In his new book, *A Culture of Improvement: Technology and the Western Millennium*, Robert Friedel asks: Why does technology change over time, how does it change, and what difference does it make? In his wide-ranging look at a thousand years of Western history, Friedel argues that technological change comes largely through the pursuit of improvement — the deep-rooted belief that things could be done in a better way.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Light refreshments will be served.