

CLOSING TIME

**It has been quite a ride, but after 11 years,
the Martin Prosperity Institute
will be closing its doors in June 2019.**

Over a decade ago we set out to make a difference in two distinct realms. First, in the world of city building and geographic advantage. Through his work Richard Florida has changed the way the world thinks and talks about cities, creating a vibrant discussion about maybe our most important level of governance. His work continues to shape and drive the conversation we have about cities, and Toronto in particular. We then deepened and broadened our work six years ago when Roger Martin became the MPI Institute Director. Since then we have explored the underpinnings and fault lines of democratic capitalism. Many of our fears about what might happen have materialized, and Roger is working toward his final piece that will offer remedies to those problems.

We always envisioned the MPI as a project with velocity and impact. We didn't want to just build an Institute, we wanted to make a difference.

We believe we have done that through our significant output, including books, articles ([CityLab](#) and [Harvard Business Review](#) especially), the best speakers series in the city, partnerships with the [New York Times](#) and [The Nantucket Project](#), a short film, a successful podcast, the Knowledge Conference, the birth of the [Good Jobs Institute](#), our Fellows program and unique products like the [Persona Project](#) and [On Balance](#), not to mention the legacy of an outstanding cohort of current and former staff.

We also hope we have made an impact on the Rotman and University of Toronto communities. Through our work and public events, we hope we have shown the students here that there is more to the world than just business and management. We are proud to have been a part of this school. Joe Rotman wanted students who passed through these halls to know that they are part of a broader world and that they have a responsibility as citizens to engage with society and make the world a better place. We hope we have lived up to his lofty expectations.

But we aren't done yet! Before wrapping up our projects in June the coming months will be filled with work and content. Roger recently released a [Spotlight piece](#) in *HBR* in January. We will have public presentations from our Fellows Mariana Mazzucato and Jonathan Haidt, and an event with our co-collaborator Frank Fukuyama, along with several installments of our successful [Shiftdisturbers podcast](#).

Richard will continue his work here at Rotman and at the new School of Cities. Roger will become a Rotman Professor Emeritus and will drive towards a final MPI product. He and his team are working hard on a book that will outline the MPI's assessment of the challenges and opportunities for democratic capitalism, aimed for publication in 2020.

I want to thank all of our friends, colleagues and donors who have made the MPI the success that it is, and I hope you will ride along with us for the final leg of our journey.