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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2000: D. Phil. in Politics, Oxford University; dissertation title, "A Cosmopolitan Theory of Justice"

1993: M.A. in Philosophy, cum laude, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; thesis title, "Are Patents and Copyrights Morally Justified?"

1982: B.A. in Liberal Arts, St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland; senior thesis title, "Toward a Reconstruction of Classical Liberal Class Theory"

Selected Publications:

"Building a Free Society in Iraq," *Cato's Letter*, Vol. 3, No. 3 (Summer 2005)
(<http://www.cato.org/pubs/catosletter/catosletterv3n3.pdf>)

"John Locke Lite: The Strange Philosophy of a 'Left Libertarian,'" *Reason* (January 2005) (<http://www.reason.com/0501/cr.tp.john.shtml>)

"Absolutism Redux," Review of Cass Sunstein, *The Second Bill of Rights: FDR's Unfinished Revolution and Why We Need It More Than Ever*, *National Review*, December 13, 2004 (<http://www.nationalreview.com/books/palmer200503011045.asp>)

Globalization and Culture: Homogeneity, Diversity, Identity, Liberty (Berlin: Liberales Institut, 2004) (<http://www.tomgpalmer.com/papers/liberales2.pdf>)

"Globalization, Cosmopolitanism, and Personal Identity," *Etica & Politica*, 2003, 2
*http://www.units.it/etica/2003_2/PALMER.htm)

"Hothouse of Hate," *The Spectator*, February 22, 2003

“Madison and Multiculturalism: Group Representation, Group Rights, and Constitutionalism,” in *James Madison and the Future of Limited Government*, ed. by John Samples (Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute, 2002)

“Classical Liberalism and Civil Society: Definitions, History, and Relations,” in *Civil Society and Government*, ed. by Nancy Rosenblum and Robert Post (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002)

“Limited Government After 9-11” (with John Samples), *Cato Policy Report*, Vol. XXIV, No. 2 (March/April 2002)

“Saving Rights Theory from Its Friends,” in *Individual Rights Reconsidered: Are the Truths of the U.S. Declaration of Independence Lasting?*, ed. by Tibor Machan (Stanford: Hoover Institution Press, 2001)

“Libertarianism in the Crosshairs,” *Cato Policy Report*, Vol. XXII No.4 (July/August 2000)

“The Resources of Civil Society,” co-authored with David Schmidtz and Steven Scalet, *Revista de Teoría Jurídica*, Volumen Uno, Número Uno (Noviembre de 1999)

“Census 2000: You May Already Be a Winner!,” *Slate*, April 4, 2000

Review of *The Cost of Rights: Why Liberty Depends on Taxes*, by Stephen Holmes and Cass R. Sunstein, *Cato Journal*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (Fall 1999)
(<http://www.cato.org/pubs/journal/cj19n2/cj19n2-10.pdf>)

“The Great Bequest,” *The Freeman*, March 1999

“Limited Government and the Rule of Law,” in *Cato Handbook for Congress: Policy Recommendations for the 106th Congress*, ed. by Ed Crane and David Boaz (Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute, 1999)

“The Case of the Missing Premise,” *Liberty*, May 1999

“What’s Not Wrong with Libertarianism,” *Critical Review*, Summer 1998

“G.A. Cohen on Property, Freedom, and Equality,” *Critical Review*, Summer 1998

“Civil Society and Business Enterprise in China,” in *China in the New Millennium: Market Reforms and Social Development*, ed. by James A. Dorn (Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute, 1998)

“The U.S. (Dis)Information Agency,” *The Freeman*, February 1998

“The Literature of Liberty,” in *The Libertarian Reader*, David Boaz, ed. (New York: The Free Press, 1997)

“Myths of Individualism,” *Cato Policy Report*, vol. XVII, no. 5 (September/October 1996)

“Intellectual Property: A Non-Posnerian Law and Economics Approach,” in *Intellectual Property: Moral, Legal, and International Dilemmas*, ed. by Adam Moore (New York: Roman and Littlefield, 1997)

“Restoring Civil Society,” in *Cato Handbook for Congress: Policy Recommendations for the 105th Congress*, ed. by Ed Crane and David Boaz (Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute, 1997)

“The Gadamerian View of Freedom,” in *Economics and Hermeneutics*, ed. by Donald Lavoie (London: Routledge, 1991)

“Are Patents and Copyrights Morally Justified?: The Philosophy of Property Rights and Ideal Objects,” *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, vol. 13, no. 3 (Summer 1990)

“Gadamer’s Hermeneutics and Social Theory,” *Critical Review*, Vol. 1, no. 3 (Summer 1987)

Books Edited for the Cato Institute:

Olaf Gersemann, *Cowboy Capitalism: The Real Story of the American Economy* (translation of *Amerikanische Verhältnisse: Die Falsche Furcht der Deutschen vor dem Cowboy-Kapitalismus*)

Václav Klaus, *Renaissance: The Rebirth of Liberty in the Heart of Europe*

Tibor Machan, *Generosity: Virtue in Civil Society*

David Kelley, *A Life of One’s Own: Individual Rights and the Welfare State*

Donald Lavoie and Emily Chamlee-Wright, *Culture and Enterprise: The Development, Representation, and Morality of Business*

David Laband and George C. McClintock, *The Transfer Society: Economic Expenditures on Transfer Activity*

Charlotte Twight, *Dependent on D.C.: The Rise of Federal Control over the Lives of Ordinary Americans*

Reviews and Shorter Essays in:

Constitutional Political Economy, Ethics, Cato Journal, Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, The Spectator, Hamline Law Review, Etica e Politica, Policy Report, Inquiry, Liberty, Libertarian Review, National Review, the New York Times, Human Events, National Review Online, the Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, the San Jose Mercury News, and many other newspapers and magazines.

Work:

Present: Senior Fellow, Cato Institute, and Director of Cato University, an educational project of the Cato Institute

In addition to producing my own research and publications, I have worked extensively with policy analysts and outside authors to develop books and studies and then to make them clear, readable, precise, and on-target. I also teach at a variety of programs for university students, journalists, and educators. In the past year I have given lectures in Iraq, France, Guatemala, Russia, Canada, the U.S., Germany, and Bulgaria. Another part of my portfolio is the Cato University, in which capacity I am responsible for the educational activities of the Cato Institute and for developing new projects and programs of the Institute. I am responsible for all aspects of the Cato University seminars, which bring together academics and policy experts, Cato sponsors, and high school and college students; those responsibilities include promotion, advertising, recruitment, seminar management (which I share with our conference department) and curriculum. In addition to seminars offering general overviews of classical liberal thought in history, economics, law, and philosophy, I have put together specially organized Cato University seminars to focus on “The American Enlightenment,” “A World of Trade, Peace, and Freedom: The Relationship between Globalization and Civilization,” and “The Rhetoric of Liberty.” I am also involved in fundraising for the Institute and in the activities of the Institute’s Center for Representative Government. I supervise the Institute’s internship and research assistant program.

1995-1999: Director of Special Projects, Cato Institute, and Director of Cato University

Oversaw education of Institute interns and represented the Institute before external academic audiences. Responsible for developing new projects and programs for the Institute. Developed new monthly audio magazine (*CatoAudio*) revamped communication with Institute Sponsors, and managed the Institute’s direct mail programs. Developed a 12-module curriculum for Cato University, involving 24 audio tapes, 6 books, a study guide, and an online seminar. Organized Cato University seminars on libertarian principles around the United States.

1993-1995: H. B. Earhart Fellow, Hertford College, Oxford University

Pursued academic research toward a D.Phil. degree and taught undergraduate foreign students.

1986-1993: Director of Student Affairs, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University and Editor, *Humane Studies Review*

Was responsible for organizing seminars for students, mentoring promising libertarian scholars, preparing bibliographic material for students, and related activities. Was also responsible for commissioning, editing, and publishing a thrice-yearly review of classical liberal and libertarian scholarship.

1989-1993: Director of Eastern European Outreach Programs, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University

Was responsible for disseminating classical liberal ideas in Communist and post-Communist European countries. Ran an office in Vienna, Austria from 1989 to 1990, traveled extensively in the Eastern Bloc countries, arranged for the translation and publication of the works of Ludwig von Mises, F. A. Hayek, Frederic Bastiat, Milton Friedman, Ayn Rand, Israel Kirzner, and many others, as well as university economics textbooks by Paul Heyne (*The Economic Way of Thinking*, Russian, Czech, Albanian, Romanian, and Hungarian) and by Donald McCloskey (*The Applied Theory of Price*, Czech). Administered funds from the John M. Olin Foundation to support promising students and young scholars who were likely to contribute to the establishment of free societies. Ran conferences on reform of the university curricula in law (Budapest, Hungary) and economics (Liblice, Czechoslovakia). Established a variety of organizations throughout the region, including the Liberalni Institut of Prague, the Liberty Institute of Bucharest, and Catallaxy Publishing of Moscow. Smuggled books, photocopiers, and fax machines to sympathetic intellectuals.

1984-1986: Editor, *Dollars and Sense*, monthly tabloid newspaper of the National Taxpayers union

Reported on issues of interest to taxpayers, interviewed public figures and edited, laid out, and produced a monthly tabloid newspaper.

1983-84: Editor, *Update*, a political newsletter

Was responsible for writing, editing, and laying out a monthly newsletter on politics from a libertarian perspective.

1982-1983: Policy Analyst, Council for a Competitive Economy

Wrote policy analyses of issues such as motorcycle tariffs, regulation of interstate trucking, insider trading, and licensing of professionals.

1982: Campaign Manager, Dougherty for Governor, California

Managed all aspects of statewide campaign for Libertarian Party candidate Dan Dougherty.

1981-82: Editor of the newsletter of the National Taxpayers Legal Fund

Was responsible for writing, editing, and laying out a monthly newsletter on tax policies, with a special focus on the legal rights of taxpayers and cases of IRS infringement abuse.

1979-1981: Assistant Communications Director, Clark for President Campaign

Assisted in formulating and carrying out communications strategy for nationwide Libertarian Party presidential campaign. Wrote news releases, developed relationships with reporters, managed press conferences, bought television and radio advertising, prepared brochures and other printed material.

1979: East Coast Director, Students for a Libertarian Society

Worked with student groups promoting free-market principles and policies along the east coast. Was also very active in the organized movement against the reintroduction of conscription, as a founder and national secretary of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD).

1978: Summer Intern, Cato Institute (San Francisco)

Was a full-time gopher and eager libertarian worker in the Institute's first summer.

1975-1976: Assistant Director, MacBride for President Campaign

Managed youth outreach for nationwide Libertarian presidential campaign. Coordinated activities of campus clubs of the Young Libertarian Alliance.

1975: Youth Director, Libertarian Party National Headquarters

Coordinated student activities for the Libertarian Party and provided support to the (other) office staff member.

1974-1975: Account Manager, Client-Management Services, Los Angeles

Wrote copy for advertising and direct mail campaigns, both commercial and political.

Lectures delivered and papers presented:

Oxford University, Cambridge University, Iraqi Ministry of Education, Stanford University, Harvard University, Moscow State University, New York University, George Mason University Law School, Prague School of Economics, Yale University, University of Bucharest, University of Tirana (Albania), Academy of Economic Studies (Bucharest), University of Bucharest, Eötvös Lorand University (Budapest), Karl Marx University of Economics (Budapest), University of Cologne, University of Lublin, Fudan University (Shanghai, China), University of Warsaw, London School of Economics, University of Bergen, University of Oslo, University of Stockholm, University of Uppsala, University of Copenhagen, University of Ghent, University of Washington (Seattle), UCLA, University of Maryland, University of Minnesota, University of Antwerp, University of Aix-en-Provence, and numerous other colleges and universities, as well as Institute for Economic Affairs (London), Institute for Humane Studies, Social Philosophy and Policy Center (Bowling Green State University), Institute for Economic Studies (Paris), University of Iceland, Seminar für Wirtschaftspolitik (Universität zu Köln), Université d’Ete (Aix-en-Provence), Theodor Heuss Akademie der Friedrich Naumann Stiftung (Germany), Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala City), Liberales Institut (Berlin), and others.

Selected Activities:

1994-1995: Coordinator, Oxford University Hayek Society

1993-1994: President, Oxford Civil Liberties Society

1979-1981: National Secretary, Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD)

Other Offices

Member, Board of Directors, Foundation for Economic Education

Selected Honors

2005: Designated a member of the “International Freedom Corps” by the Atlas Economic Research Foundation

2002: Admitted to freedom of the city of London as a Freeman of the City

2002: Admitted to membership of the Mont Pelerin Society

1993-1995: H. B. Earhart Fellow at Hertford College, Oxford University

1985: Mont Pelerin Society Olive Garvey Fellowship

1978: First Prize, Ludwig von Mises Essay Contest, Intercollegiate Studies