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| http://www.umbc.edu/socsforum/images/landsburg200.jpg |   | Thursday, February 14 at 4pm University Center, Room 310 **More Sex is Safer Sex: The Unconventional Wisdom of Economics****Steven E. Landsburg**, Professor of Economics at the University of Rochester Steven Landsburg's writings are living proof that economics need not be "the dismal science." Readers of The Armchair Economist and his columns in Slate magazine know that he can make economics not only fun but fascinating, as he searches for the reasons behind the odd facts we face in our daily lives. In More Sex Is Safer Sex, he brings his witty and razor-sharp analysis to the many ways that our individually rational decisions can combine into some truly weird collective results -- and he proposes hilarious and serious ways to fix just about everything. From <http://www.landsburg.com/>Co-sponsored by the Charles Koch Foundation |

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