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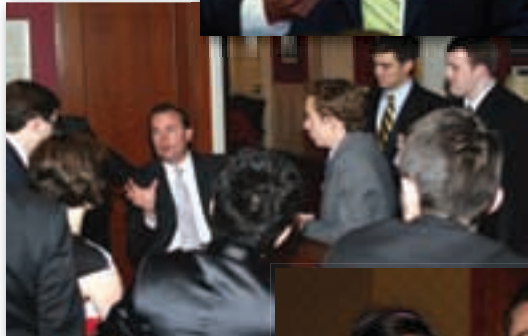
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# HOPE FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

Letter

Joel Boersma was uncharacteristically flustered when I ran into him in the hall at ISI's headquarters. One of ISI's dynamic young program officers, Joel graduated summa cum laude from Michigan's Hope College last May and is always composed and well organized. So I knew something big must be happening.

"What's the matter, Joel?" I asked. He walked me to his work area, which was piled high with applications for the Honors Program, ISI's premier leadership development program for undergraduates. Not only was it a record number of applicants, but also the *quality* of applicants was better than ever.

And that was Joel's concern: ISI had so many extraordinary students apply that dozens of promising young people would not make the cut. Ever conscientious, Joel had been up tossing and turning the night before, seeking the best way to narrow down a field that included so many campus leaders—students with excellent grades, glowing recommendations, and a deep love of America's history and principles.

I empathized with Joel's plight, but I was also excited. ISI's stepped-up campus activities have attracted a larger pool of top students.

Visiting college campuses across the country, ISI's program officers focus on identifying and cultivating young leaders. Bright, engaged students become involved in ISI's Collegiate Network of student newspapers, start reading groups, host campus speakers, and

organize debates and conferences. And more and more of them are moving up to the Honors Program, ISI's top undergraduate offering. This program kicks off with a rigorous summer school led by twenty of ISI's leading professors; Honors Fellows then embark on a year-long course of independent study with one of these faculty mentors.

I am delighted to report that ISI has been able to expand the number of Honors Fellows from fifty students to fifty-five thanks to the generosity of ISI supporters. In fact, a number of donors directed their contributions for just this purpose and allowed ISI to name the fellowships in their honor. ISI's students and other donors are encouraged by the quality of the business and philanthropic leaders who are underwriting the effort.

This is an exciting way to expand a successful leadership program. Honors Program alumni are making an impact throughout American society. They are running businesses, serving as elected officials, teaching at elite colleges and universities, clerking for Supreme Court justices, writing books, and becoming leaders in media, law, public policy, and other fields.

And the Honors Program is just one aspect of ISI's efforts to develop future leaders. On page 6 you can read about some of the Institute's other intensive summer programs.

In addition, there are ISI's graduate fellowships, which support exceptional graduate students who want to teach the

# Letter from the President



next generation about the principles and virtues that make America exceptional. On page 24 you will find a wonderful case study of one of the 544 people who have earned ISI graduate fellowships since 1964—Ed Feulner, who recently retired after thirty-six years leading The Heritage Foundation. Ed describes the power of ideas as critical to every

journalists, placing the most talented writers in fellowships and internships with prestigious publications. Success stories include Pulitzer Prize winner Joseph Rago of the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* columnist Ross Douthat, author and former *Wall Street Journal* editor Naomi Schaefer Riley, *Weekly Standard* contributing editor Matthew Continenti, and Katherine Mangu-Ward, *Reason* magazine’s managing editor.

with the simple mission to teach the next generation about free enterprise, America’s founding principles, and the Western tradition. I believe that ISI’s first president, William F. Buckley Jr., would be pleased with what the organization is accomplishing today. Having spent time with Bill when I was a college student, I know that he would delight in meeting ISI’s current crop of student leaders—and that such an encounter would fill him with hope for America’s future.

## ISI has been able to expand the number of Honors Fellows from fifty students to fifty-five thanks to the generosity of ISI supporters.

Sterling Beard, a current ISI Collegiate Network Fellow, reflected on ISI’s impact at the Dinner for Western Civilization last October. In high school, Sterling discovered two ISI books: *Choosing*

In Bill’s honor, ISI is excited to be hosting the inaugural William F. Buckley Jr. Society Leadership Retreat, which will bring together the Institute’s most generous supporters and best students over the weekend of May 3–5 (see page 26).

Whether or not you can attend the Leadership Retreat, please know how honored I am to work with you on behalf of America’s future principled leaders. I am grateful for your support and encouragement, and I hope you enjoy the updates on ISI’s continued progress in this issue of *The Canon*.

great policy achievement since Heritage came on the scene. “None of it,” he says, “would have happened without ISI.”

Other alumni of ISI’s graduate fellowship program include Hillsdale College president Larry Arnn, *Weekly Standard* editor William Kristol, National Center for Policy Analysis president John C. Goodman, economist and *New York Times* columnist Tyler Cowen, and businessman and former secretary of the navy John F. Lehman Jr., to name just a few.

Through its Collegiate Network, ISI also supports and trains student

*the Right College* and *The “Dartmouth Review” Pleads Innocent*, a history of the Ivy League college’s well-known Collegiate Network newspaper. Those books drew him to Dartmouth, where he became editor in chief of the *Review* (following in the footsteps of Joe Rago). Upon graduation, he earned the 2012–13 Collegiate Network fellowship at *The Hill*, where he is thriving (see page 18). As Sterling put it, “ISI influenced not only where I went to college but also what I did when I got there and what I would do when I graduated.”

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ISI President

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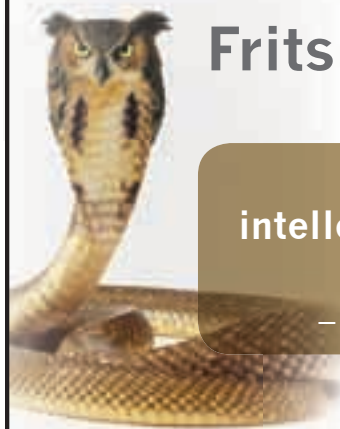
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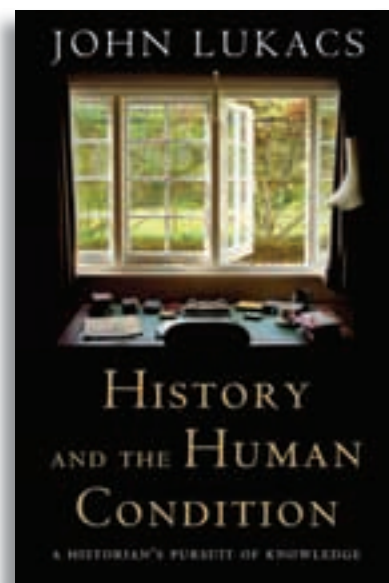
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# THE SECRET TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Expanding ISI's In-Depth Summer Programs



*Top students gather for ISI's Leadership Retreat at the Russell Kirk Center*

Summer retreats have long been integral to ISI's work developing principled leaders. In fact, since ISI held its first summer school in 1960—with William F. Buckley Jr. and Russell Kirk among the mentors participating—countless students have used the same simple phrase to sum up their experience: “It changed my life.”

Take longtime Heritage Foundation president Edwin J. Feulner (who is profiled on pages 24 and 25). As an undergraduate in 1962, Feulner attended ISI's summer school at Lake Forest College in Illinois. It marked the beginning of a lifelong relationship with ISI: he went on to earn a Weaver

Fellowship, teach at ISI summer schools, and become a trustee of the Institute. At that 1962 summer school he also met a young professor named Phil Crane. Several years later, Feulner became the top aide to Crane, by then a United States congressman and a rising conservative leader.



ISI is at its best when bringing students and professors together for extended periods of time, providing the kind of in-depth instruction and mentorship that is so lacking at today's colleges. In the summer, freed from their class schedules, students (and their faculty mentors) can immerse themselves in the ISI experience and devote their full attention to the bedrock principles that have made America prosperous, moral, and free.

So it was only natural that ISI made summer leadership development a central component of the three-year Leadership for America's Future campaign. More capable young people than ever are benefiting from the in-depth ISI experience that has produced so many American leaders.

#### The Four Corners of the ISI Summer Program

Since 1995, the Honors Program Summer Conference has been the apex of ISI's programming for undergraduates. This rigorous weeklong intellectual retreat is limited to fifty-five exceptional college students, who are chosen in a highly selective national competition. Alumni of the Honors Program have gone on to teach at Ivy League universities, work in the White House and on Capitol Hill, write acclaimed books, and

become leaders in business, law, media, and many other fields.

The Honors Program is going strong, with an outstanding program planned for August in Richmond, Virginia. And now ISI has buttressed this conference with three other summer programs for talented students.

**“This conference was the best experience of my life so far.”**

—Alexander Falconer, Regent University



The First Principles of Freedom Conference is an intensive week devoted to constitutional government, free markets, individual liberty, the rule of law, and traditional values. Partnering with the Alabama Policy Institute, ISI held the inaugural conference in July 2012 at Samford University. Thirty-five top undergraduates from around the country attended lectures on seminal works like Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, F. A. Hayek's *Road to Serfdom*, Russell Kirk's *Conservative Mind*, and Robert Nisbet's *Quest for Community*; discussed these and other classic texts in smaller breakout sessions; and debated the merits of the Federalist and Anti-Federalist positions

on the Constitution. They were also regaled by conservative leaders including Stephen Moore of the *Wall Street Journal* and Alabama attorney general Luther Strange, who has led the religious liberty suit against Obamacare.

Word about the success of last summer's Samford program has spread. ISI expects double the number of participants this July.

Also last summer, ISI hosted its first annual Leadership Retreat. This weeklong program takes the training for ISI campus leaders and regional ambassadors to a new level. Last July twenty top ISI student leaders gathered in Mecosta, Michigan, at the ancestral home of Russell Kirk. Attendees studied Kirk's *Roots of American Order* and learned from stalwart ISI scholars including George H. Nash, author of *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America since 1945*; Harry C. Veryser, author of the free-market text *It Didn't Have to Be This Way*; and Bradley Birzer, author of *American Cicero: The Life of Charles Carroll*. Meanwhile, ISI program officers ran useful practicums on recruiting, fund-raising, student journalism, and how to host a campus speaker. The students left inspired and energized to take the ISI message back to campus.

ISI has already identified a number



Ludwig von Mises with ISI students at a 1966 summer school



William F. Buckley Jr. signs his book for students at the first ISI summer school, 1960



William Kristol speaks to students in 1988

# The First Principles of Freedom Conference



*The Wall Street Journal's Stephen Moore addresses ISI students*

Adam Smith, James Madison, Alexis de Tocqueville, F. A. Hayek, Russell Kirk: these were just some of the foundational thinkers ISI students considered at the inaugural First Principles of Freedom Conference.

In July 2012 thirty-five top student leaders from across the country descended on Samford University in Alabama for the weeklong conference. The students benefited from intensive seminars led by distinguished ISI professors and lively, in-depth discussions in smaller group settings.

What's more, students connected with influential political and opinion leaders. Alabama attorney general Luther Strange, a key figure in the lawsuit against the Obamacare contraception mandate, and Stephen Moore of the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board met with and delivered remarks to students at private evening receptions.


Students praised the conference for providing an experience they could not get from their own colleges. One student from the University of South Carolina said that he especially "enjoyed the open debate about American principles without any threat of being excommunicated like at big state universities." Similarly, a student from the University of Alabama observed that the ISI summer school "has renewed my enthusiasm and deepened my love for learning." She added, "I look forward to putting the principles of freedom studied this week into practice."



of promising campus leaders to attend the next Leadership Retreat in August.

Finally, ISI is adding *Arguing Conservatism* to its summer repertoire. Focused on honing public-speaking skills, this weeklong conference will provide advanced students with an intense intellectual experience and eminently practical leadership training. Each morning, students will hear presentations from two experts on either side of a particular issue; they will spend the afternoon in teams preparing to debate opposing positions that evening. The Oxford-style debates will cover such topics as the Federalist position versus the Anti-Federalist, isolationism versus interventionism, and crony capitalism versus free markets. The inaugural event will be held in July at the University of Louisville, cosponsored by the university's McConnell Center. The McConnell Center's director, Gary Gregg, is an ISI author and former Weaver Fellow.

## Developing Leaders

ISI's summer offerings are richer than ever. Talented young leaders are not only gaining a deeper understanding of the principles of liberty; they are also developing practical skills that will set them up for success no matter what path they pursue in life. 



*AN EARLY ISI SUMMER SCHOOL, 1961: Among the future leaders attending were Phil Crane, U.S. congressman (top row, sixth from right); Daniel Harden, chair of the Kansas Governmental Ethics*

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—Rachel Georgeson, Seattle Pacific University

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*Committee (top, fourth from right); William F. Campbell, professor of economics at LSU and ISI trustee (top, second from right); and ISI’s Don Lipsett, cofounder of the Philadelphia Society (front, far right)*

## The ISI Leadership Retreat



*ISI student leader Mason Dettloff with historian George H. Nash*

*How can I be an effective leader—on campus and beyond?*

That’s a question ISI helped twenty ISI students answer last summer at the ISI Leadership Retreat. The conference, held at Russell Kirk’s ancestral home in Mecosta, Michigan, offered a unique combination of intellectual enrichment and practical advice.

Seattle Pacific sophomore Rachel Georgeson highlighted the impact of the stimulating discussions. “Before finding ISI,” she said, “I was unsure of my political philosophy and skeptical about the power of ideas. After attending ISI’s Leadership Retreat, I not only understand the conservative movement; I’m excited about pursuing a career in which I can uphold and pass on the ideas that make America great.”

Others noted that ISI’s program officers provided invaluable training in campus leadership and activism. James Holt of Harvard said, “The Leadership Retreat provided me with ‘best practices’ for recruiting members and running the organization.”

Greg Bokar, president of the Case Western Reserve University College Republicans, summed up the attitude of the student leaders who attended: “I walked away from the retreat with many very good ideas of how to recruit students and keep them interested in what we are doing in our organization. It certainly helped me become a better student leader.”



# EMPOWERING LIBERTY-LOVING STUDENTS

## ISI Groups Make Their Mark on Campus



*U.S. Senator Mike Lee discusses the Supreme Court's Obamacare decision with ISI student leaders following ISI's Dinner for Western Civilization*

**I** am not alone. That has been a constant refrain from ISI students through the years. Standing for principles that most of their professors and peers ignore or disparage, young people often feel isolated on their campuses.

So being introduced to ISI is an eye-opening experience. As ISI's program officers crisscross the country visiting college campuses, they focus on bringing together students and professors with a shared commitment to first principles. From these initial contacts spring communities of people devoted to liberty.

As important as fellowship and community are, ISI student

groups offer even more than that. With support and advice from ISI, affiliated groups read and discuss important

**“ISI has let me know that I am not alone, and smart individuals with conservative ideas really do exist apart from the caricatures of conservatives one sees in the media or portrayed by liberal academics.”**

—Terrence George, ISI student leader,  
Brown University

books, debate current affairs and eternal questions, bring provocative speakers to campus, host conferences, and stir things up at their colleges by challenging the prevailing liberal orthodoxy. And by organizing and expanding these groups, young people get invaluable leadership training.

Student groups are central to the ISI experience for many members. Well over a hundred new ISI groups have formed in just the past three semesters. These dynamic communities are making an impact at colleges and universities from New York to California, from Texas to Canada.



## Up from the Underground

Consider what just some of ISI's many student groups are accomplishing:



**Yale University:** At Yale, a rich intellectual culture devoted to liberty is thriving thanks in large part to the ISI-sponsored Federalist Party. Each week, party members gather for Oxford-style debates on topics such as “Resolved: Corporations Are People Too” and “Resolved: Marriage Is Broken.” Students challenge one another intellectually and hone their public-speaking skills.

The party also enriches the discourse on campus by bringing in prominent guest speakers such as economist Nassim Nicholas Taleb, best-selling author of *The Black Swan* and *Antifragile*; former presidential candidate Rick Santorum, author of *It Takes a Family* (ISI Books); and Cambridge historian Bella d’Abrera.

The Federalist Party was founded only in 2010, but it already carries real weight at

Yale. This past fall, one of its members, Benjamin Wilson, was elected president of the storied Yale Political Union, following in the footsteps of Edwin Meese, L. Brent Bozell Jr., John Kerry, Fareed Zakaria, and other prominent Americans.



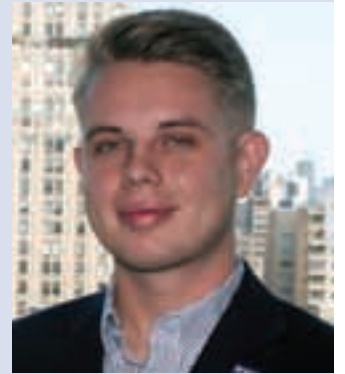
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**Brown University:** ISI student leaders are not content to preach to the choir. Terrence George’s group at Brown is a good example. At that Ivy League bastion of liberalism, George and his cohorts have brought in speakers such as Timothy Goeglein, a former Bush White House official who now serves as vice president of Focus on the Family. The Goeglein event drew liberals, moderates, and conservatives alike. One attendee confessed that the speech, though “a lot to swallow,” really made him consider the validity of conservatism.

## Student Leaders Making a Difference

### Mason Dettloff

Mason Dettloff, a junior at New York University, has so distinguished himself as a student leader that he was recently named an inaugural ISI Edmund Burke Fellow. As an ambassador for ISI, he is spreading the message of liberty to campuses around the Northeast and helping to start new ISI groups. In this role, Mason is applying the skills he has developed as a leader of NYU’s ISI-affiliated Minetta Society and of the *Minetta Report*, a campus newspaper supported by ISI’s Collegiate Network.



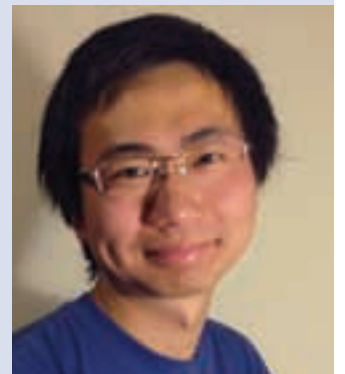
### Amanda Achtman

ISI student leaders are making an impact across the United States—and in Canada too. A senior at the University of Calgary, Amanda Achtman founded the student group the Association for Ordered Liberty to advance respect for life, liberty, and tradition. She attended two ISI summer conferences in 2012, the First Principles of Freedom conference and the Leadership Retreat (see pages 8–9). Amanda recently organized a student conference on philosopher Eric Voegelin and now blogs at ISI’s [IntercollegiateReview.com](http://IntercollegiateReview.com).



### Jingcai Ying

Jingcai Ying is a strong voice for liberty on one of the country’s most liberal campuses. The University of Wisconsin student formed an ISI group, the Undergraduate Political Theory Association, and has helped bring in speakers like George H. Nash, author of *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America since 1945*. A veteran of ISI’s Leadership Retreat, Jingcai plans to help translate his favorite ISI book, Robert Nisbet’s *Quest for Community*, into Chinese.





**Case Western Reserve University:** When senior Victoria Granda invited Ohio University economist Richard Vedder to speak about the “higher-education bubble,” she knew it would be controversial. But with the average Case Western student graduating with nearly \$40,000 in debt—well above the national average—she knew it was important to look at the real sources of the problem and the potential free-market

solutions. Granda and her group drew a sizable crowd to hear Vedder explain why easy government loans and subsidies are enabling ever-rising tuition costs.

Continuing its interest in free markets, the Case Western group kicked off the spring 2013 semester by reading the new ISI book *It Didn't Have to Be This Way: Why Boom and Bust Is Unnecessary—and How the Austrian School of Economics Breaks the Cycle*. To add to the experience, ISI worked with Victoria to have the book's author, Professor Harry Veryser of the University of Detroit Mercy, come to Case Western to address the group.



**The University of Virginia:**

The Edmund Burke Society has exerted a profound influence at UVA. It was the Burke Society that successfully fought for a university course on modern conservative thought—a success that has been replicated at colleges around the country.

The society continues to make its mark by hosting influential speakers including Jonah Goldberg of *National Review* and Christina Hoff Sommers, author of *The War*

*against Boys* and *Who Stole Feminism?* The Sommers event was particularly memorable for the Burke Society's Wendy Morrison. After hearing Dr. Sommers dismantle the liberal critique of the “wage gap” between men and women, a young feminist approached Wendy and admitted that her “whole perception had changed” as a result of the presentation.

In addition to bringing in outside speakers, the society's more than thirty student members meet regularly for book discussions, presentations, and debates. During the fall semester, members held a series of debates focusing on various elements of conservative thought—libertarian,



**MAKING NATIONAL NEWS:** *The ISI Collegiate Network paper the California Patriot offered inside reports on the “Diversity Bake Sale” organized by the Berkeley College Republicans. The bake sale drew coverage from CNN, the New York Times, NPR, and countless other media outlets for calling attention to affirmative action policies by asking students to pay different prices for baked goods depending on their race and sex.*

neoconservative, traditionalist, and so on. And in the spring, the Burke Society's leaders partnered with ISI to host a conference on Russell Kirk's *American Cause* that attracted students from across the state of Virginia.



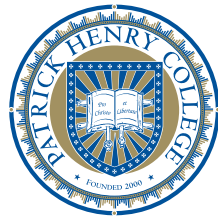
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**Wake Forest University:** By his second week on campus, freshman Mobin Koohestani had recruited more than sixty members for a free-market group under the auspices of both ISI and Young Americans for Liberty. By the end of the semester, the group had nearly doubled in size and was meeting regularly to discuss current events and various ISI books. From the beginning, Mobin says, ISI provided “opportunities and resources that helped expand our network and activism at Wake Forest.”



**Indiana University:** In March, ISI teamed up with Indiana's Tocqueville Program to host a full-day conference dedicated to the question “Is America in Decline?” The Saturday event attracted ISI student groups from across the Midwest. ISI students from schools like Michigan State,

Hillsdale College, Wabash College, and Calvin College made the trek, most of them traveling many hours to get there. They were drawn by a strong lineup of speakers that included University of Tennessee at Chattanooga historian Wilfred McClay, award-winning author of *A Student's Guide to U.S. History* (ISI Books); *National Review* writer Kevin Williamson; and Assumption College professor Daniel Mahoney, author of *The Conservative Foundations of the Liberal Order* (ISI Books).

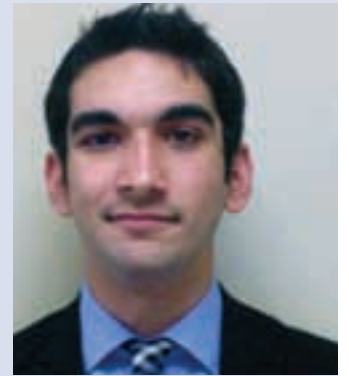


**Patrick Henry College:** At this small Virginia college, the Alexis de Tocqueville Society regularly brings in outside speakers to challenge students and deepen the intellectual discourse. The society has hosted, among others, historian Wilfred McClay, Notre Dame professor of architecture Philip Bess, Hillsdale College historian Richard Gamble, Pepperdine University historian Ted McAllister, and freed Sudanese slave Francis Bok, who drew a packed house for his talk on the persistence of slavery around the world. The true highlight for the Tocqueville Society comes after the guest lectures, when the visiting speakers host special seminars just for society members.

## Student Leaders Making a Difference

### Mobin Koohestani

Though just a freshman, Mobin Koohestani is already a force to be reckoned with at Wake Forest University. Almost as soon as he arrived on campus, he started an ISI-affiliated Young Americans for Liberty chapter and founded an ISI reading group, where students come together to talk about the principles of free markets and individual liberty. Mobin is also spreading the principles of classical liberalism beyond Wake Forest as a contributor to [IntercollegiateReview.com](http://IntercollegiateReview.com).



### Victoria Granda

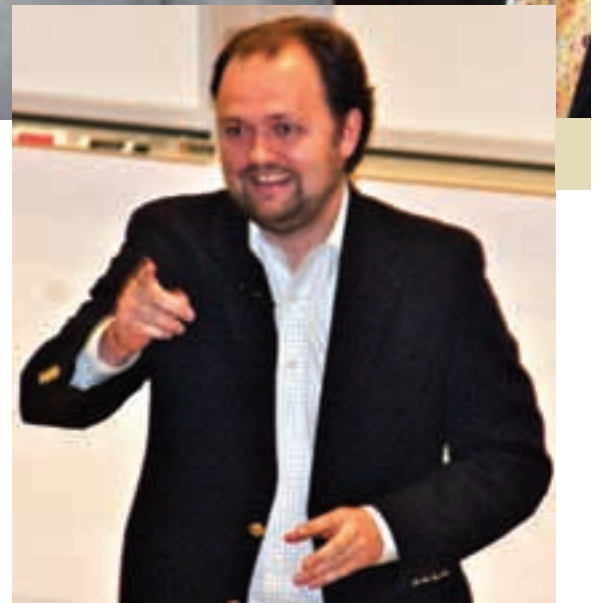
Inspired by her grandfather's flight from communist Cuba, Victoria Granda tirelessly promotes liberty as president of Case Western Reserve University's ISI-affiliated Young Americans for Liberty chapter. The chance to lead a group dedicated to classical liberalism has been Victoria's most rewarding undergraduate experience: “I've learned so much from everyone—especially the great authors of ISI books.” Victoria recently hosted one such author, Harry Veryser, whose book *It Didn't Have to Be This Way* highlights the free-market principles that lead to prosperity.



### Domenic DiGiovanni

After graduating as valedictorian of his high school class in Nashville, Domenic DiGiovanni has emerged as a leader at Hillsdale College. An avid reader of ISI books on everything from economics to science to philosophy, Domenic was selected as an ISI Honors Fellow and also attended the summer Leadership Retreat. He has brought the ISI message back to campus by founding a club that focuses on issues of economic liberty and morality.





Because of its members' serious interest in ideas, the Tocqueville Society has produced a number of ISI Honors Fellows and recruited many fellow students to participate in ISI regional conferences.



UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY

**The University of Calgary:** The Association for Ordered Liberty, mentored by ISI faculty associate Barry Cooper, illustrates the wide range of activities ISI student groups undertake. In September, the association kicked off its semester with a casual dinner at a local pub. The next month,

it sponsored the discussion "What Is Truth," centered on Peter Kreeft's essay "A Refutation of Moral Relativism" and C. S. Lewis's *Abolition of Man*. Then, in rapid succession, the group attended a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, held an Eric Voegelin conference, went to a screening of Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln*, and organized a foodie discussion.



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**The University of North Carolina:** The *Carolina Review* is one of the leading publications in ISI's Collegiate Network. Its reporting has called attention to UNC's attempt to fire one of the school's few conservative professors; a department's improper use of its

website and university funds to lobby against a state constitutional amendment defending traditional marriage; and the administration's stonewalling on records requests for a department's budget (information that, as a state university, the school was legally obligated to turn over).

The *Review* is influencing UNC in other ways as well. Editor in chief Kelsey






Brown University senior Terrence George, winner of ISI's Preston A. Wells Jr. Leadership Award, with ISI president Chris Long (left) and ISI chairman Alfred Regnery (right)

(Inset, left) Ross Douthat, New York Times columnist and ISI alumnus, speaks to students at the University of North Carolina

Rupp (see page 19) doubles as CEO of the nonprofit Carolina Liberty Foundation, which supports liberty-minded student groups on campus. Kelsey helps bring important speakers to UNC, such as *New York Times* columnist (and ISI alumnus) Ross Douthat.

## Leaders Band Together

By banding together, ISI students are learning how much they can enrich their educational experience. They are also discovering the impact they can make at their colleges (and beyond) by bringing in contrarian speakers, hosting debates, organizing conferences, publishing independent newspapers, getting young people reading classic works on the foundations of liberty, and otherwise enlivening the often-stale discourse on campus.

It is exciting indeed, then, that the number of ISI student groups has been increasing at exponential rates. With the ISI team active in the field and student ambassadors helping to advance the principles of liberty, new groups are sure to keep sprouting—and developing future leaders. 



## The **NEW** Intercollegiate Review

February marked the launch of a revamped *Intercollegiate Review* and of *IntercollegiateReview.com*, which are playing central roles in ISI's outreach to college students.

Top students repeatedly tell ISI that their professors teach them little about the principles on which America built its historic freedom and prosperity. They are hungry for engaging resources on those principles.

Enter the new *Intercollegiate Review*. With ISI student leaders serving as contributing editors, the *IR* presents articles on the principles of liberty; classic quotations from thinkers like Edmund Burke and Frédéric Bastiat; "Office Hours," in which prominent professors answer questions from students; reports on student groups pushing back against the campus orthodoxy; the best (and worst) of film, TV, books, and the Web; and more.

Meanwhile, *IntercollegiateReview.com* includes a wealth of original content: blogs from top ISI students and scholars, a Video of the Day, feature essays, an expanded Office Hours, and a vault of classic *IR* articles by Russell Kirk, Ludwig von Mises, Richard M. Weaver, Roger Scruton, and many others.

*National Review Online* greeted the launch by writing, "Raise the tone of discourse in America: Check out and spread the word about *IntercollegiateReview.com*." ISI is distributing more than thirty thousand copies of the magazine on college campuses, ensuring that plenty of future leaders are learning from the *IR*.

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# TRANSFORMING THE NEWS MEDIA

## ISI's Collegiate Network Trains the Next Generation of Principled Journalists

Where are the rising journalists who will combat media bias and make the case for limited government, free markets, and individual liberty? Many of the brightest talents gathered in Dallas this past November for ISI's Collegiate Network Editors Conference.

The annual Editors Conference is the capstone of ISI's training for student journalists. One hundred top editors from the Collegiate Network's independent student publications come together to learn from professional journalists and trade tips with their peers. This year, students arrived from Harvard, Stanford, UCLA, and dozens of other schools.

The editors of the CN's *Claremont Independent* captured the impact that the Editors Conference has on young journalists. "Throughout the weekend," they reported, "we attended presentations by journalists from some of the nation's most well-respected news publications. We participated in workshops on investigative journalism, social media management, editing, and fund-raising. We swapped issues with the other attendees during our 'networking' session, exchanging ideas and advice with the editors of similar publications." They concluded, "We returned from the

Editors' Conference ecstatic to share all we had learned from the weekend."

Programs like this have made the Collegiate Network a feeder for the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *National Review*, the *Daily Caller*, the *Weekly Standard*, *First Things*, the *New Criterion*, *The Hill*, and other major publications.

### "Ready to Take on the World"

The Claremont students were not alone in praising the Editors Conference. An editor from Ohio State University's *Rubicon*, Jeff Chinn, said, "It feels so great to know that there are people who believe in me and are willing to help. I left every talk feeling ready to take on the world." Similarly, Zach Horton of Princeton University's *Tory* commented, "The various speakers, breakout sessions, and individual meetings proved very valuable for us. I very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet such a number of like-minded students at peer institutions."



## Fellows Making a Difference

# Sterling Beard



Fresh from his stint as editor in chief of the *Dartmouth Review*, Sterling Beard earned ISI's Lyn Nofziger Fellowship to work full-time at *The Hill*. The Texas native has quickly made a name for himself at the Capitol Hill newspaper, writing more than

a hundred print and online pieces—including one picked up on the *Drudge Report*. Sterling has also become a favorite guest on talk radio. In fact, he is now *The Hill's* regular correspondent on Fox News Radio. Not bad for less than a year on the job!

## ISI's Lyn Nofziger Fellowship

The Lyn Nofziger Fellowship, now held by Sterling Beard (above), is named for the journalist and author best known as a strategist for Ronald Reagan. Nofziger's finest moment may have come after the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan. Addressing the press, the former newspaperman kept Americans calm at an incredibly chaotic time.

When a reporter asked whether the president had said anything in the hospital, Nofziger replied, "He told Mrs. Reagan, 'Honey, I forgot to duck.' "



The now-famous quip was enormously reassuring. Nofziger showed that one can make a big difference in the smallest way—an important lesson for ISI's future leaders.



Hannah Giles, the investigative journalist who exposed the ACORN scandal, addresses ISI's Collegiate Network Editors Conference

Another conference attendee, *Vanderbilt Torch* editor in chief Sam Adkisson, told FoxNews.com, "The tremendous thing [about the Collegiate Network] is that they don't tell you what to think or how to think. . . . What the CN does is help us along the way through valuable resources, training, and seminars, and put us into contact with people in the professional world who've been in the trenches in the past and can now give us integral advice."

Sam and the *Torch* are among the bright lights of the Collegiate Network, winners of the William F. Buckley Jr. Award for outstanding campus reporting. The *Torch* earned the award for its reporting on Vanderbilt University's decision to bar any student organization from requiring leaders to share the group's beliefs and mission. So, for example, the Christian Legal Society was instructed to remove a provision from its constitution requiring the group's president to lead Bible study, and the Vanderbilt Catholic group could not stipulate that its leaders must adhere to the Catholic faith.

While Vanderbilt's main campus paper, the *Hustler*, published editorial after editorial supporting the administration's stance, the *Torch* emphasized the strong opinions on both sides and provided a forum for debate. Vanderbilt's controversial ruling made national news, which put the CN paper in the spotlight. *Torch* writer Stephen Siao appeared on Fox News several times to discuss the matter. When the administration

held a discussion forum for the student body, Adkisson live-tweeted the event. Religious organizations across the United States shared these updates, reaching tens of thousands of people with the breaking news.

A past winner of the Buckley Award, Jordan Bloom, came to November's Editors Conference to share his experiences and mentor current students. Bloom, who won the Collegiate Network award while an editor for the College of William and Mary's *Virginia Informer*, is now associate editor for the *American Conservative*. Looking back on his Collegiate Network days, he told FoxNews.com, "One of the most beneficial parts of the CN experience is the fact that you actually have to run and manage something that's not for

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**"The Collegiate Network is by far the best journalism training program out there for conservative journalists."**

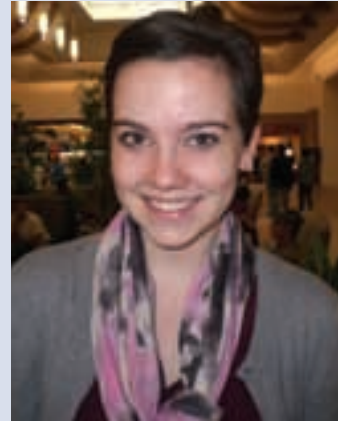
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## Students Making a Difference

# Kelsey Rupp



After an ISI internship at the *Washington Examiner*, University of North Carolina senior Kelsey Rupp has the kind of professional journalism experience that other young writers can only envy. She is putting that experience to good use as editor

in chief of the Collegiate Network-sponsored *Carolina Review*. Under her leadership, the hard-hitting *Review* has challenged the university on issues like gender-neutral housing and academic fraud by student-athletes. Kelsey has added to her portfolio by publishing a powerful piece on big government in the *Daily Caller*.



#### TOP HONORS:

*Editors Catherine Belte and Madeleine Aggeler of the College of William and Mary's Virginia Informer take home ISI's Collegiate Network Publication of the Year Award*



**RISING STARS:** The 2012–13 ISI Collegiate Network Fellows gather to mentor student journalists at the Professional Reporting Course. These talented writers have earned full-year positions with USA Today, the Weekly Standard, The Hill, the Dallas Morning News, and the Raleigh News and Observer.

profit. There’s a lot of creativity available to you, and a lot of responsibility too.” The Editors Conference was a particular highlight, he recalled: “The connections you’re able to make through professionals and other students are great.”

Bloom left his old college paper in good hands: the *Virginia Informer* took home the Collegiate Network’s 2012 Publication of the Year Award for its independent, in-depth reporting.


### Launching Careers

The Editors Conference is just one example of how ISI’s Collegiate Network shapes the next generation of writers and thinkers. The Start the Presses conference, a crash course for students planning to start a publication, is held each spring. “Start the Presses was the most informative thing I have been to in print journalism!” said one student who attended the weekend of seminars run by professional journalists.

The Professional Reporting Course gives two dozen stand-out student journalists a leg up in their preparations for a career in the media. Reporters at *USA Today*, the *Weekly*

*Standard*, the *Daily Caller*, the *Dallas Morning News*, and other publications run writing workshops, offer insider tips on how to thrive in the newsroom, and break down the art of cultivating sources and getting scoops.

ISI also provides grants to independent student newspapers, conducts mentoring visits, and places the most talented young writers in fellowships and internships with prestigious publications. (See sidebars on pages 18 and 19 for updates on some recent fellows and interns.)

It is no surprise, then, that many professional journalists got their start with ISI’s Collegiate Network. Among the many CN alumni working in the media today are *New York Times* columnist Ross Douthat, *Wall Street Journal* Pulitzer Prize winner Joseph Rago, ABC News senior White House correspondent Jonathan Karl, *National Review* editor Rich Lowry, *Weekly Standard* and *Washington Free Beacon* editor Matthew Continetti, and *Washington Post* columnist Marc Thiessen. In a few years, these esteemed writers are sure to be joined by the rising stars of ISI’s student journalism program. 

# EXPANDING ISI's REACH

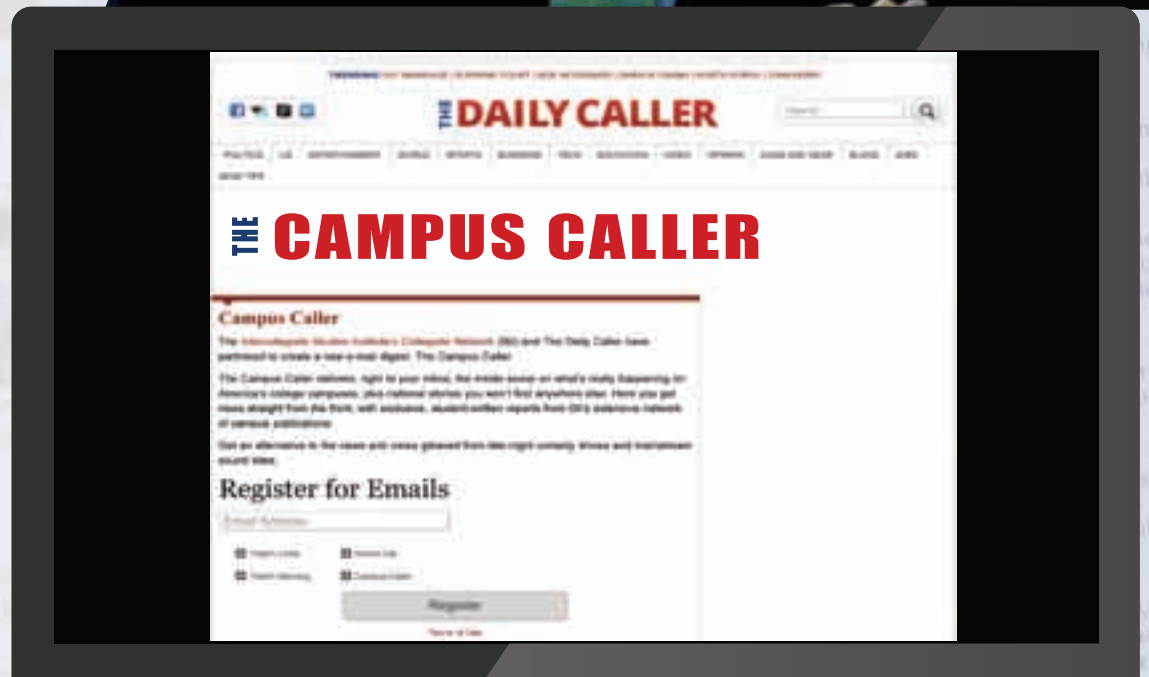
**ISI** is dramatically expanding its reach—and providing a national platform for its student journalists—through an exciting partnership with Tucker Carlson's *Daily Caller*.

"The Campus Caller" is a daily e-mail digest that features breaking news from ISI's nationwide network of student publications along with exclusive national stories from the *Daily Caller*.

In little more than a year, "The Campus Caller" has exploded in popularity. Some forty thousand young people now subscribe—and the numbers continue to soar.

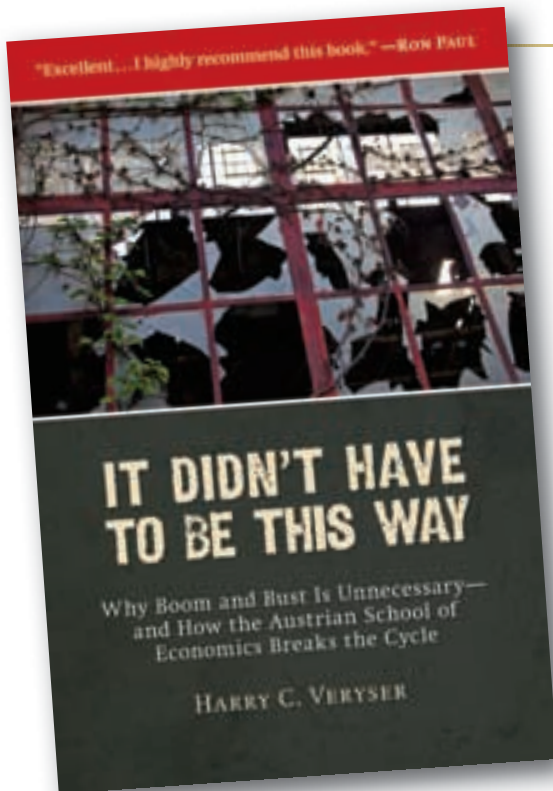
Arriving in students' in-boxes every morning, "The Campus Caller" is introducing ISI to thousands of young people around the country, many of whom are signing up to become ISI members.

To subscribe, just go to [campuscaller.org](http://campuscaller.org).



# FIGHTING FOR FREE MARKETS

A Powerful New ISI Book Teaches the Keys to Prosperity



Harry C. Veryser

With the economy sluggish, joblessness remaining stubbornly high, and the federal debt skyrocketing, young people across the country are anxious about their futures. Many students are desperate to know: What caused the economic crisis? Why has a recovery proved so elusive? And how can we reclaim American prosperity?

Sadly, they're not getting satisfactory answers from professors who endorse an activist government and condemn the "injustice" of free markets. Increasingly, students are turning to ISI.

ISI has developed several new tools to teach students the foundations of America's historic prosperity. The First Principles of Freedom Pack, a special set of concise booklets distributed to campus leaders, is anchored by two classic works of free-market thought: Frédéric Bastiat's *The Law* and F. A. Hayek's *Road to Serfdom*. Two leadership conferences explore free markets and limited government in depth. And ISI Books' Culture of Enterprise series considers the sources of—and threats to—prosperity.

The latest book in the Culture of Enterprise series—economist Harry C. Veryser's *It Didn't Have to Be This Way*—offers exactly the kind of free-market wisdom America needs today.

## A "Breathtaking" Work

Launched in January, Professor Veryser's book is an ideal primer on free markets, sound money, and liberty. *It Didn't Have to Be This Way* presents a powerful alternative to the failed Keynesian orthodoxy: the Austrian School of economics.

Unfortunately, few people understand the Austrian School, despite the prominence of Hayek, Ludwig von Mises, and other Austrian economists. Veryser corrects that problem. In the process he reveals why the boom-and-bust cycle is unnecessary, explains the causes of the recent economic crisis, and identifies the crucial preconditions for a free and prosperous society.






This lively and accessible book showcases the talents that have made Veryser one of the most popular professors at the University of Detroit Mercy. (He has been a mentor to countless ISI students as well; in 2003, in fact, he received ISI's Will Herberg Award for outstanding faculty service.) The book also benefits from Veryser's experience beyond the ivory tower: he is a successful businessman who owned an automotive supply company for many years.

Investor Mark Skousen, reviewing the book in his influential newsletter, called *It Didn't Have to Be This Way* "breathtaking in its scope and depth." He added, "Professor Veryser is at ease whether talking about ancient or modern history, philosophy, economics, literature, politics, law, or religion."

### Spreading the Message

With the support of the Richard E. Fox Charitable Foundation and the John Templeton Foundation, ISI has made *It Didn't Have to Be This Way* a centerpiece of its free-market education. The book has quickly become a favorite of ISI reading groups, and Veryser has spoken at Michigan State, the Citadel, Case Western Reserve University, Northwood University, and the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), among other places. He is a popular radio guest as well, appearing on more than thirty programs in the book's first

month on sale. ISI has also produced a series of short online videos in which Veryser answers crucial questions, including "What Makes Prosperity?" and "Why Do Washington Politicians Get the Economy Wrong?"

With ISI and Professor Veryser actively spreading the message, thousands of future leaders are opening their eyes to this free-market wisdom. 



**"An excellent account of the economic history of the twentieth century . . . I highly recommend this book."**

—**RON PAUL**, former U.S. congressman, bestselling author of *Liberty Defined*



## The **Free-Market Wisdom** We Need Today

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—**Shawn Ritenour**, author of *Foundations of Economics*

"Breathtaking in its scope and depth . . . I learned something new on every page—and you will, too."

—**Mark Skousen**, editor of *Forecasts & Strategies*

# THE PATH TO LEADERSHIP

## The Heritage Foundation's Edwin J. Feulner Reflects on ISI's Influence



Ed Feulner attending an ISI summer school in 1964

**F**or Edwin J. Feulner, as for so many others, the path to leadership began with ISI.

Feulner has made a remarkable impact as president of The Heritage Foundation for the past thirty-six years, a tenure that came to a close with his retirement this April. During that time, he transformed Heritage from a tiny policy shop to the nation's most influential think tank. For his accomplishments, he has won the Presidential Citizens Medal, the Bradley Prize, and ISI's own Charles Hoeflich Lifetime Achievement Award.

Feulner has never forgotten the pivotal role ISI played in his life and career. At Colorado's Regis College in the early 1960s, he encountered an ISI-affiliated professor named Bernard Sheehan, who introduced him to Russell Kirk's *Conservative Mind* and Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn's *Liberty or Equality*. Another mentor, philosophy professor Lawrence Stepelevich, recommended Whittaker Chambers's *Witness*.



Feulner was hooked, and soon his teachers pointed their bright young student to ISI. A lifelong relationship was born. He devoured the pamphlets and journals ISI sent him, signed up for the 1962 ISI summer school in Illinois, and founded an ISI student group at Regis.

The ISI conferences he attended were “game changers,” Feulner recalls. At the 1962 summer school, he met Phil Crane, a dynamic young professor (and future U.S. congressman). At an ISI seminar that December, Feulner was introduced to Richard V. Allen, who had helped establish the Center for Strategic and International Studies (and would later be Ronald Reagan’s national security adviser). Crane and Allen became his friends and mentors—and in a few years they would set him on his career path.

### An ISI Education

After graduating in 1963, Ed Feulner enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. While pursuing his MBA, he received an equally meaningful education at ISI headquarters, then located in Philadelphia. He started to “hang around” the ISI offices, “doing what I could to be helpful,” he says. Feulner helped ISI launch the *Intercollegiate Review*, serving as the journal’s first business manager. Through ISI, he met a fellow Penn graduate student, John F. Lehman Jr., who would become his roommate—and later serve as President Reagan’s secretary of the navy. And in October 1964 Feulner traveled to New York with ISI’s Don Lipsett to meet with economist Milton Friedman and *National Review*’s William F. Buckley Jr. and Frank Meyer. “It was the first time Milton Friedman and Bill Buckley had ever met,” Feulner notes. “The five of us started the Philadelphia Society,” which to this day remains the premier association for intellectuals devoted to the foundations of a free and ordered society.

In 1965 ISI awarded Feulner one of its first Richard M. Weaver Fellowships for graduate study. He set off for the London School of Economics for what he now calls “two of the most memorable terms of my life.” There he attended lectures by such towering figures as economists F. A. Hayek and Peter Bauer and political theorist Kenneth Minogue. It was the education of a lifetime.

### Turning Principles into Policy

While in London, Feulner received a visit from Dick Allen, who told him about the Center for Strategic and International



Feulner leads a seminar at a 1969 ISI summer school

Studies’ new two-year Public Affairs Fellowship. Feulner leapt at the opportunity and by the fellowship’s second year was working for Congressman Melvin Laird. (Laird assigned him a new intern, a bright young Wellesley College student and former “Goldwater Girl” named Hillary Rodham.) Within months Laird had been named secretary of defense, and Feulner, still in his twenties, became a special assistant to the secretary.

Another ISI connection paid off in 1970, when Phil Crane, now a U.S. congressman, chose Feulner as his chief of staff. As Crane established himself as a conservative leader on Capitol Hill, Feulner became executive director of the influential Republican Study Committee.

Turning principles into policy was Ed Feulner’s passion. In 1973 he became a founding trustee of The Heritage Foundation, which was formed to challenge the liberal consensus in Washington. Four years later, his fellow trustees called on him to lead the fledgling think tank.

The turnaround was swift and impressive. Heritage, Feulner determined, would not write academic studies that were far removed from the policy process; this think tank would get results. And it did. In 1981 Heritage’s *Mandate for Leadership* became the Reagan administration’s policy bible.

Feulner is proud of Heritage’s impact. “Forty years ago,” he says, “there was a closed system in Washington for getting ideas into the public policy process.” Under his leadership, Heritage made itself an integral part of the process. From the Reagan Revolution to the Contract with America to welfare

reform, the great policy achievements of the past four decades would not have been possible without Feulner and The Heritage Foundation.

Feulner adds a reminder: “None of it would have happened without ISI, either.” He cites the influence the Institute had on his own journey: “ISI changed my whole life trajectory. It taught me that ideas have a permanent role to play in America’s political course and in the whole life of the American citizenry.”

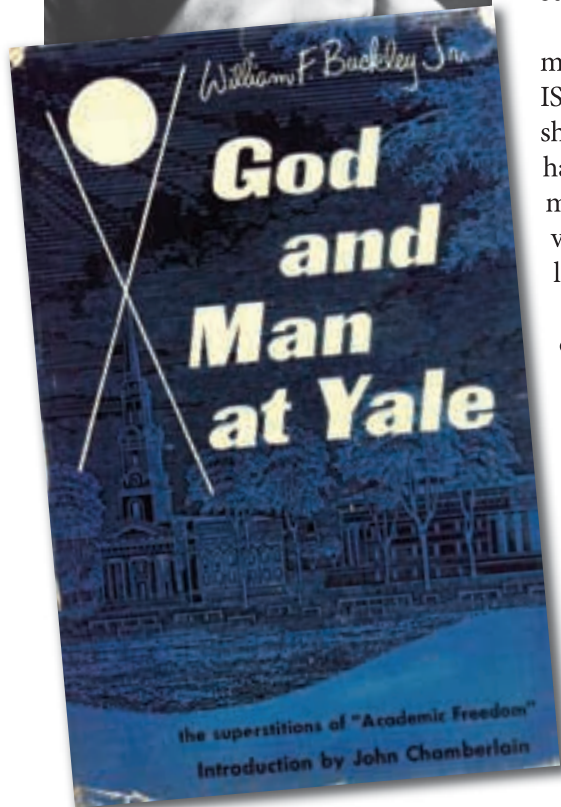
But he goes further. “ISI,” he observes, “is the keeper of the flame, the foundation upon which every other organization in the conservative movement rests.

Those of us involved in the policy process are basically trying to hold our fingers in the dike. But if the dike is ever going to be rebuilt, it has to be done through ideas—through better thinking on the campuses. That’s where ISI comes in. The role ISI plays is absolutely critical to the future of the Republic.”

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# INTRODUCING THE WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR. SOCIETY

*For Our Children's Children*



Sixty years ago a young William F. Buckley Jr. grabbed the attention of the nation with his book *God and Man at Yale*.

At the same time, journalist Frank Chodorov grabbed the attention of philanthropist J. Howard Pew with his article “For Our Children’s Children,” which outlined the program of civic education necessary to prevent America’s future generations from slipping into socialism. Inspired by Chodorov’s vision, Pew sent \$1,000 to get started.

And so ISI was born. Chodorov moved quickly to hire Bill Buckley as ISI’s first president, beginning a partnership that would endure for more than a half century. As an ISI trustee, speaker, mentor, and supporter, Buckley played a vital role in educating America’s future leaders in the principles of liberty.

That commitment paid huge dividends, as Buckley and the rest of the ISI team put people like Heritage Foundation president Ed Feulner, Hillsdale College president Larry Arnn, Supreme Court justice Samuel Alito, and *Weekly Standard* editor William Kristol on career paths that helped direct America’s course. Long before they were national figures, these leaders were ISI graduate fellows and young professors—undiscovered to everyone but ISI and its supporters, who were

playing the long game. Frank Chodorov was right when he wrote “For Our Children’s Children”: we must constantly invest in young leaders to ensure America’s prosperity and freedom for future generations.

With this vision in mind, ISI is excited to announce the **William F. Buckley Jr. Society**. This society is a select group of supporters dedicated to the work that Buckley began in partnership with J. Howard Pew, Fred Kirby, and ISI’s other founding benefactors: inspiring college students to discover, embrace, and advance the principles and virtues that make America free and prosperous.

## **The ISI Experience, Up Close and Personal**

Each year thousands of students cut their intellectual teeth in ISI reading groups, seminars, and leadership conferences. They gain a deeper appreciation for the American and Western tradition of liberty by reading and discussing classic works by the likes of F. A. Hayek, Russell Kirk, Frédéric Bastiat, and Richard Weaver.

Buckley Society members will experience the same atmosphere of intellectual discovery at regional Buckley


Society Roundtable Dinners, at which top ISI students and professors join society members. The roundtables will help members see how ISI advances its mission every day, by sharpening intellects and contributing ideas to timely discussions.

Perhaps the greatest highlight for members will be the annual Buckley Society Leadership Retreat. Limited to the first fifty registrants to ensure an intimate and memorable gathering, the retreat provides an exclusive weekend at which attendees interact with top thought leaders and like-minded ISI supporters.

The inaugural Buckley Society Leadership Retreat (see sidebar below) will be held May 3–5 at the historic du Pont Winterthur estate and ISI’s beautiful F. M. Kirby Campus in Wilmington, Delaware. The final day of the retreat will

center on the Point-to-Point steeplechase races at Winterthur. Society members will enjoy one of the high points of the Brandywine Valley social calendar from ISI’s catered tent right in front of the grass track.

### Inspiring the Next Generation

Sixty years after William F. Buckley Jr. became ISI’s first president, the Institute is proud to carry on the essential work of producing principled leaders. Through the William F. Buckley Jr. Society, a special circle of partners is empowering ISI to reach more young people than ever with the principles of liberty. Following in the footsteps of J. Howard Pew and other visionary early contributors to ISI, Buckley Society members are helping produce leaders in every corner of American life. 

# THE INAUGURAL WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR. SOCIETY LEADERSHIP RETREAT — MAY 3–5, 2013

## Featured Guests

In addition to mingling with top ISI students and scholars, Buckley Society members will meet and interact with former Delaware governor Pete du Pont, the *Wall Street Journal*’s Stephen Moore, and Lee Edwards, author of *William F. Buckley Jr.: The Maker of a Movement*.



Pete du Pont



Stephen Moore



Lee Edwards

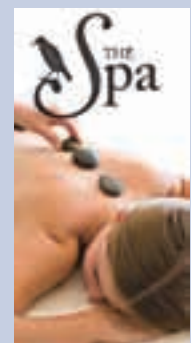


## Historic Winterthur

Created by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family’s life on the estate. Its sixty-acre naturalistic garden is among the country’s best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world.

## Luxury Accommodations

Once a part of Winterthur, the Inn at Montchanin Village is a restored nineteenth-century hamlet nestled near the banks of the Brandywine River. It is a distinctive resort village comprising eleven carefully restored buildings dating from 1799. It features a world-class Darphin spa and five-star gourmet dining.



# CULTIVATING LEADERS

## CHARLES AND ANNE WILLEY



**T**wo of the newest members of ISI's William F. Buckley Jr. Society are Charles and Anne Willey. Married for more than thirty years, the Willeys have raised four children. Anne, a graduate of Washington University Law School, and Charles, who runs the successful medical practice Innovare Health, are important members of the St. Louis community.

Dedicated to limited government, individual liberty, and the other principles on which America was built, the Willeys regularly host discussion forums and other events in St. Louis. At one gathering last fall, they brought in ISI president Chris Long to speak.

The Willeys recently spoke with *The Canon* about ISI's mission and their support for America's up-and-coming leaders.

**Q:** How did you first hear about ISI?

**A:** We have always been concerned about the liberal indoctrination that takes place in universities today. So when we learned about ISI


from a friend, we were thrilled to hear about the important work they are doing to combat this. We have four kids who have been through, or are currently in, college, so we are very interested in helping introduce college students to the conservative principles they wouldn't otherwise be exposed to.

**Q:** What drew you to support ISI's mission?

**A:** ISI focuses on growing the intellectual understanding of conservative thought. You can't really feel conservatism; you have to understand it intellectually. Movements among young people tend to be more emotion driven, and often they really

don't know *why* they believe what they believe.

**Q:** What do you think ISI has to offer to those who are pessimistic about the future of our country?

**A:** Cultivating conservative leaders for the future is critical. Studies that we've read show that college students today are more conservative in their thought compared with the previous generation. Because real problems have to be addressed, these young people are looking for avenues and strategies and historical successes that would help them figure out the answers to some of these problems. 

# MEET NICK REID



*Nick Reid and his family are excited to be part of the ISI team*


If you ask new ISI vice president Nick Reid what drives him, you will get a one-word answer: **“IMPACT.”**

All you have to do is look at the thirty-three-year-old’s résumé to see what he is talking about. Since 2001 he has held a total of seven positions, ranging from director at the nation’s most influential think tank, The Heritage Foundation, to press secretary in the halls of the United States Congress, to candidate for Congress.

“When I was approached to join the ISI team,” Nick says, “it was clear that this was an organization where I could help make a lasting impact on the culture.” An ISI professor had helped set him on his path when he was an undergraduate at Indiana Wesleyan University. But what really convinced him to join ISI was the long list of leaders who have been shaped by the Institute’s core programs since 1953. “All I had to do was ask myself, ‘Where would America be today

without their leadership? And more important, where will America be sixty years from now if we don’t double and triple the number of future leaders ISI is shaping?’”

Since coming on board in July, Nick has been traveling the country to meet with ISI supporters. “It is inspiring to hear the tremendous life stories of ISI’s supporters,” he says. “Their dedication to partnering with ISI to develop the next generation of principled leaders gives me an even greater sense of optimism for the future. It is a privilege to share ISI’s impact with them and help them realize their philanthropic dreams.”

Now settled in Wilmington, Delaware, with his wife, Beth, and their five children, Nick is excited to help ISI produce the next generation of leaders. 

# THE WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR. SOCIETY

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The William F. Buckley Jr. Society is a group of ISI's top investors dedicated to furthering the mission and vision embodied by ISI's first president, William F. Buckley Jr.: to produce principled leaders by inspiring college students to discover, embrace, and advance the principles and virtues that make America free and prosperous.



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Dr. Anne Paolucci with Paolucci/Bagehot Book Award winner Angelo M. Codevilla



This newspaper clip highlights Henry Paolucci's 1964 run for the U.S. Senate


**O**n July 15, 2012, ISI lost a close friend, Dr. Anne Paolucci. A former Fulbright Scholar and the first University Research Professor in the history of St. John's University, Dr. Paolucci was the author of more than twenty books, a poet, a playwright, and the founder and president of the Council on National Literatures. She wrote on Renaissance drama, dramatic theory, Hegelian aesthetics, Spenser, Dante, Machiavelli, Edward Albee, classical and Shakespearean tragedy, and more.

ISI is proud to preserve and advance the considerable scholarly, civic, and cultural achievements of Dr. Paolucci and her husband, Dr. Henry Paolucci, who passed away in 1999. Himself a prolific scholar, Henry Paolucci helped found the New York State Conservative Party and was its candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1964. Anne chronicled this history in her final book, completed weeks before her death—*Henry Paolucci: A Conservative for All Seasons* (ISI Books).

Through the Henry and Anne Paolucci Fund, ISI carries on the Paoluccis' most important projects. Since 2004, the Institute has presented the annual Henry Paolucci / Walter Bagehot Book Award to honor an important book that embodies the spirit, range, and scholarly rigor of the award's namesakes. The winning author receives a cash prize of \$5,000. Past winners include Pauline Maier for *Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution*,

1787–1788; Angelo M. Codevilla for *Advice to War Presidents*; Charles Taylor for *A Secular Age*; and Andrew Roberts for *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples since 1900*. ISI is pleased to announce that henceforth this honor will be known as the Henry and Anne Paolucci Book Award.

ISI will also continue the work of the Council on National Literatures by sponsoring lectures, conferences, and prizes for scholars studying established, emergent, and neglected national literatures. Similarly, ISI will distribute and promote the works of Griffon House Publications and the Walter Bagehot Research Council on National Sovereignty, both established by the Paoluccis.

Henry and Anne Paolucci are missed, but their work endures. ISI is privileged to carry on their legacy. 

# THE LAST WORD

By Matthew Gerken




It is a rough time for the art of rhetoric in America. When politicians speak, we assume that they are pandering to the prejudices of their audience or, worse, attempting to manipulate that audience. Even our much celebrated orator in chief rarely steps to the podium without the comforting crutch of his teleprompter.

When I was an undergraduate at Yale, my fellow conservatives and I fought against this tide by founding a new debating society, the Federalist Party. We started with a small band of only a dozen or so individuals, but we had strength, for nearly all had been trained in intellectual leadership as ISI Honors Fellows. Grounded in the permanent things, we stood firm in our belief that young conservatives not only need to study the best of the Western tradition but also must be able to express its ideals clearly and eloquently in speech.

The Federalist Party held weekly debates on political topics like “Resolved: Defend the Roberts Court” and philosophical questions such as “Resolved: This House Prefers Tolkien to Lewis.” Nervous freshmen were taught to think on their feet and speak with confidence, while older members learned to maintain poise as their speeches were picked apart by impassioned rebuttals. ISI provided valuable mentoring support to the group and stepped in at critical junctures to organize lectures that brought the conservative message to the wider campus. Gradually the group grew, and after two short years our alumni can already be found working on Capitol Hill, providing humanitarian aid in Africa, and serving the Department of Defense in Afghanistan.

For my part, I was lucky enough to join the dedicated ISI team as a regional program officer. Thankful for the leadership skills ISI has given me, I’m now honored to bring my experience in student debate to the ISI program. Although ISI’s principles are unchanging, the Institute is always looking for innovative new ways to help produce the best leaders possible. That is why ISI is organizing an exciting new summer program called Arguing Conservatism, to be held at the University of Louisville’s McConnell Center for Leadership, Scholarship, and Service.

Arguing Conservatism represents a new step in ISI’s leadership development program, one that teaches students the best ideas of Western civilization through the rich experience of being thrust into philosophical debate. ISI is re-creating the debate platform that has been used to train elite thinkers for centuries in the halls of England’s Oxford and Cambridge Unions. The conference will bring together talented young leaders and top scholars and teachers who will help students prepare their presentations and will critique their oratory.

In an age of sophistic sound bites and exhausting PowerPoint presentations, ISI is helping students recover the great art of rhetoric. This leadership training will produce confident public speakers prepared to take a stand for their ideas, whether they go on to work in politics, education, journalism, or business. ISI is convinced that this will mean a brighter future not only for the students themselves but also for the republic. 

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