Cents and Sensibility: What Economics Can Learn from the Humanities

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Pigott Hall (Building 260), Room 216

Economists have persuaded themselves that their discipline has achieved the status of a hard science and so they make policy recommendations with great confidence, which repeated failures does not diminish.

In their book CENTS AND SENSIBILITY: WHAT ECONOMISTS CAN LEARN FROM THE HUMANITIES, Morton Schapiro and Gary Saul Morson argue that standard economic modeling can take us only so far, and that economists could benefit from insights gleaned from the humanities. The talk will describe three areas where such insights would help.

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