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International
STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY
Conference

WASHINGTON, DC
February 17-19, 2012
Welcome to the Fifth Annual International Students For Liberty Conference!

It is a surreal experience to write that sentence. Four years ago, at the first ISFLC, we had no idea what to expect. And there is no way we could have predicted what SFL has now become. What was originally just conceived as a roundtable discussion for a handful of students now includes:

- Over 700 pro-liberty student groups
- International reach with European Students For Liberty and SFL’s new Charter Teams helping students in underserved parts of the world (studentsforliberty.org/charterteams)
- 12 Regional Conferences in the US with over 1,500 participants
- Free books for students, including over 100,000 copies of our self-published The Morality of Capitalism (studentsforliberty.org/moc)
- Weekly webinars that attract thousands of students each year to learn from figures of liberty
- An academic journal for students to develop their intellectual understanding of liberty
- Resources for student groups ranging from handbooks on organizing to tabling kits for campus use

Please use this conference to learn as much as you can, about the principles of a free society, the opportunities available with our many partner organizations, and the strategies for creating a freer world. We especially encourage you to meet SFL’s many leaders in attendance, students and alumni like yourself who are proactively taking responsibility for the cause of liberty. We are here to help you and your student group become better advocates of liberty, as well as answer any questions you may have about joining SFL’s leadership, whether through the International or European Executive Board, Campus Coordinator Program, Alumni For Liberty Board, or a new Charter Team.

Sincerely & For Liberty,

The SFL Leadership Team

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That’s why Atlas is bringing you an exciting new opportunity to continue learning about and working for liberty, while making friends with other freedom champions from around the globe. This year, Atlas Leadership Academy is offering credit-based training programs for people planning careers advancing liberty. The flexible curriculum accommodates dozens of cultural learning styles and languages, and includes seminars, webinars and online teaching technologies. The coursework covers fundraising, policy research, public relations, management skills, and classical liberal thought.

To learn more, contact Cindy Cerquitella at Cindy.Cerquitella@AtlasNetwork.org or (+1) 202.449.8449.

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**Schedule**

**Friday**

*Location: Constitution Ballroom*

5:00pm – 5:20pm .......................... Opening Performance by GoRemy

5:20pm – 5:40pm .......................... Opening Remarks by Alexander McCobin

5:40pm – 6:15pm ............................ SFL Awards

6:15pm – 6:45pm ............................ Intermission

6:45pm – 8:00pm .......................... Alumnus of the Year Keynote by Peter Thiel

**Saturday**

10:00am - 10:45am

**Room C**

The Global Atlas Network and Students For Liberty: Partners for Change

Brad Lips | Atlas Network

Learn more about the world of libertarian think tanks and how you can become involved. The Atlas Network spans the globe, from national and state and provincial level think tanks in North America to Asia, Europe, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and all the places in between. This session will explain what think tanks do, how you can become involved, what value they add to your work as a student advocate of liberty, how to apply for and benefit from internships, and much more. Learn how to acquire skills, build your resume, and advance your career, all while promoting liberty.

**Room D**

What is Austrian Economics?

Chris Coyne | Foundation for Economic Education

This lecture will provide an overview of Austrian economics, beginning with a history of its origins. The main concepts of Austrian economics will be discussed, as will the current relevance of these ideas for a variety of policy issues.

**Room E**

Homocons: The Rise of the New Gay Right

Christopher R. Barron & Jimmy LaSalvia | GOProud

Not all gays are radical statists. In fact, there is a growing movement of libertarian and conservative gay Americans. GOProud’s co-founders will tell their personal stories of “coming out” as conservative, and discuss reasons why more and more gay people are rejecting the politics of the Left.

**Room Wilson**

How the Government Plans to Regulate Your Sex Life

Teri Stoddard, Phil Cook, and Ron Henry and Tom Lemons | Stop Abusive and Violent Relationships

On April 4th 2011 the Department of Education issued a new directive to colleges and universities called “Dear Colleague”. This directive removes fundamental due process protections from persons accused of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape. As such, it represents an unprecedented roll-back of the Constitutional rights of students and faculty members alike. A panel of SAVE representative will present the full scope of this agenda and the effect it will have on campus. They will also provide students with helpful tools to help protect them from the possibility of being falsely accused.

**Room Roosevelt**

Communication for Liberty

Wolf von Laer | Students For Liberty

Wolf von Laer, executive board member of the European Students For Liberty, will give a presentation on Communication for Liberty. He will provide insight about how to efficiently structure internal ways of communication for campus groups and other organizations. After outlining the do’s and do not’s regarding external discussion, Wolf will speak about the importance of personal discussions and how to make them more productive and enjoyable.

**Room Cabin John/ Arlington**

The Tea Party and Occupy -- Can Both be Right?

Todd Zywicki | Institute for Humane Studies

Both the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street decry the growing dominance of government by well-organized and powerful special interests, from bank bailouts to green energy subsidies. Yet special interest dominance is implicit in the logic of big government. This lecture introduces the basic concepts that underlay public choice theory, and why well-organized special interests tend to dominate the political process at the expense of the majority and why such market failures in the political marketplace are predictable and what can be done about it.

**Room Burnham**

Restoring Constitutional Liberty

Roger Pilon | Cato Institute

The United States Constitution was written to ensure liberty through limited government, but today it’s read to allow governments at all levels vast powers to
control nearly every area of life. We’ll discuss how transition took place, and what you can do to start reversing our course, because it will take more than the courts to do so.

**So, I Hear You Are a Libertarian? Who Gives a Sh*t?**

**Jeff Frazee** | **Young Americans for Liberty**

Just because you are a libertarian doesn’t mean you live in a libertarian society. Your government takes your money and rights every day. What are you doing about it? YAL Executive Director, Jeff Frazee, explains how you can apply your libertarian philosophy, restrain government, and achieve a libertarian society.

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**11:15am - 12:00noon**

**Room C** | **SFL in Africa: The African Liberty Students Organization and African Libertarianism**

**Adedayo Thomas, Japheth Omojuwa, Fiyinfoluwa Elegbede & Olumayowa Okediran** | **Atlas Network**

Learn about the exciting expansion of libertarian student activism in Africa and how libertarian values are being realized by our African colleagues, who apply the universal values of liberty, peace, property, voluntary exchange, and limited government to African contexts. The African Liberty Students Organization chapters (affiliated with SFL) are helping Africans to escape the negative heritage of colonialism, war, theft, socialism, and arbitrary power and to embrace the often ignored positive African heritage of freedom, peaceful trade, and accountable government. The speakers will discuss the techniques they use in African contexts, how they work on campuses, and how they connect libertarian principles to African values and cultures. This session should be useful for anyone working to promote liberty.

**The Dynamics of Interventionism**

**Chris Coyne** | **Foundation for Economic Education**

This lecture will discuss the economics of government intervention in the market. Among the topics covered will be price controls, antitrust, and business cycles.

**Why does the Left hate gay people?**

**Christopher R. Barron & Jimmy LaSalvia** | **GOProud**

GOProud’s co-founders discuss why limited government policy proposals, that benefit all Americans, benefit gay Americans. From Social Security reform, to healthcare reform, to 2nd Amendment rights, the big government agenda is bad for America and discriminates against gay people.

**How to Advance Liberty: Winning Hearts & Minds the IJ Way**

**Bob Ewing** | **Institute for Justice**

Bob Ewing works on the Institute for Justice’s award-winning media team. In this talk, Bob will share the secrets of IJ’s success and teach you how to effectively advance liberty in your own sphere.

**Privacy Under Attack**

**Jim Harper** | **Cato Institute**

Are the feds all up in your Facebook? Uncle Sam wants to follow you home--via satellite. And why is the TSA puttin’ hands on your mom? Come see this exciting discussion of modern privacy issues and how they affect regular people.

**Mass Communication and Social Networks**

**Bonnie Kristian** | **Young Americans for Liberty**

Effective social networking in politics requires a little more knowledge than it takes to manage your personal Facebook account. In this session, YAL Director of Communications Bonnie Kristian teaches you how to spread your message and motivate action through social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr, and mass email programs like Mailchimp.
NRA University (NRA U) is a two-hour training seminar for those interested in learning more about NRA, the Second Amendment, and the gun control debate. NRA-ILA staff will provide you with the tools you’ll need to become a more effective activist in the fight to protect our freedom, both on- and off-campus. Students will receive a FREE one-year membership to NRA, hat or t-shirt, and other important materials!

Behind Canada: America’s Decline in Economic Freedom

Andy Gillette | Charles Koch Institute

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The Trojan Horse of Liberty: How to Infiltrate Your University’s Student Media

Casey Given, Preston Bates & Judith Ayers | Students For Liberty

Whether it’s working with campus newspapers, local television, radio, print media, or bloggers, libertarian students often interact with the media as part of stories that a journalists produce. But what if it were possible for students to be journalists themselves or lead the media to pursue liberty related stories? By thinking strategically and with some advanced planning, individuals and student groups can learn how to tackle the web of media that surrounds them on campus. Engaging two primary audiences—the student journalist and club leaders—this session will address how to get your articles and letters to the editor published in your university’s newspaper and how to use earned media to promote your club’s events.

Austro-Virginian Political Economy

Dan D’Amico | Institute for Humane Studies

This lecture will lay out the theoretical content of knowledge and incentive problems as a toolkit of applied political economy. It will be a mini-intro to Austrian economics and Public Choice economics.

Liberty and Foreign Policy

Christopher Preble | Cato Institute

Americans have grown weary of war and of hype fears of terrorism. Libertarian policies offer a different approach to the complex world in which we live. Whether the discussion is about U.S. relations with countries in Asia and Europe, revolution and reform in the Arab world, nuclear weapons proliferation, or the threat posed by violent extremists such as al Qaeda, libertarianism proposes strategies that promote liberty and peace, contrasting the two dominant ideologies that guide U.S. foreign policy, neoliberalism and neoconservatism.

2:45pm - 3:30pm

The War on Terrorism, the Constitution, and Civil Liberties

Jacob Hornberger & Bruce Fein | Future of Freedom Foundation

FFF President Jacob G. Hornberger and positional scholar Bruce Fein will be discussing the decade-old War on Terrorism and the effect it has had on our civil liberties. The two lawyers will use their legal backgrounds to present a comprehensive view of this ongoing assault on our liberty.

You’re Doing it Wrong! How (Not) to Tax Internet Sales

Andrew Moylan, Joe Henchman & Kelly William Cobb | National Taxpayers Union

As e-commerce explodes, bureaucrats across the country are devising ways to get their hands on more of your money. But the way that we tax Internet sales today is confusing and encourages evasion. How can we establish a system that’s easy to understand without enriching spendthrift governments?

Building a Libertarian Organization on Campus

James W. Lark III | Libertarian Party

This workshop will provide the “nuts and bolts” of building a libertarian organization on campus. The presentation will be oriented toward those who are college students; however, the material covered should be helpful to all who want to build and support libertarian organizations on campus.
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European Students For Liberty was rolled out in summer 2011 and has proven that SFL’s success story can be continued internationally. This session is especially for European students and other students from abroad who would like to meet more students from their regions and for American students who are interested in learning more about the ESFL story.

Can We Kill the Children from Salem?

James Stacey Taylor | Institute for Humane Studies

If we could be assured of universal peace and prosperity at the cost of torturing one small child for the duration of its life, should we do this? A utilitarian might say yes, while someone who believes in natural rights might say no. While this example is far-fetched, the answer has important implications for contemporary public policy. And the answer that a classical liberal might give to the question of whether we should endorse utilitarianism or natural rights might be surprising!

Global Warming: How State-sponsored Science Threatens Liberty

Patrick J. Michaels | Cato Institute

Science only recently became recognized as a public good, enmeshed in the political process and the distorting incentives of monopoly public funding. Global warming science and policy is archetypical of this process. A critical analysis of current science and policy reveals that it
will be very difficult to prevent a loss of personal liberty and choice because of the distortions inherent in the public support of environmental science.

**Messaging for Liberty**

**Chris Doss | Young Americans for Liberty**

Join the Leadership Institute’s Chris Doss and learn the language that persuades the average individual to liberty.

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**4:00pm - 4:45pm**

**Room Wilson**

**Why a Former Narcotics Agent and Police Commander Says “Legalize Drugs”**

Neill Franklin | Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

Neill Franklin -- executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition -- explains how and why he came to oppose the drug war, the reasons to support legalization, and why cops, DEA agents, prosecutors, and other drug warriors are speaking out about this failed policy. Best of all, Neill will tell you some of the most effective arguments and statistics for making the case, enabling you to continue the fight against prohibition.

**Room Burnham**

**Knowledge Problems and Market Solutions**

Dan D’Amico | Institute for Humane Studies

A survey of various applied cases of the Austro-Virginian political economy: Perestroika, Post War reconstruction, common pool resource problems, and criminal justice services.

**Room Roosevelt**

**Government Schooling for a Free Society? It Sounds Wrong Because It Is Wrong**

Neal McCluskey | Cato Institute

We’re told that government-run schooling is essential to a free and prosperous society, that it’s how people are made upwardly mobile and taught unifying values. In reality, however, government schooling forces diverse people to fight, subjugates them to the politically powerful, and limits students’ potential. It’s the very opposite of a how education for free people should work.

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**5:15pm - 6:00pm**

**Room Burnham**

**Conquer Your Campus For Free Speech: Real Students, Real Solutions**

Adam Kissel, Samantha Harris & Peter Bonilla | Foundation for Individual Rights in Education

This FIRE workshop will teach students about their rights on campus and how to defend them. Attendees will learn proven arguments and strategies they can use to defeat would-be censors at their own schools.

**Room Roosevelt**

**Liberaltarians: Examining Liberty Through the Gender/ Race/Class Lens**

Zach Wahls | Students For Liberty

In an examination of the liberal/libertarian overlap, Zach will discuss both the specific issues where he sees potential for collaboration and coalition building as well as general philosophical agreements (and differences!) between the two schools of thought. Further, he hopes to facilitate discussion about both the role government plays in correcting market failures and what exactly this ubiquitous phrase, “market failures,” actually means to real people. Finally, he’ll talk with his fellow students about the best ways of leveraging what power we have to advance the cause of liberty.

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**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**DINNER BREAK**

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**Room Latrobe**

**Starting a Liberty Group**

Ed King | Young Americans for Liberty

The single best thing you can do to advance liberty in college is start and lead a Young Americans for Liberty chapter. YAL.
Sunday

10:00am - 10:45am
International Trade: How Free Are We?

Carl Oberg | Foundation for Economic Education

Carl Oberg, Executive Director of FEE and former global trade bureaucrat, will discuss the global trade regime, how it works, and how we got so far from actual free trade.

10:45am - 11:00am
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11:00am - 11:45am
Liberty, War, and the Challenge of Foreign Policy

Liberty Fund

**Invite Only** International relations and foreign policy have long been matters of contention among classical liberals, libertarians, and conservatives. Using a combination of primary and secondary sources, this seminar will explore what a coherent theory of foreign relations grounded in pro-liberty ideas might look like.

11:45am - 12:00pm
Law Enforcement Socialism

Anthony Gregory | Independent Institute

Libertarians often argue that law enforcement, along with national defense, is the one legitimate function of government. It is just as prone as others, however, to abuse, bureaucratic inefficiency, and other problems associated with central planning. What’s more, since the legal system is the primary mechanism by which the state maintains its monopoly powers in the first place, it is worth far more scrutiny than it usually receives.

12:00pm - 12:30pm
Explosive Growth of Pro-Freedom Career Opportunities

Fred Stitt | Free Minds Institute

A revolution is underway in freedom-focused career opportunities. Young writers, attorneys, economists, entrepreneurs, educators and activists are building highly successful professional lives while helping to change the world. This talk presents results of extensive surveys of new education, internship, and work opportunities. Includes case studies of how today’s young libertarian thinkers and doers are becoming world-class innovative experts and leaders in their fields.

12:30pm - 1:00pm
Messaging for Liberty

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1:00pm - 2:00pm
Seasteading – Building and Propagating the Machinery of Freedom

Michael Keenan | Seasteading Institute

There is cause for optimism among liberty lovers, in spite of increasingly burdensome regulations and the ongoing erosion of civil liberties. With funding from the Thiel Foundation, major progress is being made outside of politics on a project called “seasteading,” and it will soon be possible to create entirely new countries on the ocean. Michael Keenan will speak about the latest developments in the seasteading movement, as well as opportunities for students to help accelerate the budding of a for-profit seasteading sector. Students of all backgrounds may be interested in for-credit projects and internships that will enable early seasteading ventures.
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The Militarization of Main Street
Radley Balko

The Department of Education has a SWAT team. So does NASA. Your town probably has one, too. Once reserved for emergency situations in which lives were in immediate danger, SWAT teams today are used to bust pot smokers, poker games, even to perform regulatory inspections. Radley Balko looks at the rise of SWAT teams and America’s increasingly reactionary, militaristic approach to policing.

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Working for Liberty Panel
Evan Banks, Harris Kenny, Trevor Burrus, Cayce Moffett & Kyle Hartz | Alumni For Liberty

Promoting the ideas of liberty doesn’t have to stop at graduation. This panel brings together young professionals who work for a variety of pro-liberty institutions. The discussion will focus on the day-to-day work of the panelists, as well as the numerous career opportunities that exist within the pro-liberty movement.

Breaking with the Founders’ Traditions: Warfare to Welfare State
Ivan Eland | Independent Institute

The talk will show that many current day oppressive federal taxes and social welfare programs originated during U.S. wars. That is, government intrusion overseas leads to enlarged government at home. Although many people would argue nonetheless that war is sometimes necessary, the talk will also demonstrate that most wars in American history were either unneeded or counterproductive.

Fighting for Freedom with the Atlas Shrugged Philosophy
Edward Hudgins | The Atlas Society

Objectivism, the philosophy originated by Ayn Rand, offers an integrated understanding of metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and politics. In his talk, Hudgins explain the fight for freedom in today’s world from an Objectivist perspective, using insights from Atlas Shrugged. He will offer philosophical tools that will help friends of freedom to seize the moral high ground in order to fight more effectively.

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11:45am – 12:30pm
LUNCH BREAK

12:30pm – 1:30pm
Closing Keynote by Marty Zupan | President of the Institute for Humane Studies

1:30pm – 2:00pm
Closing Ceremonies

Including the announcement of the 2012-2013 Students For Liberty Executive Board and the results of the first ISFLC Straw Poll.

Each session above is organized by the sponsoring organization listed. The ideas and positions presented in each session are not necessarily those held by other organizations at the ISFLC or Students For Liberty. In the spirit of open discourse and learning we hope that participants will benefit from the variety of viewpoints presented at this conference.

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- Tarrin Lupo
- Tax Foundation
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- Weston A. Price Foundation

**Speaker Bios**

**Nigel Ashford – Institute for Humane Studies**
Nigel Ashford is senior program officer at the Institute for Humane Studies. He joined IHS from the United Kingdom where he was professor of politics and Jean Monnet Scholar in European Integration at Staffordshire University, England. Dr. Ashford works on many of the Institute’s educational programs, teaches at summer seminars, liaises with the IHS faculty network, produces regular academic newsletters for faculty and graduate students, and provides academic career advice to graduate students.

**Radley Balko – Huffington Post**
Radley Balko is an investigative reporter and award-winning journalist for the Huffington Post. Balko’s work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Mississippi Supreme Court, and he has testified before Congress. His reporting on Cory Maye, a black Mississippi man who shot and killed a white police officer during a mistaken drug raid, helped Maye get off death row. Maye eventually won a new trial, and was freed last July. Balko’s reporting on Mississippi medical examiner Steven Hayne helped win a new trial and an acquittal for a 13-year-old murder suspect Tyler Edmonds, and eventually led to Hayne’s termination. Balko’s research and reporting on the criminal justice system has been profiled in the New York Times, The Atlantic, The Economist, Penn & Teller’s Bullshit!, NPR, and numerous other media outlets. Last year, the L.A. Press Club named Balko journalist of the year.

**Christopher R. Barron – GOProud**
Christopher R. Barron is a co-founder of GOProud and its Chief Strategist. Chris is also the President of CapSouth Consulting, LLC, a full service political consulting firm. Chris has penned opinion pieces that have appeared in The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, Roll Call, The Hill, Politico, and other media outlets.

**Miranda Bond – National Rifle Association**
Miranda Bond is a Grassroots Coordinator for The National Rifle Association – Institute for Legislative Action. Miranda coordinates the grassroots electoral efforts and legislative outreach activities for NRA-ILA in thirteen states. In addition, she conducts the Association’s legislative and election workshops, and represents the Association in public speaking engagements nationwide.

**Peter Bonilla – Foundation for Individual Rights in Education**
Peter Bonilla, Assistant Director, Individual Rights Defense Program Peter is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied theater arts and economics. At FIRE, Peter works directly with hundreds of students and faculty facing violations of their free speech and other fundamental rights on campus per year. Peter also writes on higher education for the political commentary website PolicyMic.

**Michael F. Cannon – Cato Institute**
Michael F. Cannon is the Cato Institute’s director of health policy studies. Previously, he served as a domestic policy analyst for the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee under Chairman Larry
E. Craig, where he advised the Senate leadership on health, education, labor, welfare, and the Second Amendment. Cannon is coauthor of Healthy Competition: What’s Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It. He holds a bachelor’s degree in American government (B.A.) from the University of Virginia, and master’s degrees in economics (M.A.) and law & economics (J.M.) from George Mason University.

**Kelly William Cobb – Americans for Tax Reform**

Kelly William Cobb is Government Affairs Manager for Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), an organization founded in 1985 by Grover Norquist to oppose all tax increases as a matter of principle. He is also Executive Director of ATR's Digital Liberty Project, an organization dedicated to promoting free-market tech and telecommunications policy. Kelly also manages www.StopETaxes.com, a campaign to fight Internet taxation. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

**Philip W. Cook – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments**

Mr. Cook is an author and investigative reporter with several years of experience reporting on domestic violence and family related issues. His latest book Abused Men – The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence examines abuse from male perspective. Mr. Cook as appeared on CNN, MSNBC, and FOX news. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for SAVE.

**Chris Coyne – Foundation for Economic Education**

Christopher Coyne is the F.A. Harper Professor of Economics at George Mason University. He is also the North American Editor of The Review of Austrian Economics and the Book Review Editor of Public Choice. In 2008, he was named the Hayek Fellow at the London School of Economics, and in 2010 he was a Visiting Scholar at the Social Philosophy & Policy Center at Bowling Green State University. Professor Coyne's personal web page is www.ccoyne.com.

**Krista Cupp – National Rifle Association**

Krista Cupp was born and raised in southern Missouri. Krista is the Senior Grassroots Coordinator for NRA's Institute for Legislative Action and manages 14 states including: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico, Maine, Missouri, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Vermont. As a Grassroots Coordinator, she is responsible for recruiting and training members on political and legislative activism. Krista coordinates NRA’s campus outreach as the NRA University Coordinator.

**Dan D’Amico – Loyola University & The Institute for Humane Studies**

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