the word about the HGI's education program. Talk it up. Post about it in mail lists and online forums. Tell us of any promising sources of free or low-cost advertising that you come across.

Contribute funds earmarked to our advertising campaign. Do whatever you can to let people know that there is an alternative to the spirit-sapping bewilderment that they so often feel regarding economic and social problems — tell them our motto: *You CAN Understand Economics!*



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