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Dear Students,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the Second Annual International Students For Liberty Conference, hosted at George Washington University from Friday, February 20th to Sunday, February 22nd, 2009. Students For Liberty (SFL) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a unified, student-driven forum of support for students and student organizations dedicated to liberty. SFL's inaugural Conference was held at Columbia University from February 22-24, 2008, and brought 100 students from 42 schools and 2 countries to hear from pivotal leaders in the cause of liberty and discuss how to advance liberty on campuses today. As a result of this conference, SFL was founded as a full nonprofit organization with year-round resources for students and student organizations to advance liberty. Following in the footsteps of the inaugural conference, this will be the pinnacle event of the year for students dedicated to liberty.

We have already confirmed that the **2009 Keynote Speaker** will be **Yon Goicoechea**, the recipient of the Cato Institute's 2008 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty. As a 23 year old law student, Yon Goicoechea has led the pro-democracy student movement, leading to the defeat of Hugo Chavez's attempt to eliminate private property and term limits to sustain his authority. Yon is an inspiration to students everywhere and a shining example of the power that students have to transform the world not only in the future, but today as well.

In this letter you will find a description of the conference including a preliminary schedule, logistical information, registration information, and listing of what happened at last year's conference to provide further information on what you can expect. If you have any questions after, feel free to visit the conference webpage to find more information at: www.studentsforliberty.org/college/conferences/international/, or email info@studentsforliberty.org.

Yours In Liberty,

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1. Schedule

The conference will primarily consist of four different parts. **(1) Panel series** where students will listen to 3-4 speakers address a topic concerning liberty and then have the opportunity to question the panelists about what they said and hear panelists react to one another. **(2) Workshop series** where students will have a choice of three different workshops to attend that specifically address applying liberty to the college setting in some manner. Unlike prior SFL workshops, these will primarily be an open forum for students to discuss their opinions of an issue and provide input based on their own experience rather than be a lecture based event. **(3) The Liberty Fair**, which is analogous to a career fair, but is designed only for organizations dedicated to advancing liberty. This is your opportunity to find out what organizations exist that are dedicated to promoting liberty, gain their materials and find out about summer internships and job opportunities. **(4) Social events** in the evening to encourage interaction between students and speakers and promote greater discuss about the issues being discussed.

The schedule presented here is tentative and is subject to change before the conference begins. Please use this as an illustration of what you can expect.

Friday, February 20th

3-5:00PM	Registration
5-6:30	Meet and Greet
6:30-7:30	Dinner
7:30-7:45	Introductory Speech
7:45-9:15	Opening Keynote Speaker
9-On	Friday Night Social

Saturday, February 21st

8-8:45AM	Breakfast
9:00-10:30	Panel 1: <i>How to Accomplish Social Change</i>
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12PM	Organizational Workshops Starting an Organization Leadership Marketing & Recruitment
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-3:00	Liberty Fair
3:00-4:15	Panel 2: <i>Changing the Academy</i>
4:15-4:30	Break
4:30-5:30	Advancing the Movement Workshops Women and Liberty Activism/Demonstrations International Collaboration
5:30-5:45	Break
5:45-7:00	Panel 3: <i>Liberty and the Political System</i>
7:00-8:00	Dinner
8:00-9:30	Keynote Speaker
9:30-On	Saturday Social



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Sunday, February 22nd

8-8:45AM	Breakfast
9-10:30	Student Panel: “A Student’s Perspective”
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12PM	Panel 4: <i>Spreading the Message of Liberty</i>
12:00-1:00	Closing Lunch
1:00-2:00	Closing Keynote Speaker:

Note: All students should not plan to leave prior to the end of the Closing Keynote Speaker. Out of respect to the speaker, please do not make any arrangements to leave until after 2PM. Last year, the Closing Keynote Speaker was one of the most popular speakers of the conference, so you also don’t want to miss out on this great opportunity.

2. Logistics

LOCATION: The Conference will take place at George Washington University, Washington D.C. All events other than socials will take place in the Marvin Center.

MEALS: SFL will provide meals for all participants from dinner on Friday evening through lunch on Sunday. The application asks if students have any allergies to make sure a suitable alternative is provided for students at all meals.

HOUSING: The Conference is unable to provide housing to all participants. However, there are a limited number of housing slots available where participants may be housed by students at George Washington University. If you wish to request GWU housing, please complete the section of the online application that asks for this information and provide your reason for requesting housing. We recommend that students attending the Conference stay with a friend in Washington D.C. for the duration of the Conference if at all possible. If you are looking to reserve hotel rooms, though, we recommend the hotels listed below. All hotels are within walking distance of the conference.

1. *Hotel Lombardy*, 2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, <http://www.hotellombardy.com/>, (202) 828-2600. Rate: \$109-209 per night.
2. *Westin Grand Hotel*, 2350 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20037, <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1013>, (202) 429-0100. Rate: \$129-209 per night.
3. *The Melrose Hotel*, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, <http://www.melrosehoteldc.com/>, (202) 955-6400. Rate: \$129-209 per night.
4. *Best Western Georgetown*, 1121 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, District Of Columbia, 20037, <http://www.bestwesterndc.com/hotels/best-western-georgetown-hotel-and-suites/>, (202) 457-0565. Rate: \$159-199.



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3. Registration

Registration for the 2009 International SFL Conference involves two steps.

1. Students must apply to be accepted to the conference. Due to space and funding constraints we are unable to accept every student interested in attending the conference. The application is online and may be completed at this page:

<http://www.studentsforliberty.org/college/conferences/international/2009/registration/>

Please take your time to seriously complete your application. In 2008, 140 students applied for 100 slots. As well, early applications have a *much greater* likelihood of being accepted than later applications. We are openly biased towards students who show their interest and dedication in attending the conference.

Applications will be reviewed according to the following schedule:

Deadline 1:	November 30th, Decisions by December 8th
Deadline 2:	December 31st, Decisions by January 5th
Deadline 3:	January 23rd, Decisions by January 31st
FINAL Deadline:	February 7th, Decisions by February 10th

2. If you are accepted, you will have 2 weeks to pay the registration fee and complete the registration. To incentivize early applications, any student who applies for the conference in 2008 (before 11:59pm on December 31, 2008) will only be charged a \$25 registration fee. All students who apply in 2009 will be charged a \$50 registration fee. Note: this is based on the time of applying, not the time of acceptance.

4. FAQ

If you have any more questions after reading this invitation, there is a Frequently Asked Questions section of the conference website here:

<http://www.studentsforliberty.org/college/conferences/international/2009/faq/>

Hopefully, this FAQ and the other information in this invitation and the website will answer your questions regarding the conference.



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5. Conference Schedule in 2008

Last year's schedule is provided as an illustration of what you can expect at the 2009 conference. It is *not* the schedule that will be used in 2009.

Friday, February 22

3-5:00PM	Registration	First Floor Lerner
5-6:00	Meet and Greet	Lerner C555
6-7:30	Dinner	Lerner C555
7:30-9:00	Opening Keynote Speaker David Boaz , "The Power of Libertarian Thought"	Lerner C555
9-12:00AM	Foundation for Economic Education Social*	Radio Perfecto

Saturday, February 23

8-8:40AM	Pennsylvania Libertarian Party Breakfast*	Lerner 569
9-9:50	Speaker Session 1 Geoffrey Lea , "Is Individual Freedom a Radical Idea?" Dr. Jerome Huyler , "Locke's Philosophy"	Fayerweather 313 Fayerweather 310
10-10:50	Workshop Session 1 Dr. Jim Lark , "Starting a Student Organization" Matt Harrison , "Finding a Niche" Sam Eckman , "Bringing in Speakers"	Fayerweather 310 Fayerweather 313 Fayerweather 311
11-11:50	Speaker Session 2 Dr. Tom Palmer , "Globalization" Michelle Muccio "Film for Liberty"	Fayerweather 313 Fayerweather 310
12PM	Lunch/Free Time	Business School
12:40-2:40	Liberty Fair	Lerner E569
3-3:50	Workshop Session 2 Tamira Cole , "Navigating the College Bureaucracy" Dr. Nigel Ashford , "Changing the World for Liberty" Alex Weller , "Fundraising"	Fayerweather 310 Fayerweather 313 Fayerweather 311
4-4:50	Speaker Session 3 Greg Lukianoff , "Free Speech, What's in it for <i>me</i> ?" Will Thomas , "Objectivism and Liberty"	Fayerweather 310 Fayerweather 313
5-5:50	Workshop Session 3 Rachel Maxam , "Political Activism on Campus" Stan Molever , "Effective Campus Recruiting" Alexander McCobin , "Developing Organizational Leadership"	Fayerweather 310 Fayerweather 313 Fayerweather 311
6-6:50	Speaker Session 4 Scott Bullock , "Protecting Rights in the Courts" Andrew Langer , "Property Rights"	Fayerweather 310 Fayerweather 313
7-8:00	Dinner	Lerner Party Space
8-9:00	Institute for Humane Studies Speaker* Randy Barnett , " Libertarian Anarchism in a Statist World "	Lerner Party Space
9-12:00AM	Institute for Humane Studies Social*	Lerner C555

Sunday, February 24

8-8:40AM	Breakfast	Lerner E569
9-10:30	Student Panel: "Student Organizations from a Student's Perspective"	Fayerweather 310
11-11:50	Speaker Session 5 Doug Leard , "Becoming a more effective guide to liberty" Jo Jensen , "The Power of College Students"	Fayerweather 313 Fayerweather 310
12-1:00PM	Closing Lunch	Lerner Broadway
1-2:00	Closing Keynote Speaker Dr. Alan Charles Kors , "Liberty in Academia Today and Tomorrow"	Lerner Broadway



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2009 Speakers List

David Boaz, Executive Vice President of the Cato Institute
Randy Barnett, Georgetown Law Professor
Dr. Alan Charles Kors, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Nigel Ashford, Institute for Humane Studies
Scott Bullock, Institute for Justice
Tamira Cole, Austin Peay State University
Matt Harrison, Prometheus Institute
Jerome Huyler, Seton Hall University Professor
Jo Jensen, Executive Director of Students for Saving Social Security
Andrew Langer, National Federation of Independent Business
Geoffrey Lea, Foundation for Economic Education
Dr. Jim Lark, University of Virginia, Virginia Libertarian Party
Greg Lukianoff, President of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
Rachel Maxam, Bureaucrash
Stan Molever, Teach For America
Michelle Muccio, Acton Institute
Dr. Tom Palmer, Vice President for International Programs, Cato Institute
Will Thomas, The Atlas Society

6. About Students For Liberty

Students For Liberty is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a unified, student-driven forum of support for students and student organizations dedicated to liberty. Begun by five students from five universities, SFL is one of the leading organizations today that support students interested in liberty. SFL provides a wide range of resources for students and student organizations to promote liberty including a speakers network, jobs/internships for liberty listing, an academic journal dedicated to liberty, free books for reading groups, handbooks on running student organizations, and both regional and international conferences for students. Check them out at www.studentsforliberty.org.