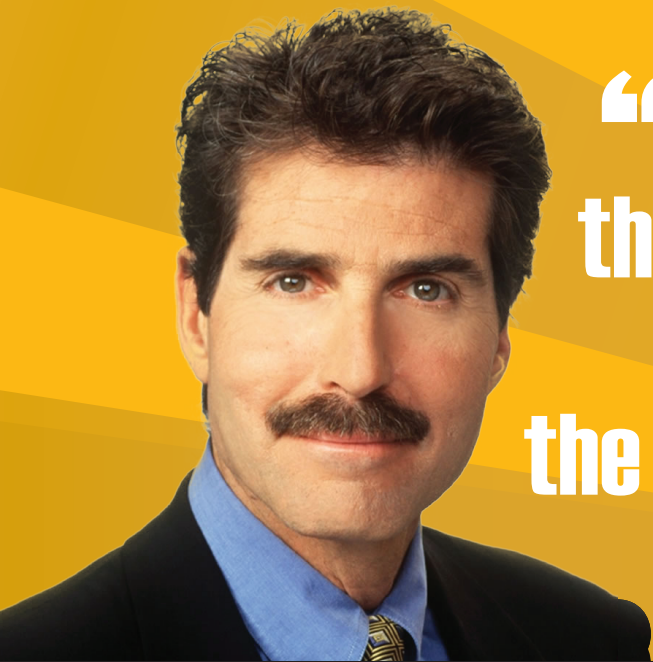


STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY



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-John Stossel

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529 attendees at the 4th annual International SFL Conference

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT



The 2010-2011 school year was SFL's most successful year ever. This is the third Letter from the Executive Director & President I have written, and while I seem to start every letter like that, it is always true. This past year, the SFL student group network grew to over 500 groups! We drew over 500 attendees to the 4th annual International SFL Conference! And we ran 9 Regional Conferences in the US with over 1,100 participants, plus a European Liberty Conference in Italy with over 100 attendees. Not only has this been our best year yet, but it has been a defining year that has illustrated two important points about SFL.

First, there has never been an organization like SFL. There have been meaningful libertarian student groups in the past like Students for a Libertarian Society and Students for Individual Liberty, but none have reached the size or scope that SFL is at right now. In a Townhall.com article after the International Students For Liberty Conference (ISFLC), John Stossel wrote: "After spending time with those students [at SFL], I feel better about the future of America." Stossel

even enjoyed his experience so much that he has already confirmed he will be filming another episode of the STOSSEL show at next year's ISFLC. David Boaz proclaimed in front of the ISFLC crowd and on national television: "This is just amazing. I've never seen a

student libertarian gathering this big. This is tremendous." David Boaz, a libertarian activist since he was a member of Young Americans for Freedom at Vanderbilt, said that this year's ISFLC was the largest student libertarian gathering that he's ever seen.

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While there have been large groups that accepted libertarians into their fold in the past, such as Young Americans for Freedom in its heyday of the 1960s, libertarian students were a faction rather than the driving force. SFL is a libertarian organization run by libertarian students. But even in our support for students we are unique; we are rejecting the typical top-down model of student organizing where groups are expected to take directives from the national office. Instead we empower students to advance liberty through whatever strategies they think will be effective on their own campuses.

Second, SFL is not a flash in the pan. When any new organization springs up, there is a high likelihood that it will fail simply because most organizations do. When SFL began, there were many people who expected the same to happen to us. However, after 3 years of continued growth and record-breaking activity, people are beginning to recognize that we are in this for the long haul. Our many training programs, ranging from conference workshops to the Campus Coordinator (CC) Program, provide unparalleled leadership development experiences for students to ensure that SFL leaders are of the highest caliber. With more student groups and more students entering SFL's network each year, there is a larger pool of candidates for us to choose from. Even though campus leadership turns over every few years, Alumni For Liberty will provide an outlet for individuals to stay involved and maintain institutional knowledge.

As we look toward the future of SFL, I am incredibly excited. We are launching European Students For Liberty with a dynamic team of European students that will organize conferences, distribute books, arrange webinars, and grow the student movement for liberty from within Europe. We have more than doubled the CC Program for the coming year from 24 to 58 CCs. We have expanded our staff to 5 full time employees to accommodate the additional work required. And to compensate for the fact that we had to turn away 100 students from this past year's ISFLC due to lack of space, we have already reserved space at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Washington, DC to accommodate 700+ attendees for SFL's largest ISFLC yet.

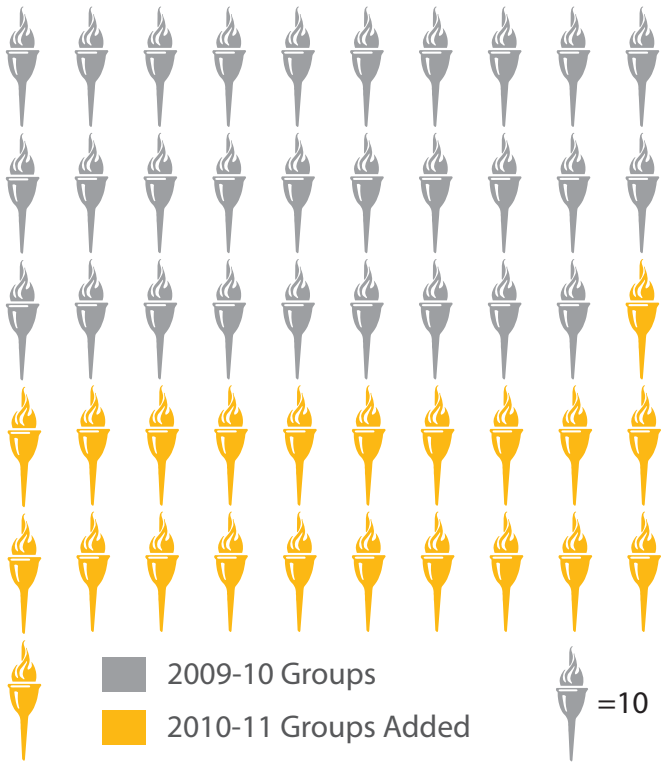
We have come a long way in 3 years. What was initially just a fanciful dream of a few college students has become a driving force on campuses across the US, and soon it will be across the world. I want to thank everyone who has made this possible, from the students who give up many hours each week for the cause of liberty, to SFL's donors that provide the resources those students need to spread the message of liberty on campus, and the students' families and friends that provide the moral support for them to keep going. While we have come a long way, there is much further to go, and so all of your support is still necessary. Just remember, others are starting to notice because we are starting to win.

Sincerely & For Liberty,



Alexander J. McCobin
Executive Director & President





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Regional Conferences

529

Attendees at 2011 ISFLC

1516

Webinar Participants

Regional Conference Attendees



OVERVIEW

The 2010-2011 school year was SFL's most successful year to date with new milestones reached and more students involved in SFL's work than ever before.

Here is a recap of some of the most important achievements from the past year.

- Grew the SFL network from 290 to 511 student groups
- Hosted 9 Regional Conferences around the US with 1,100+ unique participants
- Hosted the 4th annual International SFL Conference with 529 attendees, and a filming of the STOSSEL Show that aired on the Fox Business Network on March 31st
- Completed the first year of the Campus Coordinator Program with 24 students serving as CCs to start 143 new pro-liberty student groups throughout the year
- Grew SFL's Facebook page 153% to over 18,800 fans
- Published SFL's first book, *The Economics of Freedom*, and distributed 30,000 copies to student groups around the world to educate students about the importance of economics in public policy debates
- Held 29 E-Leadership webinars for over 1,000 unique participants
- Co-sponsored the European Libertarian Student Summit, and SFL's European Director organized the first European Liberty Conference with over 100 attendees
- Provided 1,112 free books to 73 groups around the world
- Funded 16 student protests against liberty-reducing policies on campuses across the country
- Grew the Alumni For Liberty Board to 12 members and held the first Alumni For Liberty Social at the ISFLC to bring graduating seniors into the alumni network
- Increased full-time staff from 3 to 5
- Published the 3rd Volume of the *Journal of Liberty & Society*

THE SFL NETWORK



SFL’s philosophy for working with student groups is simple: support as many pro-liberty student groups as possible. 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 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. The end of the 2009-2010 school year saw SFL reach 290 pro-liberty student groups. At the end of the 2010-2011 school year, SFL’s student group network has grown to 511 student groups.

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Students Who Get It!

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Townhall.com
By John Stossel

I went to Princeton in 1969, where they taught me that government could solve the world's problems. Put the smartest people in a room, give them enough taxpayer money, and they will fix most everything. During those years, I heard nothing about an alternative.

How things have changed!

I recently spent time with several hundred college-aged people at a Students for Liberty conference in Washington, D.C. Here were hundreds of students who actually understand that government creates many of the problems, and freedom -- personal and economic liberty -- makes things better.

I appeared at the conference along with David Boaz of the Cato Institute. Here are some highlights.

Karina Zannat, a student at American University in Washington, D.C., said, "A lot of my professors seem to think that even when politicians spend money in seemingly wasteful ways, we should be OK with it because every dollar spent is one dollar that goes toward income for an American citizen."

This is a common canard known as the "broken window" fallacy. The 19th-century French free-market writer Frederic Bastiat exposed it with the story of a boy who breaks a shop window, prompting some townspeople to look at the bright side: fixing the window will stimulate economic activity in the town. The fallacy, of course, is that had the window not been broken, the shopkeeper would have spent the money in more productive ways.

People often commit this fallacy -- have a look at what's being written in the wake of Japan's tsunami.

Meg Patrick of George Mason University asked about the Austrian business cycle theory. How delightful to meet a student interested in that! This is Ludwig von Mises and F.A. Hayek's argument that when government inflates the money supply and holds down interest rates to create an economic boom, a bust, or recession, must follow because the prosperity is built on an artificial foundation.

Meg wanted to know if "the injection of fiscal stimulus into the economy (after the bust) disrupts the signals necessary to fix the current problem."



John Stossel

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To which I replied: Sure does. The market is signaling that certain changes are needed, but stimulus spending interferes with those signals. If businesses are not allowed to fail, we don't get the market feedback we need.

David Boaz added: "If you get drunk, you have a hangover. I'm sure some of you have tried the theory: just keep drinking. But you can't keep drinking forever."

Ian Downie from the University of Virginia had a good question about spending: "Our congressional representatives have huge incentives to steal the wealth from the vast majority of the country and funnel it down to their constituents. What kind of systematic changes can we make to stop this perverse incentive machine?"

"The special interests are always there," Boaz said. "The challenge is to get the public interest -- the taxpayers -- to stick around after the election, to keep putting pressure on. And that is very difficult."

He went on to say we need constitutional limits on what government can do. We tried that, of course, but too many insiders have an incentive to interpret the limits so broadly that they are hardly limits at all. So government grows.

Grant Babcock, from the University of Pittsburgh, raised a good point: "If government grows in response to crises, what do we do? It seems like there is always another crisis on the horizon. It used to be international communism. Nowadays ... it's the threat of Islamist fundamentalism. ... Are we trapped?"

The media do keep inventing new crises. The global-warming crisis, the swine flu crisis, the pesticide crisis.

"The running-out-of-oil crisis," Boaz added.

Crisis is a friend of the state.

As Boaz pointed out, however, "sometimes there are crises that cause countries to go ... toward less government. New Zealand hit a crisis like that, and they actually reformed their economy. So there's at least the hope that the next crisis in the United States or Europe will cause people to say: 'This hasn't been working. We have to cut back.'"

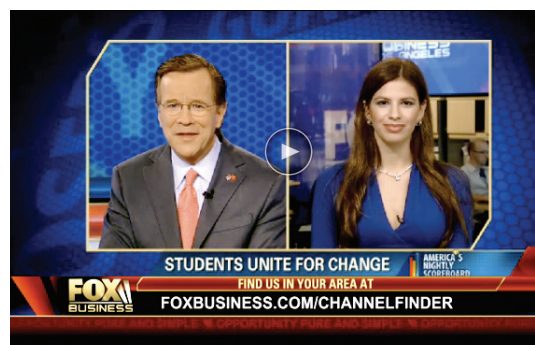
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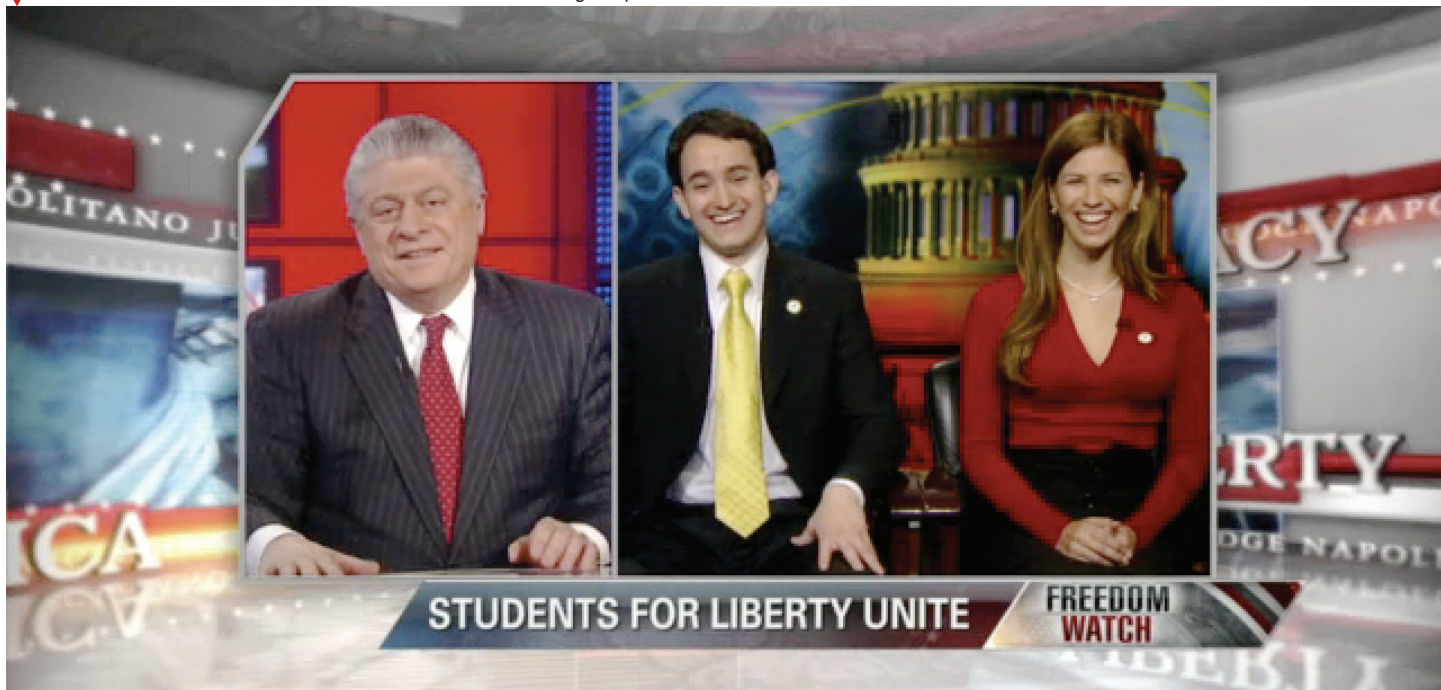


▲ Students on *The Stossel Show* filmed at the 2011 International Students For Liberty Conference

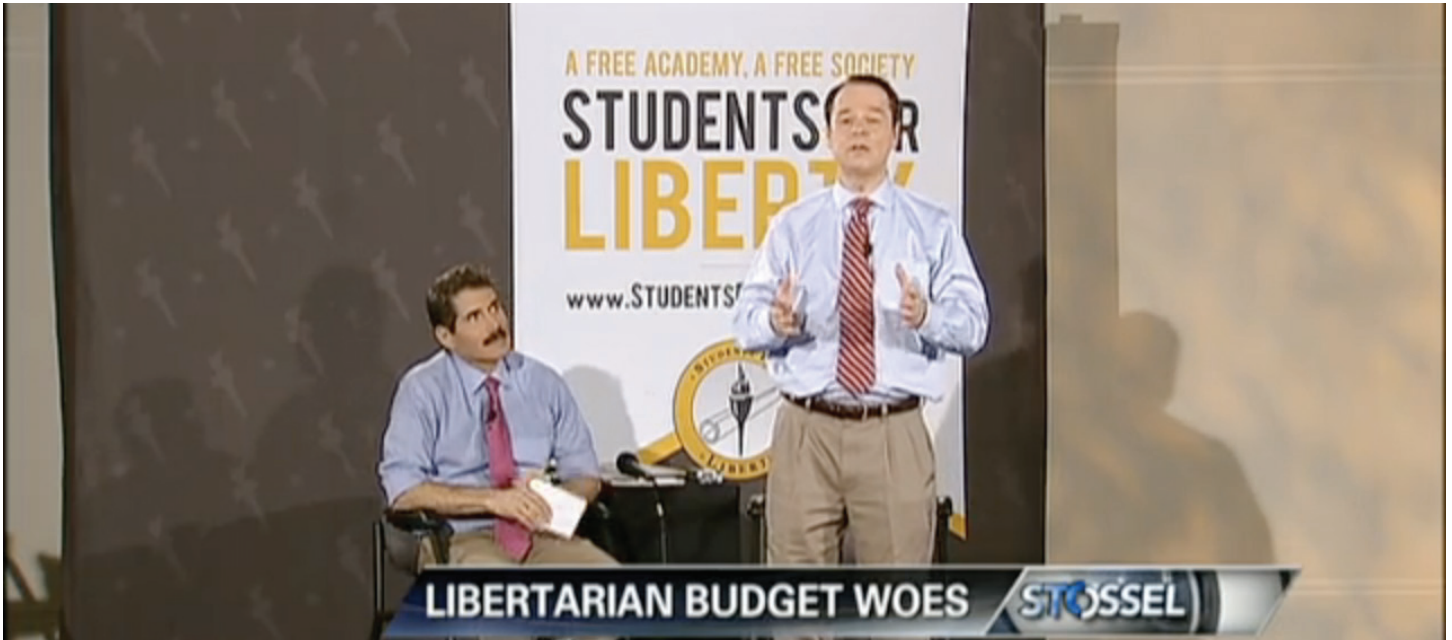


▲ Michelle Fields on *America's Nightly Scoreboard* with David Asman

▼ Pericles Niarchos and Michelle Fields on *Freedom Watch* with Judge Napolitano



MEDIA COVERAGE



The STOSSEL Show filmed at the 2011 ISFLC ▲

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▼ Alexander McCobin on reason.tv: *What We Saw at the Students For Liberty Conference 2011*



▼ Blayne Bennett on PJTV: *A New Voice on Campus: Students For Liberty*



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Two weeks ago, trend-spotting journalists descended on the Conservative Political Action Conference to cover the controversy over the inclusion of a homosexual group, GOProud, and speculate about what it all meant for the future of the American Right.

Last weekend, there was another important gathering here in D.C. that most of them missed: the 2011 Students for Liberty conference. Founded in 2008, SFL is a nationwide network of student groups dedicated to reducing state power and promoting freedom.

This year's conference brought over 500 college-age libertarian activists to George Washington University, and SFL had to turn away scores more for lack of space.

I attended both CPAC and the SFL conference, and what I saw suggests that the future of the limited government movement will be libertarian, not conservative.

The rap on this year's CPAC, according to social conservatives -- many of whom stayed home for fear of catching gay cooties -- is that Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, spoiled the party by crashing it with nearly 1,000 freedom-loving young people.

"They should have their own conference and let all the pot smokers and gay marriage supporters come and complain about how the U.S. shouldn't be fighting terrorists, while they slander public servants," conservative talk-radio host Kevin McCullough wailed in an unintentionally hilarious FoxNews.com column, "Disrespectful Libertarians Hijack CPAC."

Yet there was plenty of Old Guard ideology on display, as evidenced by CPAC's decision to give former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld the "Defender of the Constitution" award.

Kids today tend to forget that back in 2003, Saddam Hussein had the U.S. Constitution completely surrounded before Rummy sent in 150,000 American troops to break the siege. That's probably why the brats booed when Dick Cheney took the stage to introduce Rumsfeld, and, why, ignoring the advice of their elders, they gave Paul his second CPAC straw-poll victory in a row.

Young Libertarian Activists Point Way to Freedom's Future

Conservatives complained that the Paul camp subsidized student attendance at the conference -- but since when has getting organized counted as cheating in politics? (Is there something stopping theocons from funding the Huckabee Youth?)

"I'm not a Ron Paul supporter, but he energized kids," CPAC organizer David Keene observed.

Energized kids turned out en masse for last weekend's SFL conference as well, where they heard from former New Mexico governor and likely presidential candidate Gary Johnson, among others, and got to participate in a taping of John Stossel's Fox Business show.

During that show, my colleague David Boaz noted that "This is the largest libertarian student conference I have ever seen in my 30-plus years of activism." (Full disclosure: my employer, the Cato Institute, sponsored a reception at the conference, and we allow SFL the use of a small office, where you can usually find three eager tykes crammed in among stacks of pizza boxes and subversive literature.)

I'm not as old as David Boaz, but I started my own campus libertarian group in the early '90s, before Al Gore's "information superhighway" had come online. Back then, we considered ourselves lucky when we could get a couple of dozen socially awkward malcontents together to grumble about the government.

Maybe that's why I found the crowd at GW so impressive. The students at the SFL conference were extraordinarily well-read, highly motivated--and shockingly normal.

Like most in their generation, they had little use for bloody foreign entanglements or the culture-war battles of the past. They're focused instead on the bloated entitlement state that threatens to consume their future. It's a challenge they greet with a spirit of optimism, determined not to let the crisis go to waste.\

As SFL founder Alexander McCobin put it in his speech: "It's a great time to be young libertarian."

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ONLINE PRESENCE

Outside of conferences, SFL's primary means of communicating with student leaders are via our website and Facebook. With the addition of a full-time Communications Manager, SFL increased engagement with our audience by ramping up the content on SFL's blog and advertising on Facebook.

Website

SFL's website traffic rose an astounding 136% since last year. June 2011 drew the most traffic with over 36,000 views of the site, and not a single month dipped below 18,000 views within the last year.

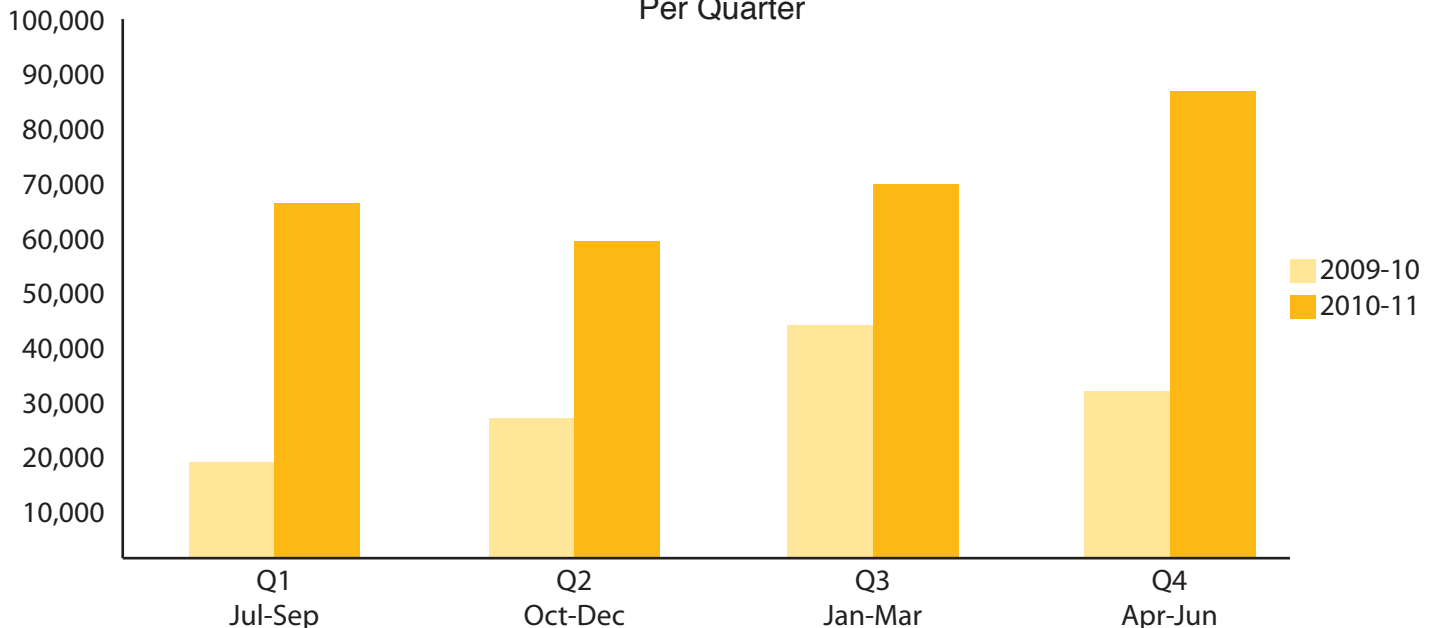
In addition to posting about pro-liberty opportunities available to students, the SFL blog featured more original thought pieces from our leaders and the students in our network than in years past. One mini-series was called "Lessons in Liberty" and featured a new term each week in order to demystify the rhetoric used in the liberty movement.

136%
Website Views

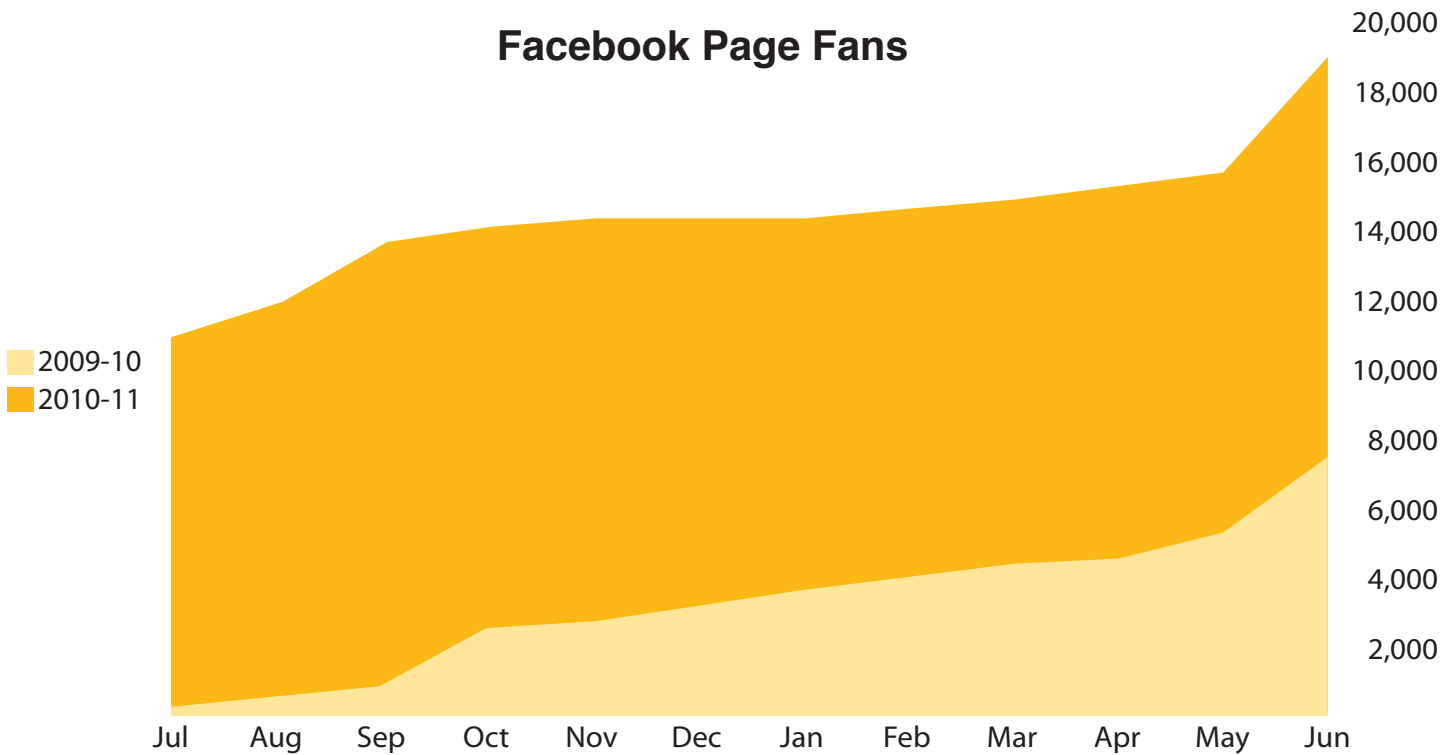
Another mini-series called "Little Guides to Big Ideas" summarized the writings and contributions of some of the liberty movement's forefathers. The combination of event and resource posts mixed in with original opinion pieces has helped cultivate a strong blog following.



StudentsForLiberty.org Views
Per Quarter



Facebook Page Fans



Facebook

The majority of college students are on Facebook, so it is important for SFL to have a large presence to reach new pro-liberty students and to develop our relationships with students already in our network. A Facebook advertising campaign beginning in May 2010 and running through September was critical to increasing the number of students exposed to SFL resources and conferences. Due to the success of last year's campaign, SFL started running Facebook advertisements again in early June 2011.

153%
Facebook Fans

SFL is not increasing fans just to have numbers to brag about; the fans of SFL on Facebook engage in discussion and debate, learn about additional opportunities available to pro-liberty students, and strengthen relationships amongst each other. The internet has been an incredible tool to minimize the isolation so often felt by libertarian students on progressive college campuses. Students are sharing strategies and encouraging each other in their fight for liberty.

In the coming year, SFL will also develop a stronger presence on alternative social media sites such as Twitter and Tumblr.

LEADERSHIP board of directors



Alexander McCobin
President & Executive Director

Alexander recognized the formal principles of his beliefs after reading *Atlas Shrugged* in ninth grade. During college at the University of Pennsylvania, Alexander began the University of Pennsylvania Libertarian Association to promote discussion and education of libertarian ideas on campus and expand his horizons regarding the power of the message of liberty. In May 2008, Alexander graduated from Penn with a B.A. in philosophy and economics and an A.M. in philosophy. He spent the following year working as a Koch Associate at the Cato Institute focused on marketing and development. He is currently pursuing his PhD in philosophy at Georgetown. After 3 years of pro bono work for SFL, Alexander became a full-time staff member in his role as SFL's Executive Director.

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Sloane Frost

Sloane graduated from the University of Chicago in June with a Masters in Public Policy and certificate in Health Administration and Policy. She became interested in liberty after studying the relationship between economics and government in high school and particularly while studying health care during her undergraduate career at Cornell University. Before entering graduate school, Sloane served with City Year, an AmeriCorps program, where she saw first-hand the need for many policy reforms. As Alexander becomes a full-time employee of SFL, Sloane is deeply honored to assume chairmanship of SFL's Board of Directors.

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LEADERSHIP executive board



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Alexander Falkenstein

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 and is excited to return. Alexander has been a critical figure in promoting liberty in the West and is looking forward to strengthening the liberty movement even more this year.

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Andrew is the founder and former president of Young Americans for Liberty at University of Texas at San Antonio. He is the Student Liaison to College Campuses in the Republican Freedom Coalition of Bexar County (formerly known as the Republican Liberty Caucus of Bexar County). Andrew was a Students For Liberty Campus Coordinator before joining the Executive Board and is looking forward to continuing to further the philosophy of liberty.

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Pericles is currently a senior at Drexel University studying History and Politics. In an attempt to help develop his own beliefs and awaken others to the underlying issues of society, Pericles joined the Student Liberty Front at Drexel. Through his efforts, Pericles refined his knowledge of the free market and voluntary human action and went to work spreading the message of freedom in the Philadelphia area. Pericles is currently working on multiple unique projects to help bring about the ideas of individual liberty in addition to his work for Students For Liberty.

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Liya became interested in the principles of liberty and free markets through the writings of F.A. Hayek and Henry Hazlitt during her first economics class in high school. Liya recently graduated with a B.S. in Economics and is currently pursuing a Masters in Economics at George Mason University. During her undergraduate career, Liya was the President of the GMU Economics Society and member of the GMU Students for Liberty. She was a Koch Summer Fellow in 2009 and has previously interned at the Institute for Justice, Foundation for Economic Education, the Institute for Humane Studies, and Citizens Against Government Waste.

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Fred loves pro-liberty activism and is also an advocate for free-market health care reform. He is a junior-scholar of the Hayek Foundation in Germany, which provides an academic forum for young Austrian Economists and Classical Liberals. Fred loves to combine his two major passions: liberty and traveling. You will most likely see him somewhere in Europe, North America or Asia working with libertarian friends there, planning new activism groups, and brainstorming about business ideas in emerging markets.

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Clint Townsend

Clint is a rising senior at the University of North Texas studying economics and political science. Since the 2008 banking crisis, his interests have been in monetary and banking policy. As a community organizer for liberty, his passions are student organizing and advocacy of the Hayekian model of social change. After graduation, Clint hopes to perform graduate work in economics at George Mason University. In the long term, Clint plans to join in the battle of ideas by working in public policy.

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Brandon Wasicsko

Brandon is a senior at Florida Gulf Coast University majoring in Economics. His involvement in the liberty movement stems from a course taken during his second year of college, "The Moral Foundations of Capitalism," in which he was exposed to the writings of Ayn Rand, Ludwig von Mises, and F.A. Hayek. For SFL, he organizes regional conferences, assists in the planning and execution of various other projects, and is the Editor-in-Chief for our undergraduate academic journal, the *Journal of Liberty & Society*. Since his course on the morality of capitalism, Brandon has pursued the study of Objectivism, including interning at the Ayn Rand Institute.

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Karina is an undergraduate pursuing a double major in Economics and International Politics at The American University. Karina was a staunch supporter of socialism, but became interested in the ideas of liberty after reading the works of Bill Easterly & Hernando de Soto on how free markets can allow the disadvantaged in developing societies obtain better standards of living. Karina aims to spread the ideas of liberty by making the case for libertarianism as humanism and hopes to someday be a second hand dealer in ideas on a global scale.

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Clark Ruper *Vice President*

Clark is a University of Michigan alumnus where he took 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. Clark joined SFL in June 2009 as Program Manager and has played a pivotal role in SFL's growth since then, leading to his current position as Vice President.

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Kelly graduated from James Madison University in May 2010 with a double major in Economics and International Affairs and 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 Madison Liberty. Before joining SFL's staff as Program Manager, Kelly was on the SFL Executive Board.

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Molly Fratianne
Communications Manager

Molly graduated from Ashland University in May 2010 with a double major in Political Science and Philosophy as well as a minor in Electronic Media Productions. After attending an IHS seminar and the 3rd annual International Students For Liberty Conference, she decided to head up the chartering process for a pro-liberty group at her school. She was a member of the inaugural class of SFL Campus Coordinators and the Master of Ceremonies for the 4th annual ISFLC, which she describes as the “highlight of her life”. Molly interned at IHS during the summer of 2010 and is currently involved in the Koch Associate Program while working for SFL.

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LEADERSHIP 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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David Boaz, Cato Institute

Dr. Tyler Cowen, George Mason University

Matt Harrison, Prometheus Institute

Gary Johnson, Our America Initiative

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Dr. James W. Lark, III, University of Virginia

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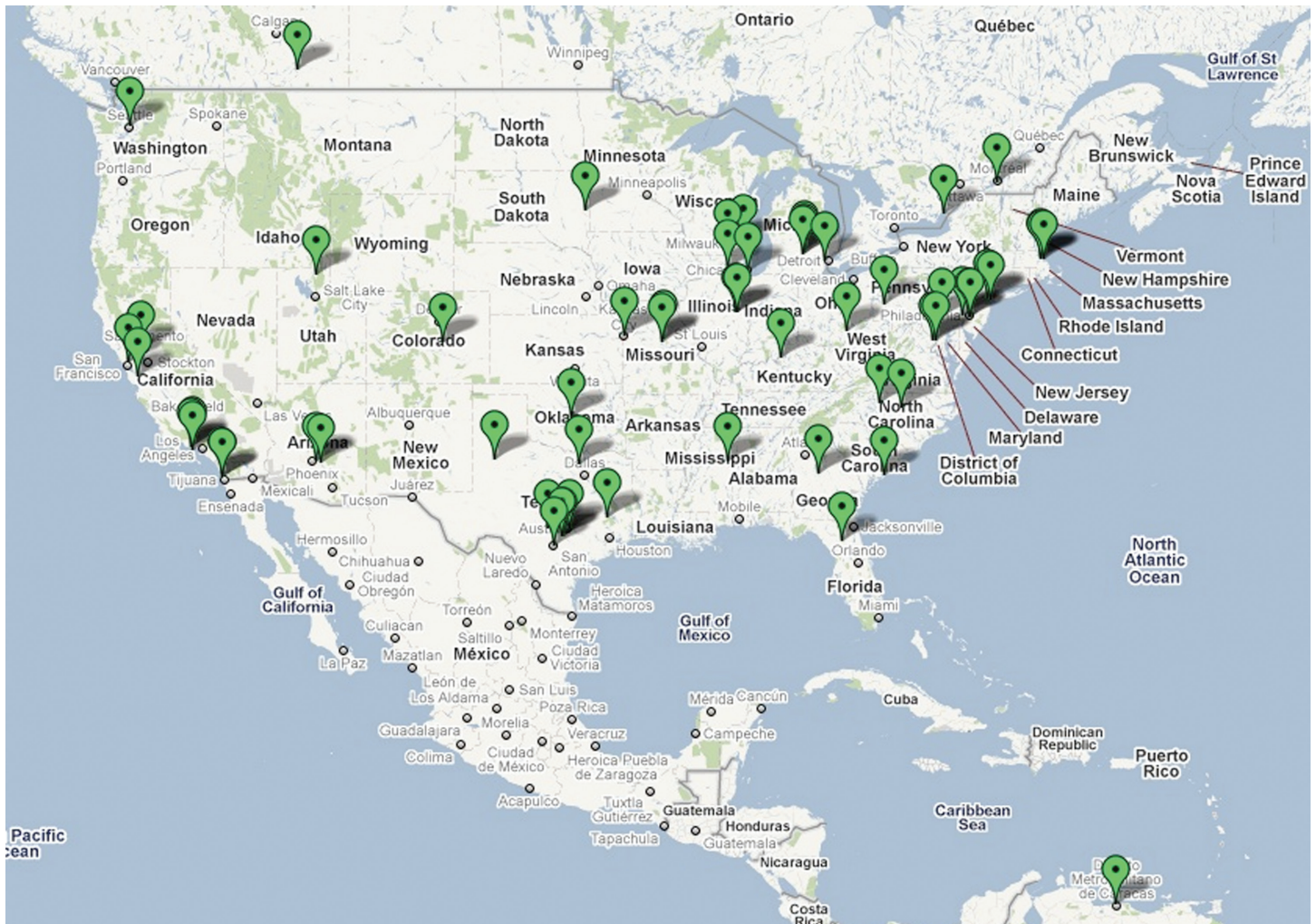
Dr. C. Bradley Thompson, Clemson University

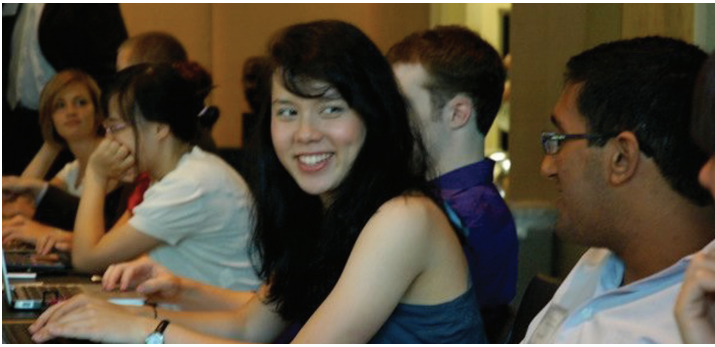
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LEADERSHIP campus coordinators

In the 2010-2011 school year, SFL piloted the Campus Coordinator (CC) Program. The purpose of this program is to train already proven student leaders to start new pro-liberty student groups in their areas and help grow existing groups. While much of SFL's support has historically relied upon virtual interactions (such as our website, Facebook, email, teleconferences, webinars, etc.), the CC Program provides on-the-ground support for students that virtual communication cannot replicate. CCs serve as libertarian community organizers, building the student movement for liberty in their areas by starting and growing liberty groups and activities. 24 CCs completed the program in its first year, collectively beginning 143 new student groups for SFL's network and helping sustain many more student groups already in SFL's network.

Due to the success of the CC Program's first year, SFL has selected 58 CCs for the 2011-2012 school year. 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" and "How to Run a Regional Conference" to "How to Hold a Successful Event on Campus." The training will culminate in a weekend retreat in Washington, DC where CCs will meet one another in person for the first time and complete their training. For the 2011-2012 school year, each CC will be responsible for approximately 10 campuses in their surrounding areas 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.





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Aaron Baca, University of North Texas
Preston Bates, University of Louisville
Mark Benfield, Mercer College
Joseph Berger, College of Charleston
Gregory Burr, Rutgers University
Javonni Butler, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
Justin Clements, University of Washington, Seattle
Alexander Cooper, Pepperdine University
Moriah Costa, Arizona State University
Jason Cowen, Oklahoma City Community College
David Deerson, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Christine-Marie Dixon, Madonna University (Michigan)
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Morgan Freeman, San Houston State University
Casey Given, University of California - Berkeley
Kelli Gulite, George Washington University
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William Tew, University of Florida
Kaitlin Williams, Salem College

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

In Fall 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. 2010 saw even greater growth as SFL expanded into California with two new Regional Conferences. Even locations where SFL had previously held Regional Conferences saw incredible growth, both in the number of attendees and the number of schools represented at each conference, proving that SFL's reach is broadening.

David Simpson, a freshman legislator in the Texas House of Representatives, attended the SFL Texas Regional Conference to learn from speakers and meet students. Inspired by what he saw, Mr. Simpson introduced legislation to allow individuals who possess a concealed handgun license to carry handguns on university campuses just two days after the conference concluded. In a note to SFL after the event, Mr. Simpson had this to say: "Thank you for making this available to "students", including a freshman Texas legislator. Much appreciated."

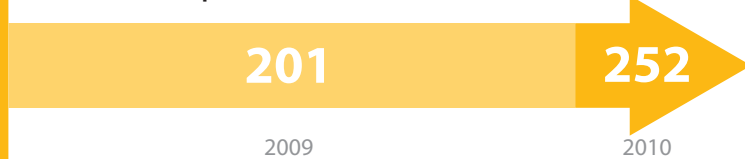
Regional Conferences



Conference Attendees



Schools Represented



Average Conference Attendance



183
Attendees
Largest Conference
Columbia University

101
Attendees
Smallest Conference
University of California-Berkeley

MID-ATLANTIC SFL CONFERENCE

162 Attendees

50 Schools



MIDWEST SFL CONFERENCE

165 Attendees

57 Schools



SOUTHWEST SFL CONFERENCE

103 Attendees

17 Schools



50%
↑
individual attendees



NEW YORK SFL CONFERENCE

183 Attendees
25 Schools



67%
↑
number of schools

SOUTHEAST SFL CONFERENCE

118 Attendees
35 Schools



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SFL CONFERENCE

103 Attendees
24 Schools



TEXAS SFL CONFERENCE

111 Attendees
22 Schools



NORTHEAST SFL CONFERENCE

113 Attendees
42 Schools



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SFL CONFERENCE

101 Attendees
24 Schools





2011 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY CONFERENCE

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
FEBRUARY 18-20

The International Students For Liberty Conference (ISFLC) is the largest gathering of pro-liberty students in the world and the premiere event of the year for all students dedicated to liberty. The first ISFLC was held at Columbia University in February, 2008, with a total of 100 students in attendance. This year, at the 4th Annual ISFLC, we brought over 500 students to George Washington University in Washington DC to learn about the meaning of liberty and effective practices at advancing liberty.

ISFLC Attendees

100

2008

153

2009

302

2010

529

2011

Partial List of Speakers:

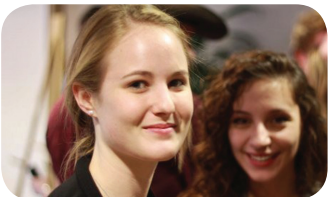
- John Stossel**, The STOSSEL Show
- David Boaz**, The Cato Institute
- Dr. Tyler Cowen**, George Mason University, *Keynote*
- Megan McArdle**, The Atlantic, *Keynote*
- Dr. Bryan Caplan**, George Mason University
- Gary Johnson**, Former Governor of New Mexico
- Shikha Dalmia**, Reason Foundation
- Chandler Galt**, Independent Institute
- Brian Aitken**, *New Jersey v. Brian Aitken* (2nd Amendment Rights)
- Adam Kissel**, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
- Dr. James W. Lark, III**, University of Virginia
- Sharon Presley**, Association of Libertarian Feminists



Also Featuring:

- Cato Policy Track** on Liberty and Public Policy
- Foundation for Economic Education Track** on Austrian Economics
- Institute for Humane Studies Track** on Ideas and Liberty
- Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation Track** on Professional Development

Sneak Preview of the *Atlas Shrugged* Movie



Feature Video on reason.tv



123 Schools and 11 Countries Represented



2011 SFL Awards

The Students For Liberty Awards are an annual tradition that SFL uses to highlight the best work students do to promote liberty throughout the year, both in recognition of their tremendous success and to serve as an inspiration for students everywhere in future endeavors for liberty.



Student Event of the Year

University of Nevada Reno Students For Liberty – Abolish ASUN Festival

The UNR Students for Liberty grew tired of the wasteful status quo of their student government, the ASUN. So, they came up with a simple idea to fight back: show other students just how wasteful the student government is. The UNR SFL members mastered the bureaucracy so they could obtain as much funding as possible. Then in deciding what to spend it on, they asked themselves, in the words of UNR SFL member John Russell, “What are the most ridiculous things we can buy with other students’ money?” The answer: a festival. Not just any festival, but an Abolish the ASUN festival. It would have pizza. It would have a bounce house. It would have a mechanical bull. And it would have ponies. Yes, ponies. By truthfully wasting funds, and sharing that waste with as many people as they could, the UNR SFL was able to show the nature and reality of governmental systems to the thousands of students at UNR.



Student of the Year

Michelle Fields, Pepperdine University

Michelle is the president of the Pepperdine College Libertarians. The Pepperdine Libertarians witnessed huge growth this past year, due largely to Michelle’s dedication. Her group’s most noted accomplishment was the creation of a Free Speech Wall on campus where students could freely express their views at a school often hostile to open expression. A rogue student tore down the wall, which galvanized the campus community and brought groups like the College Republicans and College Democrats together to help re-build the wall.

Michelle is an SFL Campus Coordinator and was a primary organizer for the 2010 Southern California Students For Liberty Regional Conference, the first of its kind. Michelle’s work as a Campus Coordinator has led to her being interviewed by reason.tv, Fox Business Network’s *America’s Nightly Scoreboard* and *FreedomWatch*.



Student Group of the Year

University of California, Berkeley Students For Liberty

The Cal Berkeley SFL thrives on one of the most statist campuses in the country. They take on the left by hosting events, such as a debate with the College Democrats over gun rights, but are just as willing to take on other issues. They hold many provocative events to stand out and appeal to a liberal community. Last spring they hosted libertarian activist Starchild on the struggle to decriminalize sex work, organized a 4/20 event with the SSDP chapter, hosted a 4-Loko prohibition party to protest against a potential ban on the drink, and hosted the 1st annual Northern California Students For Liberty Conference, the first of its kind and a milestone for the region.

Participating Organizations

One of the ISFLC's best features is the opportunity for students and organizations dedicated to liberty to be in the same place at the same time and network with one another. This year, 32 pro-liberty organizations sponsored or tabled at the ISFLC, more than any ISFLC before.

Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Unnamed Organization

Bronze Sponsors



Liberty Fair Exhibitors

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| <i>A Generation Awakes</i> | Language of Liberty Institute | State Policy Network |
| Americans for Tax Reform | Lampoon the System | Students for a Free Economy |
| Antiwar.com | Moving Picture Institute | Students for Sensible Drug Policy |
| Ayn Rand Institute | National Taxpayers Union | Tax Foundation |
| Bureaucrash | Libertarian Party | The Atlas Society |
| Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation | Liberty on the Rocks | Young Americans for Liberty |
| Foundation for Individual Rights in Education | Reason Foundation | |
| | Reason, Individualism, Freedom Institute | |

E-LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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 to the leaders of the liberty movement. We utilize a “webinar”, or web-based seminar, format that allows students all over the country to hear from leading figures of liberty and interact with them in a question and answer session at the end of the speaker’s presentation.

With weekly webinars, SFL reached an unprecedented number of students. In total, there were 29 webinars this school year and 1,516 individual students who attended our webinars this year from schools as far apart as the University of Idaho and Free University of Brussels. The average number of attendees per webinar was 52 students.

1516
Participants

Top 10 Webinars of 2010-11

May 11th: “Lest We Forget: Lessons of Soviet Socialism for Our Own Times”

Speaker: Richard Ebeling - Northwood University
Total Attendees: 52

April 6th: “Political Economy and Economic Imperialism: Why Economics is Necessary for Understanding the World”

Speaker: Nikolai Wenzai - Hillsdale College
Total Attendees: 53

September 6th: “Poverty, Prosperity, and Economic Freedom”

Speaker: Dr. Matt Mitchell - Harvard University
Total Attendees: 56

April 27th: “Privatize the Roads”

Speaker: Walter Block and Dan D’amico
Total Attendees: 71

May 4th: “The Structure of Libertarian Argument and Liberty as a World-Wide Phenomenon”

Speaker: Tom Palmer - Atlas Economic Research Foundation
Total Attendees: 72

September 20th: “The Language of Liberty: Improving the Rhetorical Skills of Liberty Activists”

Speaker: Dr. James W. Lark, III - University of Virginia
Total Attendees: 80

November 8th: “The Failure of the ‘Market Failure’ Argument”

Speaker: Dr. John Hasnas - Georgetown University
Total Attendees: 84

March 16th: “Austrian Business Cycle Theory and the Great Recession”

Speaker: Steve Horwitz - St. Lawrence University
Total Attendees: 88

October 18th: “Substantive Criticisms of the Libertarian Perspective”

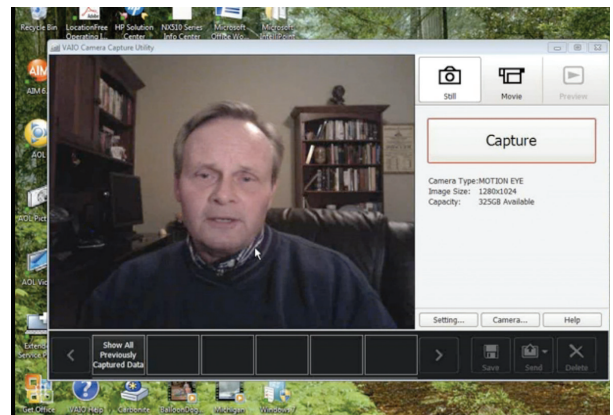
Speaker: Dr. James W. Lark, III - University of Virginia
Total Attendees: 100

May 18th: “Anarchy and Efficient Law”

Speaker: David Friedman - Santa Clara University
Total Attendees: 161

Location of Participants

Algeria	Liberia
Australia	Malaysia
Austria	Mexico
Belgium	Nigeria
Canada	Panama
China	South Africa
Columbia	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Tanzania
Egypt	The Gambia
Georgia	Turkey
Ghana	Ukraine
India	United Kingdom
Indonesia	United States
Israel	Venezuela
Italy	



BASTIAT PROJECT



The Book

This fall SFL embarked on a bold, new initiative in conjunction with the Atlas Economic Research Foundation – The Bastiat Project. The goal was to confront the myriad of economic fallacies popular on college campuses, from cash for clunkers to the value of trade restrictions, by re-introducing the works of the famous 19th century political economist Frederic Bastiat. The project consisted of two phases: a book and an essay contest.

116
Student Groups

SFL and Atlas published a new book, *The Economics of Freedom: What Your Professors Won't Tell You*. The book featured a collection of Bastiat's best essays, including such classics as "What is Seen and What is Not Seen" and "A Petition", along with contemporary essays by Nobel Laureate

F.A. Hayek and Atlas Foundation Vice President Tom G. Palmer. We distributed 30,000 of these books to 116 student groups across the world, who in turn distributed them to their fellow students.

30K
Books

The Contest

The second phase was the Bastiat's Legacy Essay Contest. The purpose of the contest was for students who read the book to internalize the lessons of Bastiat and then synthesize their own arguments applied to current public policy issues.

We received many quality entries, but the following individuals wrote essays that really stood out from the rest.

Grand Prize

Kelly Tian, University of Chicago

2nd Place

Evan Soltas, Phillips Exeter Academy

Runners Up

George Edwards, Indiana University Kokomo

Stephen Palubinski, American University

Theodore Phalan, George Mason University

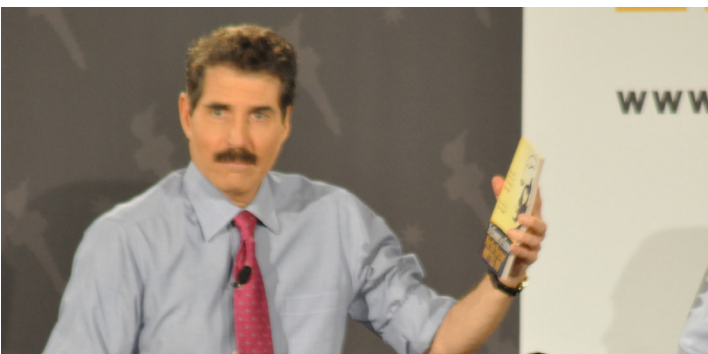
Jasmine Whiting, American University

Ian Hosking, George Mason University

Meg Patrick, George Mason University

Michael Booher, East Tennessee State University

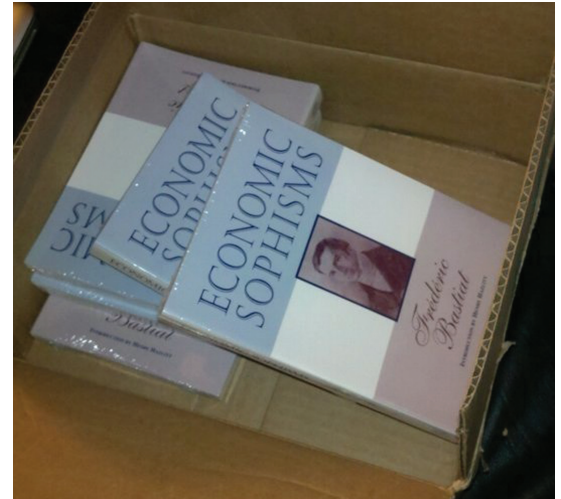
Matthew McKillip, Georgetown University



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 2010-2011, we brought the following 9 titles to student groups all over the world:

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



SFL distributed 1,112 books to 73 pro-liberty groups across the country and around the world. 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

Free Books Project Growth

Number of Student Groups Participating

23

73

2009-10

2010-11

Number of Books Distributed

334

1112

2009-10

2010-11

PROTEST GRANTS

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. To challenge such statist voices on campus, SFL's Student Protest resources empower students in a decentralized manner to hold protests for liberty. For groups that want to take the fight against government growth to the streets, this is the program for them.

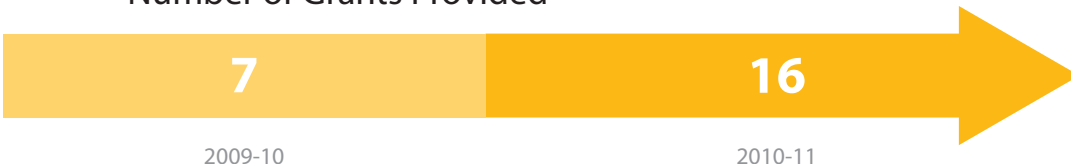
This year SFL received 22 requests and provided 16 grants. The Protest Grant project includes a number of resources available for students interested in hosting protests on campus.

Protest Grants Growth

Number of Grants Requested



Number of Grants Provided



American University Students For Liberty Freedom Fair Free Speech Wall

AUSFL hosted an end-of-the-semester Freedom Fair event complete with a moon bounce, cotton candy, snow cones, a giant Nolan Chart to track the results of a students taking the World's Smallest Political Quiz, and a target game where students aimed water balloons at the faces of five historical dictators. There was also a 14-foot wide Free Speech Wall where students on campus could express themselves freely and anonymously.

By focusing on the themes of freedom, individual rights, and freedom of speech, they were able to obtain co-sponsorship from six other organizations on campus and attract a large variety of students AUSFL would typically not reach.



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 Mentions received \$100. All three winners were invited to join the Prometheus Institute staff for the Fall 2010 semester.

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

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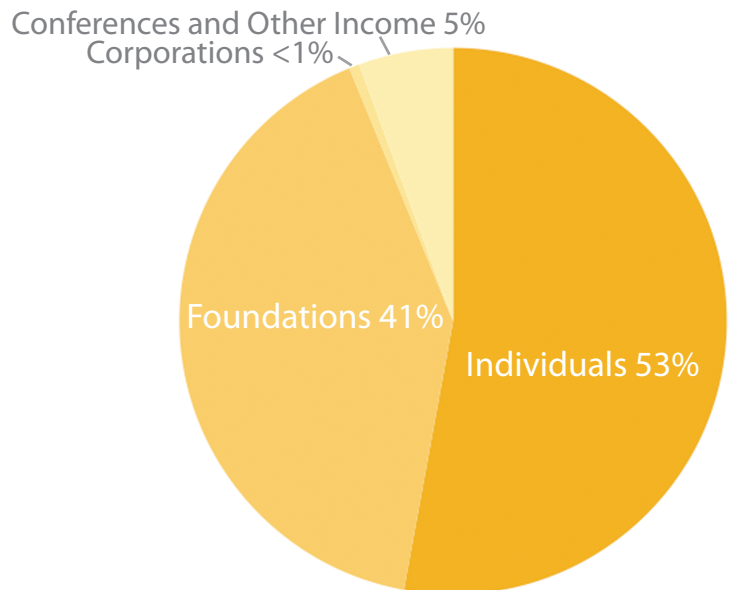
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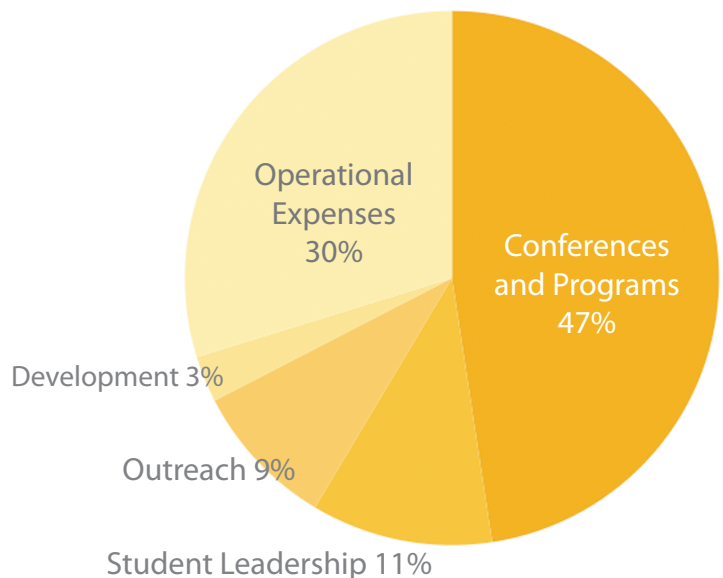
Income

Individuals	\$ 279,809.28
Foundations	\$ 216,570.09
Corporations	\$ 3,217.68
Conferences & Other Income	\$ 29,522.98
Total	\$ 529,120.03



Expenses

Conferences & Programs	\$ 201,767.20
Student Leadership	\$ 46,521.55
Outreach	\$ 37,492.32
Development	\$ 11,901.14
Operational Expenses	\$ 126,248.97
Total	\$ 423,931.18



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