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# **Reversing the Ideological Capture of Universities and Institutions Symposium**

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

**New College of Florida  
Mildred Sainer Pavilion Auditorium  
5313 Bay Shore Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34243**

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## Agenda

Time	Event
8:00am – 8:30am	<b>Breakfast/Check-in</b>
8:30am – 8:40am	<b>Welcome</b> Richard Corcoran, <i>President, New College of Florida</i>
8:40am – 9:00am	<b>Introduction</b> Scott W. Atlas, MD, <i>Robert Wesson Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University</i>
9:00am – 10:15am	<b>Humanities</b> Brad C.S. Watson, PhD, <i>Moderator, Associate Professor of Government, Van Andel Graduate School of Government, Hillsdale College</i> Joshua T. Katz, PhD, <i>Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute</i> Phillip W. Magness, PhD, <i>David J. Theroux Chair in Political Economy, the Independent Institute</i>
10:15am – 11:30am	<b>Economics and Data-Driven Inquiry</b> Veronique de Rugy, PhD, <i>Moderator, George Gibbs Chair in Political Economy; Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University</i> Peter Arcidiacono, PhD, <i>William Henry Glasson Professor of Economics, Duke University</i> Kevin Corinth, PhD, <i>Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, the Center on Opportunity and Social Mobility, American Enterprise Institute</i>
11:30am – 12:45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45pm – 2:00pm	<b>Science and Public Health</b> Scott W. Atlas, MD, <i>Moderator, Robert Wesson Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University</i> Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, <i>Professor of Health Policy, Stanford University School of Medicine</i> Matthew J. Memoli, MD, MS, <i>infectious disease physician-scientist, Bethesda, Maryland</i>
2:00pm – 3:15pm	<b>Law</b> Ilya Shapiro, JD, <i>Moderator, Senior Fellow and Director of Constitutional Studies, Manhattan Institute</i> Richard A. Epstein, LLB, <i>Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law, New York University; Director of the Classical Liberal Institute</i> Todd J. Zywicki, JD, <i>George Mason University Professor of Law, Antonin Scalia Law School</i> Stanley Fish, PhD, <i>Presidential Scholar in Residence, New College of Florida</i>
3:15pm – 4:30pm	<b>Policies for Reform</b> Todd J. Zywicki, JD, <i>Moderator, George Mason University Professor of Law, Antonin Scalia Law School</i> Scott W. Atlas, MD, <i>Robert Wesson Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University</i> Robert S. Eitel, JD, <i>President and Co-Founder, Defense of Freedom Institute for Policy Studies</i>
4:30pm – 5:00pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Raymond Rodrigues, MPA, <i>Chancellor, State University System of Florida</i> and <b>Special Guest</b>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	<b>Reception</b> <i>Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres</i>



## Speakers



### **Scott W. Atlas, MD, Program Director**

Scott Atlas is the Robert Wesson Senior Fellow in health policy at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. He studies access, quality, and key economic and civil liberties issues related to health policies. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the 2022 Encounter Prize for Advancing American Ideals and the 2021 Freedom Leadership Award, Hillsdale College's highest honor. He has served as senior advisor on health policy to several governors, members of the US Congress, and candidates for President of the United States. From August through November 2020, he served as Special Advisor to the President and on the White House Coronavirus Task Force. He has an MD from University of Chicago School of Medicine.



### **Raymond Rodrigues, MPA, Chancellor, State University System of Florida**

Chancellor Rodrigues is the primary liaison between the Board of Governors, the State Legislature, the Executive Branch, Departments, and Agencies throughout the State of Florida. The State University System has been ranked #1 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report since 2017. Additionally, the Chancellor is CEO of the Board of Governors and provides oversight, guidance, and administration by implementing policies and regulations adopted by the Board, which impacts 12 institutions and more than 430,000 students annually.

Chancellor Rodrigues started his career at a corporate component of General Electric, where he managed their U.S. Import Compliance team. Additionally, Ray Rodrigues then worked for 17 years at Florida Gulf Coast University, where he held positions of Director of Interagency Partnerships, Director of Community Relations, and Business Manager for the College of Arts and Sciences.

In addition to his professional career, Chancellor Rodrigues has an extensive career in public service, where he served as the Florida State Senator for District 27 and four terms in the Florida House of Representatives. Chancellor Rodrigues earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Berry College in Rome, Georgia, and in 2017 earned his Master in Public Administration (MPA) from Florida Gulf Coast University. Ray, his wife Ruth, and son Rhett call Tallahassee home.



### **Peter Arcidiacono, PhD**

Peter Arcidiacono is the William Henry Glasson Professor of Economics at Duke University. Arcidiacono's research primarily focuses on college major choice, affirmative action in higher education, and structural estimation of dynamic discrete choice models. He served as an expert witness for the plaintiffs in the Supreme Court cases SFFA v. Harvard and SFFA v. UNC, examining the role race played in the admissions process at both institutions. He is a fellow of the Econometric Society and the International Association of Applied Econometricians. He is also a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. Arcidiacono received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999 and has taught at Duke University ever since.



### **Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD**

Jay Bhattacharya is a Professor of Medicine at Stanford University. He is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a senior fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, and at the Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute. He holds courtesy appointments as Professor in Economics and in Health Research and Policy. He directs the Stanford Center on the Demography of Health and Aging. Dr. Bhattacharya's research focuses on the economics of health care around the world with a particular emphasis on the health and well-being of vulnerable populations. Dr. Bhattacharya's peer-reviewed research has been published in economics, statistics, legal, medical, public health, and health policy journals. He holds an MD and PhD in economics from Stanford University.



### **Kevin Corinth, PhD**

Kevin Corinth is a senior fellow and the deputy director of the Center on Opportunity and Social Mobility at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he researches economic mobility, poverty, safety net programs, homelessness, social capital, and other issues. Before joining AEI, Dr. Corinth served as the staff director of the Joint Economic Committee in Congress and chief economist in the White House's Council of Economic Advisers. He has also worked as executive director of the Comprehensive Income Dataset Project at the University Chicago. Dr. Corinth has testified before Congress and has been widely published in the popular press, including in the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and the New York Times. He has published academic articles in scholarly journals such as the Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics, and the Journal of Housing Economics. Dr. Corinth has a PhD and an MA in economics from the University of Chicago, and a BA in economics and political science from Boston College.



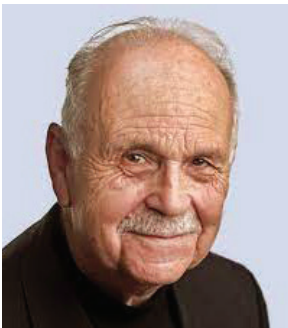
### **Robert S. Eitel, JD**

Bob is the President and Co-founder of the Defense of Freedom Institute for Policy Studies. During the Trump administration, Bob served as a strategic and legal adviser to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, with responsibility for higher education, civil rights, and congressional oversight matters. As the Department's Regulatory Reform Officer, he also supervised the implementation of the Secretary's deregulatory agenda and was an architect of the Secretary's reforms under Title IX and the Higher Education Act. Bob also served in the Department as Deputy General Counsel during the Bush administration. Before and after his government service, he practiced law in New Orleans and Washington, D.C. His writing on education and civil rights matters has been featured in National Review, Washington Examiner, City Journal, and Real Clear Education. Bob earned his A.B. from Georgetown University and his law degree from Tulane University Law School. He is a member of the Louisiana and District of Columbia bars and various federal courts and active member of the Federalist Society for Law and Policy Studies.



### **Richard A. Epstein, LLB**

Richard A. Epstein is the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law, New York University Law School, and a senior lecturer at the University of Chicago. Epstein researches and writes in a broad range of constitutional, economic, historical, and philosophical subjects. He has taught administrative law, antitrust law, communications law, constitutional law, corporation criminal law, employment discrimination law, environmental law, food and drug law, health law, labor law, Roman law, real estate development and finance, and individual and corporate taxation. In 2011, Epstein was a recipient of the Bradley Prize for outstanding achievement. In 2005, the College of William & Mary School of Law awarded him the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize.



### **Stanley Fish, PhD**

Dr. Stanley Fish brings more than 60 years of scholarship with him to New College, where he serves as a Presidential Scholar in Residence. His incredible career has included teaching stops at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and Cal Berkeley. There is a dedicated library archive of his work at the University of California, Irvine. He has held the title of Davidson-Kahn Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law, Florida International University since 2005, and Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Chicago Tribune named Fish was Chicagoan of the Year for Culture in 2003. In the past thirty years, there have been some two hundred articles, books, parts of books, dissertations, review articles, etc., devoted to his work. Fish earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania and his master's and Ph.D. at Yale. Professor Fish has published more than 20 books. His latest is *Law at the Movies*, Oxford 2024.



### **Joshua T. Katz, PhD**

Joshua T. Katz is a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he focuses on higher education, language and culture, the classical tradition, and the humanities in the broadest sense. Before joining AEI, he was the Cotsen Professor in the Humanities and Professor of Classics at Princeton University. A graduate of Yale, Oxford, and Harvard, Katz is widely published in the languages, literatures, and cultures of the ancient, medieval, and modern world. In recent years, he has also been a regular contributor to such publications as *City Journal*, *First Things*, *The New Criterion*, and *Public Discourse*. While he has received many national and international awards for his scholarship and his teaching, he is perhaps proudest of being named a Hero of Intellectual Freedom by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni in 2020 and winning the Jeane Kirkpatrick Prize for Academic Freedom in 2023.



### **Phillip W. Magness, PhD**

Phillip W. Magness is a Senior Fellow at the Independent Institute and the David J. Theroux Chair in Political Economy. He has served as Senior Research Fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research, and as Academic Program Director at the Institute for Humane Studies and Adjunct Professor of Public Policy in the School of Public Policy and Government at George Mason University. He received his Ph.D. from George Mason University's School of Public Policy.



### **Matthew J. Memoli, MD, MS**

Dr. Memoli is an infectious disease specialist and scientist, active for over 20 years. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and he received his master's degree in Microbiology from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. He then received his MD from St George's University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Washington Hospital Center Georgetown University Internal Medicine Program in Washington, DC. After completing an infectious disease fellowship in NIAID at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Memoli developed a clinical/translational research program to study influenza and other respiratory viruses in the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases. He now serves as the Chief of the LID Clinical Studies Unit which performs translational research studies to answer fundamental questions regarding human respiratory viruses and other emerging infections that inform and impact future development of medicine and public health policy. Dr. Memoli is an internationally known expert in influenza and other respiratory viruses as well as human challenge studies. He has won numerous NIAID merit awards and well as NIH Director's awards for his research. He has numerous scientific publications and has a special interest in medical and research ethics.



### **Veronique de Rugy, PhD**

Veronique de Rugy is the George Gibbs Chair in Political Economy and Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and a nationally syndicated columnist. Her primary research interests include the US economy, the federal budget, taxation, tax competition, and cronyism. Her popular weekly columns address economic issues ranging from lessons on creating sustainable economic growth to the implications of government tax and fiscal policies. She has testified numerous times in front of Congress on the effects of fiscal stimulus, debt and deficits, and regulation on the economy. Her charts, articles, and commentary have been featured in a wide range of media outlets, including the Reality Check segment on Bloomberg Television's Street Smart, the New York Times' Room for Debate, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, CNN International, Stossel, 20/20, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, and Fox News. Previously, de Rugy has been a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a policy analyst at the Cato Institute, and a research fellow at the Atlas Economic Research Foundation. Before moving to the United States, she oversaw academic programs in France for the Institute for Humane Studies Europe. She received her MA in economics from the Paris Dauphine University and her PhD in economics from the Panthéon-Sorbonne University.



### Ilya Shapiro, JD

Ilya Shapiro is the director of constitutional studies at the Manhattan Institute. Previously he was executive director of the Georgetown Center for the Constitution, and before that a vice president of the Cato Institute. Shapiro is the author of *Lawless: The Miseducation of America's Elites* (forthcoming 2025) and *Supreme Disorder* (2020), coauthor of *Religious Liberties for Corporations?* (2014), and editor of 11 volumes of the *Cato Supreme Court Review* (2008-18). He has testified many times before Congress and state legislatures and has filed more than 500 amicus curiae briefs in the Supreme Court. He lectures regularly on behalf of the Federalist Society, is a member of the board of fellows of the Jewish Policy Center, and was an inaugural Washington Fellow at the National Review Institute. Earlier in his career, Shapiro was a special assistant/adviser to the Multi-National Force in Iraq on rule-of-law issues and practiced at Patton Boggs and Cleary Gottlieb. Before entering private practice, he clerked for Judge E. Grady Jolly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He holds an AB from Princeton University, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and a JD from the University of Chicago Law School.



### Bradley C. S. Watson, PhD

Bradley C. S. Watson teaches at the Van Andel Graduate School of Government at Hillsdale College in Washington, D.C. He is also president of The Philadelphia Society. Prior to joining Hillsdale, he taught at Saint Vincent College in Pennsylvania, where he was Professor of Politics, holding the Philip M. McKenna Chair in American and Western Political Thought. He directed the college's Center for Political and Economic Thought, a research and public affairs institute dedicated to the scholarly exposition of freedom, Western civilization, and the American experience. He has held visiting faculty appointments at Princeton University and Claremont McKenna College. He has also been W. Glenn Campbell and Rita-Ricardo Campbell National Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford, Visiting Fellow at the James Madison Program at Princeton, and Visiting Scholar at the Social Philosophy and Policy Center. He is a senior scholar of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and a Senior Fellow of the Claremont Institute, and serves on the boards of directors of several organizations, including the National Association of Scholars and The Philadelphia Society. He has authored or edited many books, including, most recently, *Progressivism: The Strange History of a Radical Idea*. He has received fellowships from numerous national and international organizations, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He was educated in Canada, Belgium, and the United States, and holds degrees in economics, law, philosophy, and political science.



### Todd J. Zywicki, JD

Todd J. Zywicki is George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law at George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law, Research Fellow of the Law & Economics Center, and former Executive Director of the GMU Law and Economics Center. During Fall 2023 semester, Professor Zywicki will serve as the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy at the University of Colorado-Boulder Bruce D. Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization. In 2020-21 he served as the Chair of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Taskforce on Federal Consumer Financial Law. In 2021 he was inducted into the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. He served as Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Law & Economics in 2019. From 2003-2004, Professor Zywicki served as the Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission. In 2009, Professor Zywicki was the recipient of the Institute for Humane Studies 2009 Charles G. Koch Outstanding IHS Alum Award. He served as Co-Editor of the *Supreme Court Economic Review* from 2006-2017 and as Editor from 2001-2002. He teaches in the area of Bankruptcy, Contracts, Commercial Law, Law & Economics, and Public Choice and the Law. He has also taught at Vanderbilt University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, Boston College Law School, Mississippi College School of Law, and China University of Political Science and Law.



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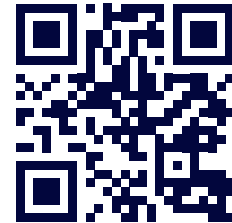
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