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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE of BUSINESS  
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*presents*

## Oil Powers a Decade of Growth in Houston: Is There Another to Come?

*featuring*

**Robert W. Gilmer, Ph.D.**

*Director—Institute for Regional Forecasting*

**May 2, 2013**

Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.

Conclusion: 1:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
1200 Louisiana  
Imperial Ballroom

Since late 2003, Houston has added approximately 450,000 new jobs, about the same as the total number of jobs in Albany, Omaha or Tulsa. Although growth was interrupted by the financial crisis in 2008-2009, Houston's recovery was much stronger than the U.S., and the most powerful among the major metropolitan areas in Texas. Over the last decade, oil has separated Houston's economic performance from the rest of the country. High oil prices have combined with new oil-field technology to create a potent fuel for Houston's energy sector. Horizontal drilling, fracturing and the ability to produce both oil and natural gas from shale, offer low-cost fuel, potential energy self-sufficiency and a revival of American manufacturing.

The economic outlook for Houston in 2013 and beyond will depend on energy, the national economy and global economic conditions. We will discuss how the U.S. economy is expected to accelerate in late 2013, and will show how Houston has reached past a slow-growing U.S. economy to benefit from high commodity prices driven by Brazil, China and India. We will focus more specifically on Houston's energy sector, the intellectual godfather of the shale revolution that is underway, and discuss Houston's leadership in global technology, how the local energy industry is structured and how all parts—upstream, midstream and downstream—will continue to thrive for many years to come.

**COSTS**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FOR INDIVIDUALS** — \$90.00 per person\*  
 (\*Payment must be received in our office by April 12, 2013)

**REGULAR** — \$110.00 per person

**AT THE DOOR** — \$125.00 per person  
 (Very limited, if any, seating available at door)

**TABLE OF 10 SEATS** — \$925.00 per table  
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**In the event of a sell-out, no seating will be available on day of symposium.**