

The Atlas Liberty Forum 2009 Speakers



Alphonse Crespo- is a Swiss orthopedic surgeon, founder of Medicine & Liberty an independent physician network dedicated to the advancement of liberty, ethics & market in medical services. Alphonse Crespo is also member of the board of directors at the Institut Constant de Rebecque, a Swiss classical liberal think tank and a medical expert at Med-Consilium, accident insurance assessment services in Vevey, Switzerland. Crespo is the author of "Esculape Foudroyé" (Les Belles Lettres, Paris 1991) and of essays such as "Black Market Medicine an Ethical alternative to State Control", "The End of Welfare and its effect on the Poor" or "The Hazards of Harassing Doctors". His writings (and his blog) advocate a libertarian approach to medical ethics and market-oriented reform for health care.



Robert Enlow- In January of 2009 Enlow took over the role of President and CEO of the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, an organization dedicated to promoting universal school choice. Previously he had been the Executive Director of the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice since late 2004. He joined the Friedman Foundation when it first opened in 1996, serving as fundraiser, projects coordinator and vice president before being named executive director. Under his leadership, the Friedman Foundation has become one of the nation's leading advocates for school choice, working in dozens of states to advance the issue by disseminating research, sponsoring seminars, undertaking advertising campaigns, organizing community leaders and providing grants. He is the Co-editor of the book Liberty and Learning, Milton Friedman's Voucher Idea at Fifty, author of Grading Vouchers, Ranking America's School Choice Programs, and co-author of School Choice: A Reform that Works and "Early School Choice," a chapter in An Education Agenda: Let Parents Choose Their Children's School. His articles and quotes have appeared in numerous publications including the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Arizona Republic and National Review.



Pete Eyre- is the Crasher-in-Chief of Bureaucrash. Grounded in the principles of natural rights and the Austrian School, he believes that individuals should be free to act so long as they do not initiate force against another person. Prior to stepping into this role, Pete worked at the Institute for Humane Studies having last served as director of the Campus Network program. Preceding his stint at IHS he was an intern at the Cato Institute in Foreign Policy and Defense and a Koch Fellow through which he was placed at the Drug Policy Alliance.



Michel Kelly-Gagnon- After he led the Montreal Economic Institute from 1999 to 2006, Michel Kelly-Gagnon was president of the Conseil du patronat du Québec, Quebec's main business confederation, until January 2009. Born in 1971, he graduated in law from the University of Montreal and was admitted to the Quebec Bar in December 1994. After practicing as a legal consultant for the Consulate General of France, he became an associate of Formatrad, a company specializing in employee training. Mr. Kelly-Gagnon is a member of the Mont Pelerin Society. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST), a para-governmental organization with an annual budget over two billion dollars. Mr. Kelly-Gagnon is back as President and CEO of the Montreal Economic Institute since February 2009.

Ryan Green- has developed the unique methods, systems, and technology that mark the high accuracy and focus of RR&A's market studies. His skills run a wide gamut of software and hardware integration. Additionally, he serves as liaison to clients on behalf of market study formulation and results. Ryan's other contributions are in management, finance, and graphics. He received his B.S in Technical Management Management from DeVry University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, and where he currently serves on the Sigma Beta Delta Leadership Committee. He was formerly with Commonwealth Edison Company prior to joining RR&A in 2001.



Daniel Griswold-is Director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC. Since joining Cato in 1997, Mr. Griswold has authored or co-authored major studies on globalization, trade and immigration, including the 2007 study, "Trading Up: How Expanding Trade has Delivered Better Jobs and Higher Living Standards." He has authored articles for the Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, the Financial Times, and other major publications and has appeared on C-SPAN, CNN, PBS, the BBC, and Fox News. He has testified before congressional committees and federal agencies on a range of trade and immigration issues. Earlier in his career, he served as a congressional press secretary and the editorial page editor of the Colorado Springs Gazette. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a diploma in economics and a master's degree in the Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics.



Beverly Hallberg- is the Executive Director of District Media Group, where she serves as a producer, director, editor, and media trainer for various news companies, production companies and government agencies. Her partial client list includes: The Heritage Foundation, The Atlas Economic Research Foundation, Americans for Prosperity, The U.S. Courts, Oppix Productions, and the Department of Labor. Prior to District Media Group Beverly worked at LI Studios for 7 years in various capacities. As director of LI Studios she

coordinated all video production in the studios and also provided on-camera communications skills for numerous political candidates, book authors, state legislators, organizations spokesmen and public policy analysts. Since 2006, Beverly has served as the Director of Media Training for Guestbooker.com, where she travels nationwide to work with new authors on message development and camera presence.



Waldemar Ingdahl- has studied business and administration at the Stockholm School of Economics and Italian, Japanese and media sciences at the University of Stockholm. He is author of two books in Swedish about medicine and health care and he is the Swedish translator of Bart Madden's "More choices, better health".



Bart Madden- In the early 1970s at Callard, Madden & Associates, Madden was instrumental in developing the CFROI valuation model now used by institutional money managers worldwide. Since he retired as a Managing Director of Credit Suisse in 2003, his writings on public policy issues have been published as journal articles and monographs. This work has focused on: freedom of choice for not-yet-approved therapeutic drugs, more effective corporate governance, and the valuation challenges posed by intangible assets. A selection of his work is available at his website www.LearningWhatWorks.com. Bart's current major project is a book scheduled for publication in 2010 by Wiley. It will focus on the role of business firms in creating wealth and a rising standard of living.



Kris Mauren is the executive director of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion & Liberty. Kris and Rev. Robert Sirico co-founded the institute in 1990. It now employs more than thirty people and has an annual budget of over \$5,000,000. Kris is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University with a degree in economics and international relations. He was the 1999 recipient of the Liberty Executive Award for Outstanding Non-Profit Management. Kris also serves on the board of directors for the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), Donors Capital Fund, and Excel Charter Academy, among other community leadership



Julian Morris- is Executive Director of International Policy Network (www.policynetwork.net) and a Visiting Professor at the University of Buckingham. He was educated initially at Edinburgh University, where he gained an MA in economics. After successfully completing a Masters in environment and resource economics at University College London and a brief stint as an econometric forecaster for Commerzbank in Frankfurt, he took a research position at the Institute of Economic Affairs in London. There he wrote and edited numerous monographs, including *Global Warming: Apocalypse or Hot Air* (with Roger Bate, 1994; winner of an Antony Fisher Prize); *The Political Economy of Land Degradation* (1995); *Green Goods* (1997) and *Global Warming: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom*

(1997). While at the IEA, Julian gained an MPhil from the University of Cambridge and a Graduate Diploma in Law from Westminster University. He left the IEA in 2001 to set up International Policy Network, which runs issue-based campaigns promoting free market solutions to global public policy problems.



David Nott-is president of Reason Foundation, a non-profit think tank advancing free minds and free markets. He has written on privatization for the Institute of Economic Affairs, lectured to federal judges on the need for drug policy reform, and written commentary for the Los Angeles Times, Orange County Register, San Diego Union-Tribune, Los Angeles Daily News, and many other publications. Professional experience includes six years as president of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, where he is credited with developing and implementing a business plan that led to a 250 percent increase in revenue. He spearheaded the construction of Mercatus' New Capitol Hill Campus. He is a certified petroleum engineer. From 1986 to 1994, he was a senior reserve engineer at Shell California Production, Inc., coordinating the divisional capital budget, forecasting production and expenses, calculating reserves, and analyzing the profitability of projects and properties. He also taught seminars on risk analysis and authored a number of technical papers. Nott earned a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, with Distinction, in Economics and Petroleum Engineering from Stanford University



Sally C. Pipes- is president and chief executive officer of the Pacific Research Institute, a California-based think tank founded in 1979. An expert in the Canadian and American health systems, Ms. Pipes writes, speaks, debates and gives invited testimony on key health care issues facing America. She is the author of *The Top Ten Myths of American Health Care a Citizen's Guide* and *Miracle Cure: How to Solve America's Health Care Crisis* and *Why Canada Isn't the Answer*, in addition to numerous op-eds, TV, and radio appearances.

Scott Riccio- is the founder and Director for Accelerate Progress, a not-for-profit "action-tank" focused on bringing new promising and potentially lifesaving therapies to cancer patients, and others fighting life-threatening diseases, more quickly and efficiently. In this role, Scott is responsible for all aspects of the organization, including member recruitment, mission development and implementation, advisor recruitment and direction, media interactions, budgeting and planning, and other essential tasks. Scott has conducted numerous briefings for Congressional staffers on FDA and related health issues and has been interviewed or quoted for multiple media outlets.



Robert Russell- founded Robert Russell & Associates in 1976, a marketing and financial services and consulting firm devoted to strengthening non-profit organizations and small businesses, particularly those devoted to Free Market principles. The firm has worked with over three hundred organizations around the world, and received awards and recognition particularly for specialized market research, marketing, strategy development, and fundraising programs and campaigns. He was named Counselor to the President at The Heritage Foundation in 1983 and since that time has provided strategic marketing and financial direction and services to the organization. He is a popular speaker and seminar leader in marketing, financing, and institutional and small business growth strategies. A graduate of Wabash College, he pursued graduate studies at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Russell resides in Batavia, IL.

Seyitbek Usmanov- is a co-founder of the Central Asian Free-Market Institute, the first free-market institute in the region. He works as a research analyst at an investment bank and will sit for Level 1 of the CFA exam in June. He is behind the Coalition for Free-Trade in Kyrgyzstan, which is bringing together all allies of free-trade. He completed his Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Toronto and spent most of his childhood in the Czech Republic

Nicole Williams-In addition to raising chickens and vegetables on a small Tennessee farm (an excellent tax-saving measure in times of economic crisis hysteria), SPN Management & Technology Advisor Nicole Williams seeks to raise awareness and appreciation for the ideals of liberty, freedom and self-reliance. Past experiences include serving as the VP of Operations for the Tennessee Center for Policy Research and the director of the Children 's Scholarship Fund – Portland at Cascade Policy Institute. Nicole also headed a private language school, designed online language translation reseller program nationwide, and founded a consulting firm that provided business and cultural training for foreign companies interested such as DaimlerChrysler and QSI International. Nicole writes for SPN News and has been published in the Oregonian and Boise Voice. Nicole graduated from Southern Oregon University with a Bachelor of Arts in music business and German. She also completed the Oregon Teaching Certification Program at the University.



Friday, April 24, 2009

- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Coffee, Cookies and Camaraderie**
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM **Atlas Club Briefing**
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Sir Anthony Fisher Memorial Awards Dinner**

Saturday, April 25, 2009

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast**

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Luncheon**

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Farewell Reception**

Sunday, April 26, 2009

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Brunch at the House of Blues**