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INTRODUCTION

PEOPLE ASPECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE: IMMIGRATION ISSUES, LABOR MOBILITY, THE BRAIN DRAIN, AND R&D

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My name is Hiram Chodosh; and I direct the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center here at the law school.

This morning we have heard some very exciting news about technological change; and on this panel we are going to ask questions about the impacts of that change on people and on people crossing borders. This panel is entitled *People Aspects of Technological Change*. We will touch on the social impact of technological change across borders, including labor mobility, the problems of brain drain, and research and development.

We have two very prominent economists to provide both U.S. and Canadian perspectives on these critical issues. I would like first to introduce Dr. James Van Erden, who is Director, Workforce Development, at Goodwill Industries International in Washington, D.C.. He offers us twenty years of public policy experience dealing with human resources and workplace issues. He served in a number of senior executive positions at the U.S. Department of Labor. He has also taught as a Professor of Economics at Weber State University, where he received his B.S. in economics before going to the University of Utah, where he received both his M.S. in statistics and his Ph.D. in economics.

The high demand and low supply of labor has deep implications for both education and immigration, and to help us through this, coming to us from Canada, we have the very prominent Professor of Economics, Don DeVoretz, of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Professor DeVoretz is the Co-director of the Centre of Excellence for the Study of Immigration. He has taught at Duke, as well as in several foreign countries including Nigeria and the Philippines. His work focuses on the economics of integration with emphasis on employment, income, and savings of Canadian emigration flows.

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His well-known book, *Diminishing Returns, Immigration Policy in the 1990s*, has drawn serious attention in both the U.S. and Canadian governments. Professor DeVoretz also has his Ph.D. from Wisconsin.