



STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY

# Students For Liberty 2009-2010 Annual Report





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## Letter from the Executive Director & President

This time last year, I wrote about how exciting it was to see SFL complete its first full year of operation and reach such unprecedented heights as building a network of 100 student groups, hosting 3 Regional Conferences, and drawing 150 students to the International Conference. Considering what SFL did in our second year: grow to 290 student groups, host 7 Regional Conferences with 700+ attendees, and a 300+ person International Conference, I believe that this report will speak for itself regarding the incredible strides SFL has taken. There should be no question that the student movement for liberty is growing and poised to become larger than anything people had ever expected. A topic I believe deserves a moment of reflection is the work SFL has done over the past year in promoting a new image of liberty, one that is both more accurate and more appealing to today's youth than what has been presented in the past.

In the 1960s, a student movement rose to prominence and inculcated a firm belief in statism amongst thousands of young leaders who went on to lead today's society. The threat of losing another generation to statist mantra is too great to ignore, and we are at a pivotal moment where the beliefs of today's young people are being solidified. Many believe that today's youth are more pro-government than ever, citing the youth's overwhelming support of Barack Obama in 2008, decline in approval of the term "conservative," and related data. The notion that young people today oppose liberty is based on the flawed notion that "the right" entirely supports liberty and "the left" entirely opposes liberty. But this is clearly wrong. "The right" has a terrible record on civil liberties, personal freedom, and excessive government force. When conservatives demand freedom for what they want to do and deny freedom for others when

they disapprove, students become outraged. The support of today's youth for progressive politicians is not an opposition to liberty. It is an opposition to *hypocrisy*. Today's students are not opposed to capitalism, but they are more socially tolerant than any previous generation and do not want to associate with the mantra of social conservatism that has been associated with a defense of the free market for so long. Moderate students who say they are opposed to government intervention in the economy are turned off by the desire of many conservatives to impose their personal views on others, arguing for freedom out of one corner of their mouth and big government on other.

To protect liberty, we need to protect its image. We

need to promote the understanding that liberty applies to all people in all dimensions of their lives. Those who invoke the name of freedom for their personal benefits only to discard it when they do not approve of the actions of others are not true friends of liberty. They are its enemies. While many organizations have advocated liberty in such a



way, people outside the nonprofit world have not heard this message.

I know there are many strong advocates of liberty who will be quick to respond: "But of course we're not the same as those who advocate big government on social issues. When we say we support liberty, we actually mean it. Everyone knows that!" The problem is *people don't know that*. For many, the moment they hear the term "free market" or "capitalism" or even to some extent, "liberty", their mind automatically associates it with homophobia, racism, or xenophobia because of its past association with people who used these concepts only to further their personal interests.



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We, the next generation, have an opportunity to change that. We have an opportunity to represent liberty in the image that it deserves. It won't be easy. It will take time and hard work. But SFL is laying the groundwork for cause of liberty to succeed, calling out inconsistencies, supporting ideas above individuals, and reaching out to individuals across the political spectrum to promote the message of liberty. This is a message that students have been craving, that students whole-heartedly support. This is how SFL has been so successful in just 2 years: we are willing to speak up when others are silent.

The events that transpired at this past year's Conservative Political Action Conference encapsulate the issue. I was invited to speak and opened my 2-minute speech by thanking the conference for allowing a gay organization to co-sponsor the event, as a symbol of truly supporting limited government. When I walked up to the podium, my hands were shaking because I expected the room filled with 1,000+ conservatives to boo me off stage. Instead, there was overwhelming applause. A chorus of cheers broke out when I proclaimed, "Today's students recognize that freedom does not come in pieces. It is a single concept that we must defend at all times." And at the end of my speech, the audience that had respectfully clapped for each panelist before me led a standing ovation that required the moderator to make three attempts at quieting them before she could introduce the next panelist. Soon after my speech, another panelist got up to condemn CPAC for recognizing an organization that supported equal rights for homosexuals. At the largest conservative conference in the world, the libertarian who advocated freedom in both the social and economic realms was given a standing ovation while the social conservative who opposed equal rights for homosexuals was booed off stage! (A full account of the incident is provided on page 19.)

SFL is reaching out to the right by working with College Republicans and attending events like CPAC and

the Southern Republican Leadership Conference. We are equally reaching out to the left by working with College Democrats, College ACLU's, and attending events like the Young Democrats of America's Convention and Campus Progress Conference. And we are mobilizing leaders of liberty on campuses through all of our activities. What's more, we are making a difference. Campus Progress has featured SFL 3 times on its website, and we received this Facebook post in June:

*"I must praise Falkenstein [who had been quoted by Campus Progress on how government doesn't create rights, it protects already existing rights] and McCobin for not only representing what it truly means to stand for Liberty but also for trying to reach out and bridge a gap between progressive students and Liberty minded students. As someone who has worked for Campus Progress and considers himself radical and left leaning myself, I'm glad*

*you guys have taken a non-partisan stance and instead are further educating students from all backgrounds on Individualism, liberty, and what a REAL free society looks like. You guys are amazing and*

*trust me when I say you guys are winning over the progressives little by little."*

SFL is commanding the respect of students from all political backgrounds and exposing more students to the idea that liberty can be provided for all people in all areas of life. This is a message that students have been craving. This is an image that liberty has deserved but not received for far too long. With SFL's new leadership (pictured on this page, and detailed on pages 9-12), new programs, and new groups, I am more confident than ever that we will be able to create A Free Academy, A Free Society.

Sincerely & For Liberty,

Alexander J. McCobin  
Executive Director, & President



## **Bullet Point Successes**

SFL has had a tremendous number of successes over the past year - more than this Annual Report will be able to cover in a single document. While the rest of the report will outline them in narrative format and try to provide a substantive account, this list of bullet point achievements highlights the most important successes for a quick summary. Our accomplishments over the past year include:

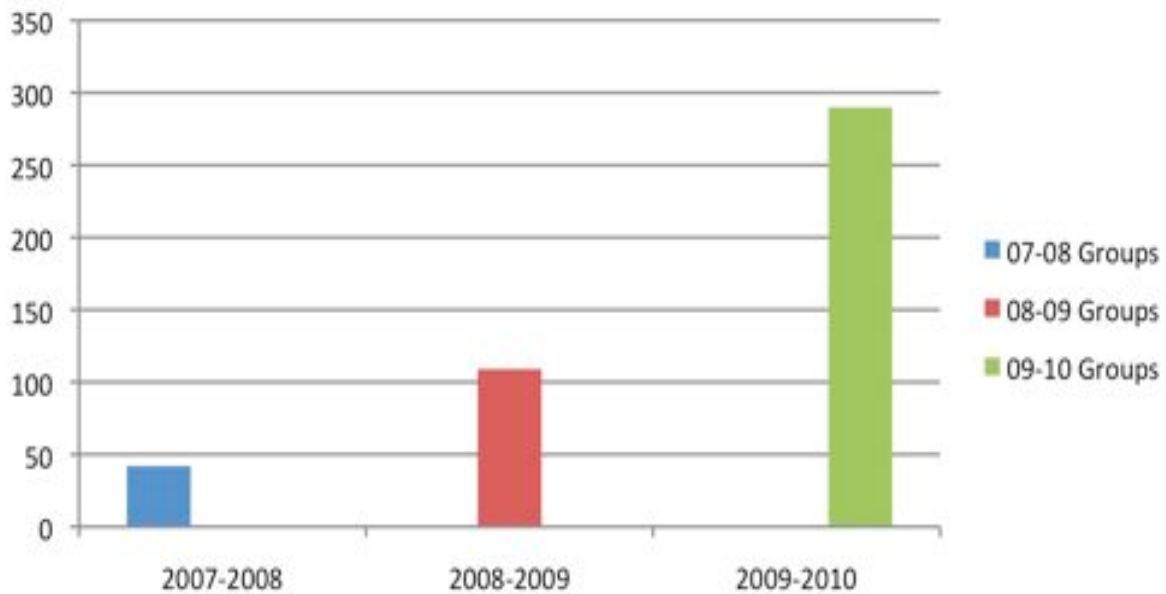
- Growing the SFL network from 109 to **290 student groups**,
- Hosting 7 Regional Conferences around the U.S. with 700+ unique student participants,
- Hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International SFL Conference with 300+ attendees – SFL’s largest event to date – held the day after Snowpocalypse closed down DC,
- Gaining national prominence for the cause of liberty by speaking out in favor of equal rights for individuals regardless of sexuality at CPAC,
- Founding Alumni For Liberty to keep graduates involved in the student movement,
- Publishing the second volume of the *Journal of Liberty & Society*,
- Launching a new Campus Coordinators Program with 30 students who will provide on the ground support to students and student groups during the 2010-2011 school year,
- Expanding the SFL Executive Board from 8 to 12 members who will dedicate 20+ hours every week to SFL, and
- Hiring 2 new employees to serve as Internal Operations Manager and Communications Manager. This brings SFL’s paid full-time staff to a team of three.





# SFL's Global Network

SFL's philosophy for working with student groups is simple: support pro-liberty students and student groups. This means that whatever name they go by, whatever issues they are particularly passionate about, whatever means of promoting liberty interest them most, we support them. The SFL network is broad-based and big tent to promote team liberty. In 2008, the inaugural SFL Conference drew a total of 42 pro-liberty student groups. At the end of the 2008-2009 school year, SFL's network included 109 pro-liberty student groups. Now, at the end of the 2009-2010 school year, SFL's network includes 290 pro-liberty student groups. This growth is represented visually on the chart below, and the actual list of SFL's network is provided here to give you a sense of the diversity and strength of the student movement for liberty today.



The full list of the 2009-2010 SFL student group network is provided here:

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| Abilene Christian University, Abilene Young Americans for Liberty   | Arizona State University, Student Economics Association        | Blinn College, Students for Concealed Carry on Campus                      |
| Agnes Scott College, ASC Libertarians                               | Arizona State University, Rise of Reason                       | Boston College, BC College Libertarians                                    |
| Albion College, Albion Students for a Free Economy                  | Arizona State University, ASU SFL                              | Boston University, BU College Libertarians                                 |
| American University, American University Students For Liberty       | Arizona State University, ASU Secular Free-Thought Society     | Boston University, BU ACLU   |
| American University, Free Market Society                            | Arlington High School, Arlington Young Americans for Liberty   | Boston University Law, Libertarians @ BU Law                               |
| Amherst College, Amherst College Libertarians                       | Armstrong Atlantic State University, AASU College Libertarians | Brandeis University, Libertarians of Brandeis                              |
| Appalachian State University, ASU YAL                               | Ashland University, Ashland Students For Liberty               | Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater State Libertarian Society           |
| Arapahoe Community College, Arapahoe Community College Libertarians | Auburn University, AU College Libertarians                     | Brookdale Community College, Brookdale College Libertarians                |
| Arizona State University, ASU YAL                                   | Beloit College, Koch Colloquium at Beloit College              | Brown University, Brown Students for Liberty                               |
| Arizona State University, The Objectivist Club @ ASU                | Bemidji State University, BSU Libertarians                     | California State University - Long Beach, CSULB Conservative Student Union |
| Arizona State University, ASU College Republicans                   | Binghamton University, Binghamton College Libertarians         | California State University, Sacramento, Students For Liberty              |
| Arizona State University, Network of Enlightened Women              |  | Campbell University, Campbell University Libertarians                      |



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Campbell University, Campbell University Young Americans for Liberty  
Case Western Reserve University, Young Americans for Liberty  
Catholic University of America, Young Americans for Liberty  
Central Washington University, CWU Liberty Club  
Coastal Carolina Community College, CCCC Libertarians  
College of Idaho, CI Students For Economic Freedom  
Colorado School of Mines, CSM Libertarians  
Colorado State University, CSU College Libertarians  
Columbia University, Columbia University Libertarians  
Columbia University, Columbia Students for Concealed Carry on Campus  
Cornell University, Cornell University Libertarians  
Curry College, Paul Revere's Messengers of Liberty  
Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Libertarians  
Drake University, Drake Young Americans for Liberty  
Drexel University, Drexel Student Liberty Front  
Eastern Carolina University, ECU College Libertarians  
Eastern Michigan University, EMU College Republicans  
Eastern Michigan University, EMU College Libertarians  
Eastern Tennessee State University, ETSU Students for a Free Society  
Edgewood College, Edgewood College Republicans  
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst College Libertarians  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, ERAU Libertarians  
Emory & Henry College, College Libertarians  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, FDU Business Leaders of Tomorrow  
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Circulo de Estudos Roberto  
Ferris State University, Ferris State Young Americans for Liberty  
Florida Gulf Coast University, Eagles for Liberty  
Florida State University, FSU Young Americans for Liberty  
Fordham University, Fordham Young Americans for Liberty  
Fordham University, Fordham College Republicans  
George Mason University, Mason Liberty  
George Mason University, George Mason Economics Society  
George Washington University, GW Liberty Society  
Georgetown University, Hoyas for Liberty  
Goucher College, Goucher Republicans and Libertarians  
Grand Valley State University, Grand Valley Economics Club  
Grand Valley State University, GVSU College Libertarians  
Grinnell College, Grinnell Liberty  
Grove City College, Grove City Students for Liberty  
Hamline University, Hamline University Student Libertarians  
Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden Sydney Classical Liberals  
Harvard University, Harvard Libertarian Forum  
Harvard University Law School, HLS Federalist Society  
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale Classical Liberals  
Hofstra University, Hofstra Libertarians  
Howard University, Howard Libertarians  
Hunter College, Young Americans for Liberty at Hunter College  
Illinois State University, ISU Young Americans for Liberty  
Indiana University, Young Americans for Liberty at IU  
Indiana University - Kokomo, Young Americans for Liberty at IUK  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, IPFW College Libertarians  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, IPFW Young Americans for Liberty  
Inver Hills Community College, IHCC Students For Liberty  
Ivy Tech, Ivy Tech Young Americans for Liberty  
James Madison University, Madison Liberty  
Johns Hopkins, Johns Hopkins Objectivist Society  
Kansas State University, KSU Young Americans for Liberty  
Kennesaw State University, College Libertarians of Kennesaw State University  
Lafayette College, Lafayette College Libertarians  
Lewis & Clark College, Students for Liberty  
Liberty University, Liberty University Students For Liberty  
London School of Economics, LSE Hayek Society  
Lourdes College, Lourdes, College Young Republicans  
Loyola University - New Orleans, Loyola Economics Club  
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Students For Liberty  
Marquette University, MU YAL  
Maryville University, Maryville Libertarians  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT Libertarians  
McDaniel College, Libertarian Club  
Mercer University, Mercer Freemarketeers  
Mercyhurst College, Mercyhurst Young Americans for Liberty  
Miami University, MU College Libertarians  
Michigan State University, MSU YAL  
Multi-University, Flemish Classical Liberal Students Association  
Multi-University, Mises Youth Club  
Multi-University, KoLiber  
Multi-University, Australian Liberal Students' Federation  
Multi-University, Institute for Liberal Studies  
Multi-University, Egyptian Union of Liberal Youth  
Multi-University, Ghana Students For Liberty  
Multi-University, Liberal Youth Forum-India  
Multi-University, Italian Students for Individual Liberty  
Multi-University, South African Liberal Students Association  
Multi-University, Students for Freedom  
Multi-University, Nuevas Premisas  
Multi-University, Milton Friedman Society  
New Mexico State University, NMSU Young Americans for Liberty  
New York University, NYU College Libertarians  
New York University, The Objectivist Club at NYU  
New York University, NYU College Republicans  
North Carolina State University, NCSU Young Americans for Liberty  
Northeastern University, NU Libertarian Forum  
Northern Colorado University, UNC YAL  
Northern Illinois University, Northern Illinois College Libertarians  
Northern Michigan University, NMU College Libertarians  
Northern Virginia Community College, NoVA Students For Liberty  
Northwestern University, Northwestern Students For Liberty  
Ohio State University, OSU Objectivist Club  
Ohio State University, OSU Young Americans for Liberty  
Ohio University, OU Students For Liberty  
Oklahoma Panhandle State University, OPSU College Libertarians  
Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University College Libertarians  
Oklahoma State University, group forming  
Oral Roberts, Oral Roberts College Libertarians  
Pace University, Manhattan, Pace Students For Liberty  
Penn State University, Penn State Students for Liberty  
Penn State University, Penn State College Libertarians  
Pepperdine University, Pepperdine College Libertarians  
Phoenix School of Law, PSL Federalist Society  
Plymouth State University, Plymouth Review  
Princeton University, Princeton College Libertarians  
Providence College, Providence College Libertarians  
Ramapo College, Young Americans for Liberty  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, RPI Libertarians  
Ripon College, Ripon Students for Liberty  
Rochester Institute of Technology, RIT College Libertarians  
Rowan University, Rowan Students for Liberty Club  
Rutgers University, Rutgers Young Americans for Liberty  
Rutgers University, Rutgers Libertarians  
Saint Cloud State University, SCSU Libertarians Club  
Salem College, Salem Young Americans for Liberty  
San Diego State University, SDSU Young Americans for Liberty  
San José State University, Economics Club  
School of the Woods, Afternoon Economics  
Seattle University, SU Young Americans for Liberty  
Seton Hall University, Seton Hall University Students for Individual Liberty  
Seton Hall University School of Law, Seton Hall Federalist Society  
Southern Methodist University, SMU University Libertarians  
Southwest Minnesota State University, SMSU College Libertarians  
St. Cloud State University, SCSU Young Americans for Liberty  
St. John's College-New Mexico, Austrian Economics Club  
Stetson University, Stetson University Libertarians  
Suffolk University, Suffolk University Economics Club  
SUNY - Albany, SUNY - Albany YAL  
SUNY - Brockport, Brockport College Libertarians  
SUNY - New Paltz, SUNY-New Paltz Libertarian Club  
SUNY - Oswego, SUNY - Oswego College Libertarians



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Tallahassee Community College, TCC Libertarians  
Temple University, Temple Libertarians  
Temple University, Temple University College Republicans  
Texas A&M, Aggie Libertarians  
Texas A&M, Aggie Objectivist Club  
Texas State, Texas State Young Americans for Liberty  
Tidewater Community College, Young Libertarian Party  
Towson University, College Libertarians of Towson  
Truman State University, Truman Libertarians  
UMass-Lowell, Young Americans for Liberty at UMass-Lowell  
University of California, San Diego, UCSD Young Americans for Liberty  
University at Buffalo, UB Young Americans for Liberty  
University College London, UCL Libertarians Society  
University of Arizona, Tucson Tea Party  
University of Arizona, Arizona Desert Lamp  
University of Arizona, UA YAL  
University of Buffalo, UB Students for a Free Society  
University of California, Berkeley, Objectivist Club at Berkeley  
University of California, Berkeley, Cal SFL  
University of California, Los Angeles, L.O.G.I.C.  
University of California, Los Angeles, Bruin Libertarians  
University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA Young Americans for Liberty  
University of California, Santa Barbara, UCSB College Libertarians  
University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Libertarians  
University of Cambridge, Cambridge Libertarian Society  
University of Chicago, UC Milton Friedman Group  
University of Chicago, UC University Republicans  
University of Chicago, UC Objectivist Club  
University of Chicago, UC Students for a Free Society  
University of Cincinnati, Bearcat Libertarians  
University of Connecticut, UConn Students for Liberty  
University of Delaware, UD Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Detroit, UD Federalist Society  
University of Florida, UF College Libertarians  
University of Florida, UF Students for the Preservation of Freedom  
University of Georgia, Austrian Scholars Club  
University of Houston, University of Houston Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Illinois, UI Libertarian Club  
University of Illinois, UI Federalist Society  
University of Iowa, UI Austrian Economics Club  
University of Iowa, Advocates of Liberty & Iowa Libertarians  
University of Kansas, Students of Liberty  
University of Kentucky, KU Students for Liberty  
University of Louisville, UL College Libertarians  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County, UMBC Libertarians  
University of Maryland, College Park, Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, UMass Dartmouth Libertarians  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan College Libertarians  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, UM Young Americans for Freedom  
University of Michigan, Flint, University of Michigan, Flint College Libertarians  
University of Minnesota, UM Ayn Rand Study Group  
University of Mississippi, Ole Miss Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Missouri, MU Campus Libertarians  
University of Missouri – Columbia, MU College Republicans  
University of Nevada, Reno, UNR Students for Liberty  
University of New Hampshire, UNH YAL  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Carolina Objectivist Forum  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, UNC, CH College Libertarians  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte, UNC, Charlotte Young Americans for Liberty  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, UNC, Greensboro Libertarians  
University of North Carolina, Wilmington, UNCW Young Americans for Liberty  
University of North Carolina, Wilmington, UNCW Libertarians  
University of North Texas, UNT Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Northern Iowa, UNI Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Libertarians  
University of Oklahoma, Libertarians  
University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma For Liberty  
University of Pittsburgh, UPitt College Republicans  
University of Pittsburgh, Pitt Libertarians  
University of Puget Sound, UPS Students For Liberty  
University of Regina, Libertas  
University of Richmond, Richmond Students For Liberty  
University of South Carolina Upstate, USC Upstate Libertarians  
University of St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Liberty Club  
University of St. Thomas, St. Thomas Students For Liberty  
University of Tampa, University of Tampa Libertarians  
University of Tennessee – Chattanooga, UT - Chattanooga YAL  
University of Tennessee – Knoxville, We the People at the University of Tennessee  
University of Tennessee – Martin, UT - Martin College Libertarians  
University of Texas, Austin, Libertarian Longhorns  
University of Texas, Austin, Young Americans for Liberty at UT Austin  
University of Texas, Dallas, Austrian Economics at UT Dallas  
University of Texas, San Antonio, UT-San Antonio Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Tulsa, University of Tulsa Students for Liberty  
University of Tulsa, SixThirtyOne  
University of Utah, U of U Libertarians  
University of Virginia, The Liberty Coalition  
University of Virginia, Students for Individual Liberty  
University of Virginia, College Libertarians  
University of Washington, UW Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Washington, College Libertarians at UW  
University of West Georgia, Young Americans for Liberty  
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, La Crosse Libertarians  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, UW, Madison College Libertarians  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, UW YAL  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Republican Liberty Caucus @ UWM  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, UW-Milwaukee Students For Liberty  
University of Alabama, Birmingham, UAB Libertarians  
Utah State University, USU for Liberty  
Utah State University, USU Students for a Sensible Drug Policy  
Valdosta State University, VSU College Libertarians  
Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt Libertarians  
Virginia Commonwealth University, Young Americans for Liberty at VCU  
Virginia Tech, VT College Libertarians  
Wake Forest University, Young Americans for Liberty  
Washington & Lee, Young Americans for Liberty at Washington & Lee  
Washington State University, WSU Young Americans for Liberty  
Washington University in St. Louis, Wash U Young Americans for Liberty  
Weber State University, WSU College Libertarians  
Western Michigan University, Young Americans for Liberty  
Wheaton College, Wheaton Students For Liberty  
Wheaton College, Wheaton Libertarian League  
William & Mary W&M Students For Liberty  
Winona State University, WSU Libertarians  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, WPI Libertarians  
Yale University, Yale College Libertarians  
Yale University, Objectivist Study Group at Yale  
York College, York College Libertarian Club



# SFL Leadership

## 2010-2011 Executive Board & Board of Directors



**Ankur Chawla, University of California-San Diego, *Exec Board***

Ankur Chawla is a junior at the University of California, San Diego. He is studying Political Theory as his primary major and Economics and European History as his secondary minors. Ankur originally became interested in the movement for liberty in high school when he began to follow politics and could not find any real difference between mainstream politicians.

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**Carlo Cordasco, University of Pisa, *Exec Board***

Carlo began studying classical liberalism at age 16 after reading *Human Action* by Mises. Carlo founded the Italian Students for Individual Liberty and the Italian Hayek Association. He was the editor-in-chief of the 2010 *Journal of Liberty and Society*. He is a research fellow at the Tocqueville-Acton Institute.

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**Dennis Craig, George Washington University, *Exec Board***

Dennis is an undergraduate at The George Washington University where he is pursuing a degree in International Affairs. Dennis was a leader in the Temple Libertarians at Temple University before transferring to The George Washington University where he founded the Liberty Society; an academic organization dedicated to promoting individual, economic, civil, and political liberties.

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**Sam Eckman, University of Chicago, *Director***

Sam attended the University of Pittsburgh and was a Koch Summer Fellow in 2007. Sam spent the next two years working as a legislative assistant for Senator Arlen Specter. Sam will be starting his first year of law school at the University of Chicago this fall.

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**Alexander Falkenstein, Arizona State University, *Exec Board***

Alexander was first introduced to the Austrian School of Economics after reading *The Road to Serfdom*. Experiences both inside and outside the classroom have strengthened his desire to fight for liberty. Alexander joined the SFL Executive Board for the 2009-2010 school year after starting the ASU Students For Liberty. Alexander has subsequently been a critical figure in promoting liberty in the West.

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### **Sloane Frost, University of Chicago, *Director***

Sloane is pursuing her Masters in Public Policy at the University of Chicago. She graduated from Cornell University in 2008. She became interested in liberty after studying the relationship between economics and government in high school and particularly while studying health care in college. Sloane served with City Year, an AmeriCorps program, before entering graduate school this past year.

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### **Kelly Jemison, James Madison University, *Exec Board***

Kelly is a double major in Economics and International Affairs with an area focus in the Middle East. After reading *Atlas Shrugged* in high school, she attended an IHS seminar that inspired her to take on the cause of liberty. Kelly teamed up with fellow students to co-found the organization of which she is now president, Madison Liberty.

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### **Masood Manoochehri, Columbia University, *Exec Board***

Masood's personal experiences, including a dozen years in the New Jersey public school system and two years of studying abroad in Iran, motivated him to reconsider the role of government. Masood is particularly interested in the intersection between science and philosophy.

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### **Pericles Niarchos, Drexel University, *Exec Board***

Pericles is currently a senior at Drexel University studying History and Politics. Pericles joined the Student Liberty Front early on in his studies to learn more about politics and has been actively pro-liberty ever since.

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### **Alexander McCobin, Georgetown University, *President & Director***

Alexander recognized the formal principles of his beliefs after reading *Atlas Shrugged* in ninth grade. After founding the Penn Libertarian Association in as an undergraduate, Alexander spent a year as a Koch Associate at the Cato Institute. He is currently pursuing his PhD in philosophy at Georgetown.

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### **Liya Palagashvili, George Mason University, *Exec Board***

Liya's love for free markets led her to George Mason University, where she is currently pursuing a degree in Economics with a minor in Philosophy of Law. At George Mason, Liya is the Vice President of the Economics Society and member of the GMU Students for Liberty.

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### **Irena Schneider, American University, *Exec Board***

A rising junior, Irena is originally from Russia and has always been fascinated by the clash of political philosophies between her old home and new home in the US. Irena became involved by forming a student group at AU, founding the DC Forum for Freedom to unite DC student groups, and being an active member of the SFL Exec Board.

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Michael is an undergraduate studying economics at CSU Sacramento, where he established and presided over the Students for Liberty group on campus. He became interested in libertarian philosophy after the 2008 elections, prior to which he was a disenchanted Independent.

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### **Brandon Wasicsko, Florida Gulf Coast University, *Exec Board***

Brandon was first introduced to the term "libertarian" in 2007 during Ron Paul's presidential campaign and to Objectivism while taking BB&T's "Moral Foundations of Capitalism" course during his second year of college. He co-founded Eagles for Liberty in the fall of 2009.

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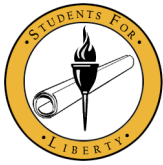
## SFL Staff



### **Clark Ruper, Vice President**

Clark is a University of Michigan alumnus where he was inspired by the writings of Locke, Aristotle, Bastiat, Rand, Rothbard, and Nozick. He went on to take campus leadership roles with the UM Young Americans for Freedom, College Libertarians, and Students of Objectivism. Before SFL, he worked for The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, The Michigan

Taxpayers Alliance, and FreedomWorks. He was thrilled to join SFL in June 2009 as Program Manager and has played a pivotal role in SFL's growth since then, leading to his promotion to Vice President.



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### **Blayne Bennett, Communications Manager**

Blayne graduated from Arizona State University in May 2010 with a degree in Finance. Blayne noticed that fellow business students seemed to lack an interest in free market principles and instead favored more socialist ideals. Alarmed, Blayne began working to host events with the goal of inspiring business students to embrace free market capitalism. Through these efforts, Blayne was blessed to encounter many people who inspired in her a love for all aspects of liberty.

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### **Peter Neiger, Internal Operations Manager**

Peter is an alumnus of The College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina where he held several leadership positions in the Student Government Association, Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, and Phi Gamma Delta. Prior to college Peter served for four years in the United States Army as an Infantry Paratrooper where he deployed to two combat environments. After college, Peter participated in the

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation Associate Program where he worked for the Center for College Affordability and Productivity.

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## Board of Advisors

SFL is honored to have such an esteemed list of individuals on our Board of Advisors to provide both oversight of and insight into SFL's affairs and direction. The Board of Advisors is comprised of:

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| <i>Dr. Nigel Ashford</i> , Institute for Humane Studies   | <i>Michelle Muccio</i> , Acton Institute                               |
| <i>David Boaz</i> , Cato Institute                        | <i>Dr. Tom Palmer</i> , Atlas Economic Research Foundation             |
| <i>Dr. Tyler Cowen</i> , George Mason University          | <i>Lawrence W. Reed</i> , Foundation for Economic Education            |
| <i>Matt Harrison</i> , Prometheus Institute               | <i>Dr. C. Bradley Thompson</i> , Clemson University                    |
| <i>Gary Johnson</i> , Our America Initiative              | <i>Professor Eugene Volokh</i> , University of California, Los Angeles |
| <i>Dr. Alan Charles Kors</i> , University of Pennsylvania |  |
| <i>Dr. Jo Kwong</i> , Philanthropy Roundtable             |  |
| <i>Dr. James W. Lark, III</i> , University of Virginia    |  |



## Campus Coordinator Program

Over the past two years, SFL has successfully supported student groups through virtual interactions (e.g. our website, email, teleconferences, webinars, etc.). This virtual support has allowed SFL to grow our network to an unprecedented size (290 student groups) with minimal costs thanks to the power of modern technology. In order to expand SFL's support for student groups by providing additional resources, more individualized assistance, and additional training for young leaders of liberty, SFL needs to provide on-the-ground leadership. To do this, SFL has created a new leadership level for the 2010-2011 school year: Campus Coordinators (CCs). CCs will serve as libertarian community organizers, building the student movement for liberty in their area by starting and growing liberty groups and activities.

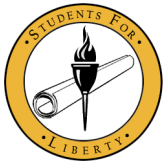
SFL has selected **30 CCs** for the inaugural class. These young activists are a mix of current students and recent alumni who have demonstrated success at leading students on their own campuses and who are now ready to help students at nearby campuses. Since May, these CCs have participated in a rigorous training curriculum with monthly readings and weekly webinars on topics ranging from "The History of SFL" to "How to Run a Regional Conference" to "How to Hold a Successful Event on Campus." The training culminates in a weekend retreat in Washington DC, at the Cato Institute, where CCs meet in person for the first time and complete their training. For the 2010-2011 school year, each CC will be responsible for 10 campuses in their surrounding area where they will identify pro-liberty students, support the founding of new pro-liberty student groups, and generally help spread the message of liberty on campus.

*30 CCs selected*

*20 states represented*

*300 campuses to receive new support*





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Above is a map of the regions where SFL CCs will be reaching out to pro-liberty students to start new groups and build up existing groups. Below is a list of accepted the 2010-2011 CCs:

Alex Gao, *Franklin & Marshall College, PA*  
Andrew Kaluza, *University of Texas-San Antonio, TX*  
Andrew Fernandez, *University of Texas-Austin, TX*  
Ani DeGroot, *University of Iowa, IA*  
Bradford Peterson, *Temple University, PA*  
Brittany Smith, *University of South Florida, FL*  
Casey Given, *University of California, Berkeley, CA*  
Christopher Pille, *Goucher College Alum, NH*  
Clint Townsend, *University of North Texas, TX*  
Dana Modzelewski, *Harvard University, MA*  
Daniel Suraci, *Boston University School of Law, MA*  
George Edwards, *Indiana University Kokomo, IN*  
Ileana Zayas, *Kennesaw State University, GA*  
James (Alex) Biles, *University of Michigan, MI*  
Jason Cowen, *Oklahoma City Community, OK*  
Jennifer Jones, *Salem College, NC*

Jesse Saini, *University of California, Berkeley, CA*  
Jonathan Willbanks, *University of Southern California, CA*  
Kevin Duetel, *George Washington University, DC*  
Matthew Darling, *University of Connecticut, CT*  
Matthew Schmitto, *Texas State University, TX*  
Megan Roberts, *University of Missouri-Columbia, MO*  
Michelle Fields, *Pepperdine University, CA*  
Molly Fratianne, *Ashland University, OH*  
Nicholas Zaiac, *American University, MD*  
Stacy Litz, *Drexel University, PA*  
Stephani Pease, *University of New Mexico, NM*  
Travis Leicht, *Florida Gulf Coast University, FL*  
Vladimir Rudenko, *Virginia Commonwealth University, VA*  
Zachery Tiggelaar, *University of North Dakota, ND*



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# 7 Regional Conferences

In 2008, Students For Liberty hosted 3 Regional Conferences in Philadelphia, Boston, and Ann Arbor (MI) with a total of approximately 120 students in attendance. The 2009 Regional Conferences blew those numbers out of the water with over 700 students at 7 Regional Conferences.

**Total Number of Attendees:** 711 Unique Attendees\*

**Total Number of Schools:** 201 Unique Schools\*

### Conferences:

New York SFL Conference @ Columbia University, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Midwest SFL Conference @ University of Chicago, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>  
West Coast SFL Conference @ Arizona State University, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Texas SFL Conference @ University of Texas-Austin, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Southern SFL Conference @ Wake Forest University, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mid-Atlantic SFL Conference @ Drexel University, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Northeast SFL Conference @ Harvard University, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

### Abridged List of Speakers:

John Allison, *Chairman of BB&T*  
Dr. Nigel Ashford, *Institute for Humane Studies*  
Radley Balko, *Reason Magazine*  
Jack Cole, *Executive Director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition*  
Patri Friedman, *Executive Director of the Seasteading Institute*  
Gene Healy, *Vice President of the Cato Institute*

Dr. Alan Charles Kors, *Univ. of Pennsylvania*  
Dr. James W. Lark, III, *Libertarian Party*  
Dr. Peter Leeson, *Professor of Economics at George Mason University*  
Dr. Jeffrey Miron, *Harvard University*  
David Nolan, *Founder of the Libertarian Party*  
Fred Smith, *Founder & President of the Competitive Enterprise Institute*

\* *Note:* Several students attended multiple conferences and there were many students from each school in attendance at various Regional Conferences. The total number of participants including crossover was greater than 750.





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**REGIONAL CONFERENCE GROWTH: A VISUAL**

**2007 Students For Liberty Conferences: 0 students, 0 conferences**

**NOTHING**

**2008 Philadelphia Students For Liberty Conference: 40 students + attendees**



**2009 Mid-Atlantic Students For Liberty Conference in Philadelphia:  
135 students + attendees**





## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International SFL Conference**



**Total Number of Attendees:** 302 Attendees

**Total Number of Students:** 248 Students

### **Keynotes**

**Governor Gary Johnson**, former Governor of New Mexico & Chairman of Our America Initiative

**Ed Crane**, President of the Cato Institute

**Professor Russ Roberts**, George Mason University

In the week leading up to the ISFLC, the East Coast was pummeled by what is now known as Snowpocalypse. Flights were canceled all over the country, and Washington, DC effectively shut down. While the Federal Government closed for almost a week because of this storm, students from around the world would not let the weather keep them from advancing liberty. From February 12-14, a total of **302 liberty advocates, 248 of them students, attended the 3rd Annual International Students For Liberty Conference** hosted at American University by the AU Students for Liberty! That is almost 3 times larger than the first SFL Conference held 2 years ago (also with a blizzard threatening its ruin), and it is the largest event SFL has ever hosted. The event was so large, in fact, that when the conference visited Cato for the Saturday evening ceremonies and Ed Crane's Keynote speech, audience members were overflowing into the first floor conference room to watch the speech via television.





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At the conference, students participated in workshops ranging from “Transitioning Leadership” to “Marketing on Campus”. They heard from an international panel of activists on the status of liberty abroad and how they can become involved in advancing liberty around the world. They spoke with representatives from pro-liberty organizations such as the Cato Institute, Institute for Humane Studies, and Foundation for Economic Education at a 2-hour Liberty Fair. The Fair also showcased summer seminars, resources from pro-liberty organizations, and internship opportunities. During meals and evening socials, students networked with one another to learn how their peers were introduced to liberty, and they built lifetime friendships. Consider this feedback from two participants:

### **James Alexander Biles, University of Michigan**

*“When it comes to meeting like-minded people, listening to leading intellectuals, and opening career opportunities in the liberty movement, there is no better place than a Students For Liberty conference.”*

### **Stacy Litz, Drexel University**

*“To me, the 2010 ISFLC is like a vacation for the restricted mind - and being around so many like minded individualists is like a breath of fresh air. I look forward to the next year and hope attendance reaches double the size of this conference!”*

The passion, the excitement, and the energy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ISFLC is tough to put in words. There is no event in the world quite like the ISFLC, and no greater symbol of the student movement for liberty’s strength. However, **Keynote Gary Johnson** did a great job when he tweeted how he felt after finishing his speech at the conference:

*“SFL rocks! There is terrific optimism about our country’s future in the hands of these young men and women.*

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## CPAC 2010

### *Two Minutes That Changed Everything*

SFL's president, Alexander McCobin was invited to speak at the 2010 Conservative Political Action Conference. His speech caused a controversy that jolted SFL to the forefront of national attention and opened the eyes of millions to the meaning of liberty. It began with these words:

*"First off, I'd like to thank the American Conservative Union for inviting me to speak. This panel is titled "Saving Freedom Across America," and so in the name of "Freedom," I would like to also thank the American Conservative Union for welcoming GoProud as a co-sponsor of this event, not because of any politics, but because of the message that it sends. If what you truly care about is freedom, limited government, and prosperity, then this symbol is a step in the right direction, and look to the student movement for support. The typical student's response is to be socially tolerant and fiscally responsible. Students today recognize that **freedom does not come in pieces. It is a single concept we must defend at all times.**"*



While Alexander's remarks were met with a few boos, cheers and applause from the 1,000+ person crowd overwhelmed the handful of detractors. At the end of the speech, Alexander received a standing ovation (the only speaker on the 15-person panel to receive such an honor), and the support from the audience was so great that the panel's moderator had to ask the audience three times to quiet down so the next panelist could speak. When another panelist took the podium and denounced CPAC for its tolerance, the audience booed him off stage, condemning him for not respecting the equal rights of individuals regardless of sexuality.

The controversy became a YouTube sensation and was featured on national media ranging from the Countdown with Keith Olbermann to The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, reaching millions of viewers. After CPAC, SFL was inundated with emails from individuals on both the left and right praising us for speaking out against the mainstream and showing that people can believe in liberty in both the social and economic realms. CPAC highlighted the growing support for liberty and propelled SFL into a leading role in building that support.



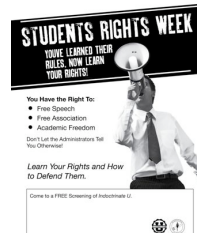
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# Students Rights Week

*“You’ve learned their rules, now learn your rights!”*

Anyone who has been through freshman orientation knows what a brainwashing experience it can be. Administrators and counselors spend days lecturing incoming students on what they cannot say on campus, what the campus police are allowed to do at their whim, and the many ways that students are supposed to conform to the university’s will. From restrictive speech codes and “free speech zones” to academic discrimination and harsh drug possession crimes, university administrators are waging war against student’s civil liberties.

That is why in August 2009 SFL launched our first Students Rights Week. The concept of the project was to leverage pre-existing resources such as Cato Pocket Constitutions, Free Speech handbooks from FIRE, and copies of the DVD *Indoctrinate U* to assist students in the fight for their civil liberties on campus. We also produced a Students Rights Week flier to help groups promote their activities. The idea was that pro-liberty student groups could use these resources during the first week of school to both attract new members to their groups while spreading the message of liberty to the campus community. Unsurprisingly, students flocked to these resources. In total **38 student groups** from across the country put these resources to use on their campuses. The Students Rights Week participants made up a broad and diverse coalition that may disagree on many issues, but they all agree that their civil liberties are threatened and need to be defended.



## Participating Groups

Arizona State University Students for Liberty  
Arizona Young Americans for Liberty  
American University Students For Liberty  
Appalachian State U. Young Americans for Liberty  
Boston University ACLU  
California State, Sacramento U. Students for Liberty  
Catholic University Young Americans for Liberty  
Central Washington University Liberty Club  
Columbia University Libertarians  
The Drexel Liberty Front  
Edgewood College Republicans  
East Tennessee State U., Students of American Liberty  
Emory & Henry College Libertarians  
Florida State University Libertarians  
George Mason University Students For Liberty  
Georgia State University Federalist Society  
Georgetown Hoyas For Liberty  
Grinnell Liberty  
Kentucky Students For Liberty  
Lourdes College Young Republicans

James Madison University Madison Liberty  
Marquette University Young Americans for Liberty  
UMass, Dartmouth Libertarians  
Michigan State University Young Americans for Liberty  
Michigan, Ann Arbor College Libertarians  
Michigan, Flint College Libertarians  
Missouri University, Columbia College Republicans  
University of Nevada, Reno Students For Liberty  
North Carolina-Chapel Hill Libertarians  
Northern Colorado College Republicans  
Northwestern University Students for Liberty  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute College Libertarians  
The Plymouth Review  
Rutgers Young Americans for Liberty  
Seton Hall University Students for Individual Liberty  
Tennessee, Chattanooga Libertarians  
Washington & Lee University Libertarians  
Wake Forest Young Americans for Liberty  
Wisconsin-Madison Young Americans for Liberty



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### **Journal of Liberty and Society**

In June 2010 the second volume of the *Journal of Liberty and Society* was published. This peer- and professor-reviewed academic journal accepts papers from all disciplines and all perspectives related to liberty. The journal has continued the tradition developed during its inaugural year of providing papers that cover a diverse range of topics from the government's distortion of scientific research to a Kantian outline of Liberty. The *Journal of Liberty and Society* is an unparalleled tool to support student development of the intellectual underpinnings of liberty.

The Prometheus Institute Prizes are special awards given by the Prometheus Institute that recognize authors who demonstrate the most innovative approaches to promoting the ideas of liberty. These prizes are intended to discover and reward the most creative young thinkers and writers in the movement. The Top Paper in the *Journal of Liberty and Society* received \$500. The Honorable Mention received \$100. All three winners were invited to join the Prometheus Institute staff for the Fall 2010 semester; positions are available in writing, blogging, outreach or development.

#### **TOP PAPER**

*Freedom and free will in the early thought of Karl Rahner SI (1904-1984)*  
Luca Gili, Scuola Normale Superiore

#### **HONORABLE MENTIONS**

*Liberty and Right, A Kantian outline*  
Osvaldo Ottaviani, Scuola Normale Superiore

*Inventing "Truth": A Defense of John Locke in Light of Garry Wills' Inventing America*  
Richard Tracy, Seton Hall University

#### **OTHER PUBLISHED PAPERS**

*Man's Mind: Malthus' Missing Mark:* Daniel Rigby, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Science and the Free Market: How Government Distorts Scientific Research through Public Funding:* Norman Horn, University of Texas

*The Role of Government in the Black Power Movement:* Stacy Litz, Drexel University

*Withholding Tax: An Italian Case:* Antonio Usai, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

*What Libertarians Should Learn From Radical Socialists:* Ross Kenyon, Arizona State University



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### Free Books Project

The Free Books Project provides pro-liberty student groups with books written by some of the most eloquent advocates of liberty so that students themselves can provide a forum for the discussion of these ideas. In 2009-2010, SFL and the Foundation for Economic Education worked together to bring the following 9 titles to student groups across the country:

- Doti, James and Lee, Dwight, *Market Economy; A Reader*
- Frederic Bastiat, *Economic Harmonies*
- Frederic Bastiat, *Economic Sophisms*
- Frederic Bastiat, *Selected Essays on Political Economy*
- Henry Hazlitt, *The Foundations of Morality*
- Henry Hazlitt, *Economics in One Lesson*
- Ludwig von Mises, *Marxism Unmasked*
- Ludwig von Mises, *The Free Market and its Enemies*
- Leonard E. Read, *Anything That's Peaceful*

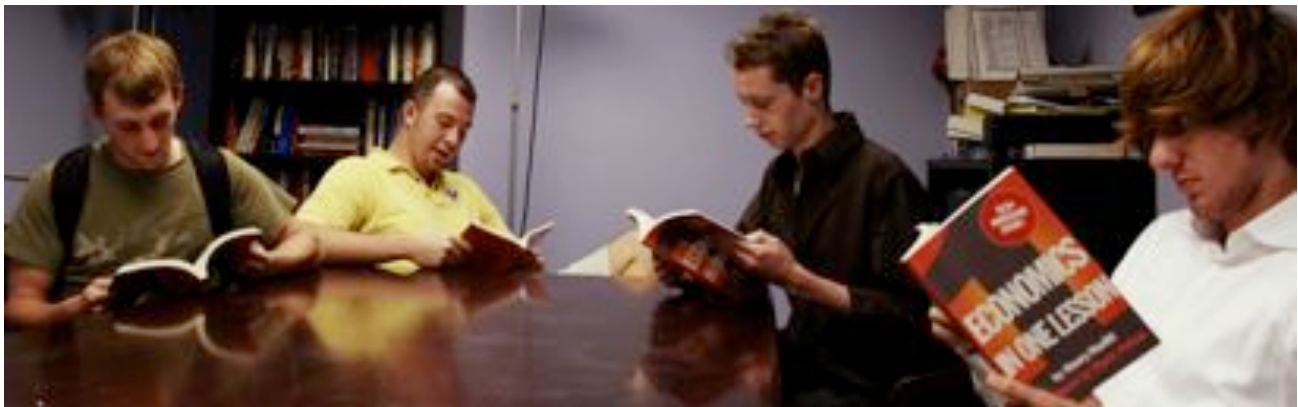


SFL distributed nearly 350 books to 23 unique pro-liberty groups across the country. Student groups reported that they utilized the books in three different ways:

- A point of focus for group discussions in club meetings
- Incorporation into the curriculum of regular reading groups
- Building up club libraries



While most requests were made by college groups, SFL provided books to high school clubs, teachers, and even one free market think tank's internship program. This year saw a 400% increase in group requests and a 500% increase in book requests.





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### **E-Leadership Series**

One of the problems the student movement for liberty has always faced is the physical distance between the many students and groups dedicated to liberty. The often vast geographic separation between colleges makes it difficult for students to communicate with each other and enhances the feeling of isolation that pro-liberty students feel on their home campuses.

The SFL E-Leadership Series addresses this problem by utilizing innovative communication technology to connect students to each other and the leaders of the liberty movement. We utilize a “webinar”, or web-based seminar, format that allows students all over the country to interact with our guest presenters. We hold two webinars per month: one on the ideas behind the liberty philosophy and one on the techniques to effectively advance liberty on campus and beyond. Students are also able to participate in a question and answer session at the end of the speaker’s presentation.

SFL has been fortunate to host such distinguished guests as Lawrence W. Reed of the Foundation for Economic Education and Professor Jeffrey Miron of Harvard University. However, the E-Leadership Series does not just focus on established academics. We also feature current students who have had success in their efforts. This fall, student leaders have presented on such topics as “Successful Campus Speaker Events” and “Marketing on Campus.”

In total, 393 individual students have attended our webinars this fall from schools as far apart as the University of Idaho and Columbia University. Our highest attendance was for Lawrence Reed’s presentation in early September, which drew 121 students. That represents remarkable growth from last spring when the highest attendance for a webinar was 30 students. This rapid growth can be attributed to aggressive marketing on social networking sites such as Facebook and to the general growth of SFL.





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### Fall 2009 E-Leadership Schedule

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – “Adam Smith, Free Trade, and the Birth of Economics”**

Speaker: Lawrence W. Reed (Foundation for Economic Education)

Total Attendees: 121

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Successful Campus Speaker Events”**

Panelists: Jared Fuller (Wake Forest University), Aaron Moyer (Drexel University), Dr. James W. Lark, III (University of Virginia/Libertarian Party)

Total Attendees: 17

**October 5<sup>th</sup> – “An Economic History of the Prison”**

Speaker: Dr. Daniel D’Amico (Loyola University New Orleans)

Total Attendees: 56

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – “Marketing on Campus”**

Student Panelists: Irena Schneider (American University), Liya P. (George Mason University), Pericles Niarchos (Drexel University), & Masood Manoochehri (Columbia University)

Total Attendees: 24

**November 7<sup>th</sup> – “An Economic Analysis of Drug Legalization”**

Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Miron (Harvard University)

Total Attendees: 97

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> – “How to Get an Internship for Liberty”**

Speakers: Scott Barton & Isaac Morehouse (Institute for Humane Studies)

Total Attendees: 36

### Spring 2010 E-Leadership Schedule

**January 12<sup>th</sup> – “The Koch Associate Program”**

Speaker: Steve Sweet (Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation)

Total Attendees: 19

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – “How to Write a Winning Resume”**

Speaker: Claire Kittle (Talent Market)

Total Attendees: 26

**April 27<sup>th</sup> – “Job Hunting for Liberty”**

Panelists: Isaac Morehouse and Scott Barton (Institute for Humane Studies)

Total Attendees: 38

**May 26<sup>th</sup> – “How to Nail the Job Interview”**

Panelists: Lea Krohn and Shannon Quantock (Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation)

Total Attendees: 29

**June 28<sup>th</sup> – “Making the Most of Your Summer”**

Student Panelists: Chad Wilcox (Institute for Humane Studies)

Total Attendees: 11



## Student Protest Grants

This past fall, SFL and Bureaucrash teamed up to support student activism for liberty. Student protests are some of the most important forms of student activism since they are extremely visible, have high rewards for minimal costs, and are extremely fun. What's more, student protests archetypically represent the collegiate experience. Unfortunately, most people automatically associate student protests with statism. These Student Protest resources are meant to empower students in a decentralized manner to hold protests for liberty and challenge statist voices on campus. For groups that want to take the fight against government growth to the streets, this is the program for them. This year SFL received 15 requests for grants and provided 7 grants.

The Protest Grant project includes a number of resources available for students interested in hosting protests on campus. Here are a few of them:

- A **Student Protest Handbook** with ideas for protests and a step by step guide for how to get the most out of an activism event;
- **Bureaucrash Contraband** – Bureaucrash's famous T-shirts, stickers, and other materials to help students promote their event;
- **Student Protest Grants** of \$100-\$500 to help cover the cost of the protest. These grants can cover resources such as printed fliers, banners, posters and gimmicks like coffee beans and cigarettes.



### Washington University-St. Louis Free Trade Protest

The first Student Protest Grant was awarded to the Washington University-St. Louis Young Americans for Liberty to host a Fair Trade vs. Free Trade Coffee Taste Test. The group handed out free samples of coffee along with literature on the benefits of Free Trade and speeches against the supposed benefits of Fair Trade coffee on a campus where Free Trade coffee is banned.

- 200+ flyers distributed
- 60+ students participated in the taste test
- Many changed minds about "Fair Trade" from both students and faculty



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### Arizona State University Tax Day “Mandatory Donations”

Arizona State University Students For Liberty received a protest grant to conduct a unique twist on tax day protests. The group dressed up as IRS agents and police officers to collect “mandatory donations” from unsuspecting students. They visited a block party in downtown Phoenix where the reaction was mixed. Many eyes were opened about the waste that tax dollars pay for, and Ross Kenyon, leader of the ASU Students For Liberty, conversed with students about being forced to pay for things with which they do not agree.



### California State University, Berkeley 4/20 Rally & Brownie Sale

Students For Liberty at California State University in Berkeley teamed up with Students for a Sensible Drug Policy to protest the current War on Drugs. To protest three decades of failure and billions of dollars of wasted resources the students organized a rally that included student speakers about a variety of marijuana related topics, a brownie sale and live music. Despite a rainy day in California and local law enforcement continued harassment over 100 students participated in the protest.



### George Mason University 4/20 Brownie Give-Away and Guest Speaker

The students of George Mason Liberty teamed up with the newly formed Students for a Sensible Drug Policy to protest the War on Drugs at their campus. They gave away free brownies to students in an effort to draw them into conversation and show solidarity in opposition to the War on Drugs. In addition to the free brownies Matt Welch, editor in chief of Reason Magazine, spoke to the students about the effects of America’s War on Drugs.





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### Drexel University Tax Day Protest

Members of the Student Liberty Front at Drexel University protested tax day by handing out free t-shirts stating “Don’t Steal, the Government Hates Competition” as an incentive to answer a few quiz questions relating to taxation. This

educational experience enlightened many students and professors to how little they know about taxation and the system used in the United States.

### University of Michigan “Burn the Ban”

In response to a proposed smoking ban at the University of Michigan the UM College Libertarians held a “Burn the Ban” event on campus. The students printed fake citations, purchased candy cigarettes with printed literature and created a large map of the areas affected by the ban. They also circulated a petition against the ban that gathered 570 signatures in just one day. Along with the event, a media campaign was launched that received preemptive cover from the Detroit Free Press. UM CL’s president published an open letter to UM’s President pointing out the administration’s goals of “promoting a culture of health” is absurd and dangerous to individual liberties and responsibility.

### University of California, San Diego “Smoke One for Freedom”

The University of California, San Diego administration imposed “smoking zones” on campus to restrict the freedoms of the students. In response the UCSD Young Americans for Liberty hosted an event called “Smoke One for Freedom”. The group passed out free cigarettes and handouts to students explaining why they should oppose the smoking ban. UCSD YAL Founder and SFL Executive Board member Ankur Chawla, a non-smoker, created a video where he talks about why he supports freedom to smoke on campus even though he does not smoke himself





## Students For Liberty Finances 2009-2010

SFL’s fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30. On principle, SFL does not solicit or accept any government contributions. We are primarily funded by individuals and foundations that support the cause of liberty amongst students. In the 2008-2009 fiscal year, SFL raised approximately \$50,000 with about \$30,000 in operating expenses. As the charts below indicate, SFL’s finances more than quadrupled in both categories, with SFL raising more than \$200,000 and incurring slightly more than \$150,000 in operating expenses.

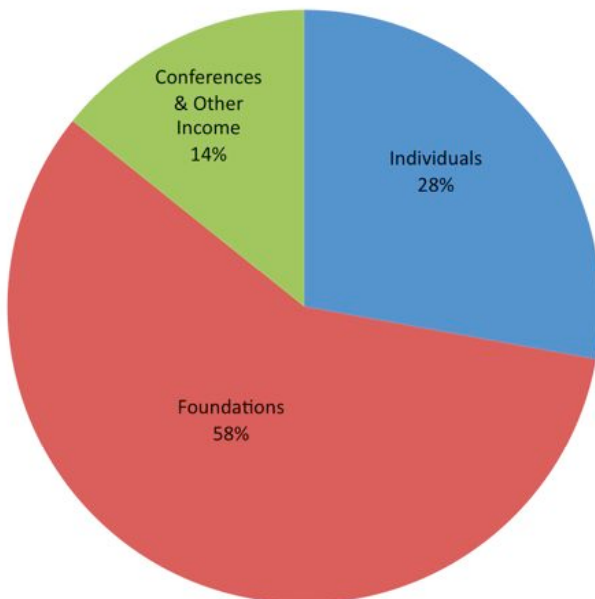
### 2009-2010 Income

Individuals	\$ 57,509.22
Foundations	\$ 119,600.00
Conferences & Other Income	\$ 29,434.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 206,543.63</b>

### 2009-2010 Expenses

Conferences & Programs	\$ 72,416.60
Student Leadership	\$ 21,108.95
Outreach	\$ 11,185.01
Development	\$ 8,051.33
Operational Expenses	\$ 42,218.24
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 154,980.13</b>

**2009-2010 Income**



**2009-2010 Expenses**

