

An evening discussion about Ayn Rand and Objectivism

Sponsored by The Atlas Society Students For Liberty
 The Cato Institute The Institute for Human Studies

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: The Cato Institute
 1000 Massachusetts Ave NW
 Washington, DC 20001

To register:

Ayn Rand was one of the towering figures in the freedom movement of our time. Her novels *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*, along with her philosophical writings, continue to have an enormous impact. Come learn more about her ideas from the experts at The Atlas Society.

David Kelley, Moral Individualism

Individualism is the belief in the primacy of the individual rather than the group. It is the morality of independence, autonomy, and the pursuit of happiness—as against the collectivist demand for conformity and sacrifice. David Kelley will discuss Ayn Rand’s innovative analysis and defense of moral individualism.

David Kelley, Ph.D., founder and senior fellow of The Atlas Society, is an internationally-known expert in Ayn Rand’s philosophy of Objectivism. He has written and lectured extensively on issues in epistemology, ethics, politics, social issues, and public policy. His books include *The Evidence of the Senses*, *The Art of Reasoning*, *The Contested Legacy of Ayn Rand: Truth and Toleration in Objectivism*, and *A Life of One’s Own: Individual Rights and the Welfare State*.

William Thomas, Objectivism for Liberty

Libertarianism is a political coalition based in the political defense of individual rights and the economics of *laissez-faire*. But politics and economics depend on more foundational issues in ethics and epistemology. How can you respond *economically* to environmentalists deeply committed to the intrinsic *value* of untrammelled nature? How can you respond *politically* to police-state advocates who hold that the President’s judgment on matters of national security is *authoritative*? William Thomas will argue that the core ethical and epistemological ideas of Objectivism (reason and rational-self-interest) need to take solid root in the culture if we are to win the battle for individual liberty.

William R. Thomas (MA, Economics) is program director of The Atlas Society and conference director of its annual Summer Seminar. He is the editor of *The Literary Art of Ayn Rand*, co-author of the survey *The Logical Structure of Objectivism*, and author of *Radical for Capitalism* as well as numerous articles on philosophical and cultural topics.

Open Q & A

Reception: Friends, food, beer and wine



The Atlas Society is a think tank promoting a free society and its cultural foundations: a commitment to reason, individualism, and human achievement as cardinal values. Its work is based on the ideas of novelist and philosopher Ayn Rand, author of *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged* and founder of a new philosophy of rational individualism that she called Objectivism. As an organization committed to reason and freedom, the Society encourages open discussion and debate.

For more information, please visit www.atlassociety.org.