**2015 BRADLEY PRIZES**

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**2015 Bradley Prize Nomination** **for**:

Larry Arnn, Ph.D.

President, Hillsdale College

**Submitted by:**

Jim DeMint

President, The Heritage Foundation

The bulk of American academia has suffered under an intellectually bankrupt ruling class for the better part of a century, which makes those who have swum against the current even more notable, and the work they have done to enlighten young minds all the more noble.

Larry Arnn was part of the small group of graduate students who founded Claremont Institute. As president he built the institute into a nationally recognized think tank focused on fostering a deeper understanding of the American Founding and building a community dedicated to preserving constitutional government. Now, as the 12th President of Hillsdale College, he still guides his organization against the current, and continues to lead the education of a new generation using timeless truths to confront timely challenges.

Hillsdale was the first American college to eliminate considerations of race, sex, or creed since its founding in 1844; Arnn has built upon this tradition of academic freedom by staunchly opposing racial preferences and admission quotas. He pioneered the California Civil Rights Initiative, which became law in 1996, prohibiting such considerations for California public institutions, and has defended Hillsdale from similar government intrusion.

Under Arnn’s leadership, Hillsdale’s culture of classical liberal political thought has been carried to an ever-wider audience through the wide publication of *Imprimis* and hosting many influential thinkers and lecturers. For his continuing achievements on behalf of truth in education and an educated public policy, I nominate Larry Arnn for the Bradly Prize.



**Larry P. Arnn** is the twelfth president of Hillsdale College. He received his B.A. in 1974 from Arkansas State University, graduating with the highest distinction. He received his M.A. in Government in 1976 and his Ph.D. in Government in 1985 from the Claremont Graduate School. He also studied in England from 1977 to 1980, first as a research student in International History at the London School of Economics, and then in Modern History at Worcester College, Oxford University. While in England, he also served as director of research for Martin Gilbert, now Sir Martin, of Merton College, Oxford, and the official biographer of Winston Churchill. He returned to the United States in 1980 to become an editor for Public Research, Syndicated, and from 1985-2000 he served as president of the Claremont Institute, an education and research institution based in Southern California. While at Claremont, he was the founding chairman of the California Civil Rights Initiative, which was passed by California voters in 1996 and prohibited racial preferences in state hiring, contracting and admissions.

Dr. Arnn is on the board of directors of The Heritage Foundation, the Henry Salvatori Center of Claremont McKenna College and The Claremont Institute. He served on the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors for two years for which he earned the Department of the Army’s “Outstanding Civilian Service Medal.”

He is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Mont Pelerin Society, the International Churchill Society and the Philanthropy Roundtable. Published widely in national newspapers, magazines and periodicals on issues of public policy, history and political theory, he is the author of *Liberty and Learning: The Evolution of American Education*, published in 2004 by Hillsdale College Press. His newest book, published in February 2012, is *The Founders’ Key: The Divine and Natural Connection between the Declaration and the Constitution and What We Risk by Losing It*. He is also currently writing a book on the statesmanship and constitutionalism of Winston Churchill.

Under Dr. Arnn’s leadership since May of 2000, Hillsdale College’s Center for Constructive Alternatives, Ludwig von Mises Lecture Series and National Leadership Seminars have continued to present leading scholars and public figures to audiences nationwide. *Imprimis*, the College’s national speech digest, has increased its monthly circulation to over 2.5 million. The College has launched the Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, the Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship, and a new Graduate School of Statesmanship. All matriculants at Hillsdale are now signatories to the College Honor Code, which commits them to the pursuit of the moral and intellectual virtues as prescribed by the 1844 founding document of the College. A distinguished visiting fellowship program has been established, through which such teachers have been brought to campus as historian Sir Martin Gilbert, classicist and military historian Victor Davis Hanson, author and columnist Mark Steyn, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. The College is now the publisher of the official biography of Winston Churchill.

Dr. Arnn is a professor of politics and history at Hillsdale. He teaches courses on Aristotle, on Winston Churchill and on the American Constitution. He and his wife, Penelope, have four children, Katy, Henry, Alice and Tony.

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**2015 Bradley Prize Nomination** **for**:

Phillip N. Truluck

Executive Vice President, The Heritage Foundation

**Submitted by:**

Jim DeMint

President, The Heritage Foundation

Forty years ago, Washington think tanks were known for their heavy tomes and dry academic analysis— until The Heritage Foundation initiated a new method: concise, credible research and analysis that arrived before policy debates instead of after them. As director of research and later executive vice president and COO of Heritage, Philip Truluck played a key role in revolutionizing the status quo through “Backgrounders” and “Issue Briefs:” today, every Washington think tank from the Brookings Institution to the Center for American Progress follows the Heritage research model.

Over the course of more than three decades, Phil’s hands-on management has been a critical force in moving The Heritage Foundation from the periphery of the public policy world to its vanguard, and with it, changing the face of public policy debates in Washington and across the nation. But this is not merely a past achievement: Phil’s presence during the recent leadership transition at Heritage has resulted in the resounding success of The Daily Signal, a widely-read conservative news and opinion outlet, and the growing influence of Heritage Action for America, a lobbying arm which translates our policy research into activism in Congress and across the country.

In the space of the last two years, he has helped shape Heritage under new leadership and served to expand its influence both on and off Capitol Hill, guiding the development of our three research institutions and their influential annual indices to measure Economic Freedom, Military Strength, and Culture. There aren’t many others who have served to build institutional conservative fortresses like Phil Truluck, and the whole movement owes him a debt of gratitude.

**Phillip N. Truluck**

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**Employment**

The Heritage Foundation

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (1981 to Present)

Trustee, an elected position, (2001 to Present)

Acting President (Fall 1996)

Director of Research (1977 to 1981)

In his capacity as Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Truluck is responsible for directing the daily operations of this $40 million, 200-employee organization.

US House of Representatives Republican Study Committee

Deputy Director (1974-1977)

Office of Representative Ben Blackburn (R-GA)

Staff Assistant (1972-1974)

Office of Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC)

Special Assistant (1971-1972)

**Education**

University of South Carolina

BS, Business Administration--Finance, 1970

**Honors**

Francis Marion University

Honorary Doctorate, 1992

Francis Marion University has endowed the Phillip N. Truluck Chair in Public Policy in his honor in recognition of his contributions to the development of public policy.

**Presidential Appointments**

President’s Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (Grace Commission)

Executive Committee Member (1982-1983)

White House Fellows Program

Regional Selection Committee Member (1984)

Administrative Conference of the United States

Member (1985-1993)

**Boards**

Center for International Private Enterprise of the National Endowment for Democracy

Member of the Board of Directors (1983-1991; 2003 to present)

Co-Chair of the Grants Review Committee

Chairman of the Board Selection Committee

Capitol Hill Business Improvement District

Member of the Board of Directors (2003 to present)

**Memberships**

The Mont Pelerin Society

The Philadelphia Society

Metropolitan Club

Chevy Chase Country Club

**Publications**

Balancing the Budget: Should the Constitution Be Amended?

Editor (1979)

Private Rights & Public Lands

Editor (1983)

**Personal**

Mr. Truluck is married to Ann Barbara Wrobleski.

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**2015 Bradley Prize Nomination for:**

Ryan T. Anderson Ph.D.

William E. Simon Fellow in Religion and a Free Society, The Heritage Foundation

**Submitted by:**

Jim DeMint

President, The Heritage Foundation

Ryan Anderson is the conservative movement’s leading young intellectual on the moral foundations of a free and virtuous society. He has stepped into the shoes of pioneering thinkers such as Michael Novak, Richard John Neuhaus, and Mary Ann Glendon and is building on the foundation they put in place. Ryan is impressively credentialed, theoretically sophisticated, and policy-oriented.

Ryan is making important contributions to conservative thinking about the institution of marriage and the family, economic freedom and religious liberty, and the unity of economic and social conservatism. He is co-author of a book on marriage that was cited twice by the U.S. Supreme Court. He regularly briefs members of Congress and their staffs, state policy leaders, and attorneys arguing important cases in court. He has lectured on hundreds of college campuses (including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, and Amherst) and stood up for the conservative side in the hostile environments of MSNBC and CNN. He always handles himself with grace, and wit, often in the face of remarkable hostility and incivility.

Ryan is also the founder of *Public Discourse*, the online journal of the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, NJ. Under Ryan’s editorship, this journal has provided leadership for thoughtful analysis of moral issues facing our society. Several former Bradley winners, including Yuval Levin and Robert George, publish at *Public Discourse*.

A Bradley Prize for Ryan is not only timely; it would be a vote of confidence for his future and the future of our movement. It would be a sign that conservatives stand with young intellectuals who bravely step forward to defend our values and vital institutions in fresh and compelling ways.

**Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D.**

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**Work Experience**

**The Heritage Foundation**, *William E. Simon Fellow*  2012 – present

* Research and write on topics related to marriage, religious liberty, and economic freedom, rights and justice, flowing out of my dissertation research, with special projects focused on first principles of free enterprise and political economy, healthcare, and education. Briefed several dozen members of Congress, a couple hundred Congressional staff members, and another hundred Washington leaders on marriage, the Supreme Court, and religious liberty. Presented the case for marriage at several dozen universities and law schools, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, NYU, UVA, and CUA. Media appearances on CNN, MSNBC, FOX, and several dozen radio shows. Continue freelance writing for publications such as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Examiner*, *National Review*, *Weekly Standard*, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public* *Policy*, *First Things*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *New Atlantis*, *Touchstone*, *Books and Culture*, *The City*, *Christianity Today*, and *Human Life Review*. Currently working on religious liberty policy and physician-assisted suicide.

**Public Discourse: Ethics, Law, and the Common Good**, *Editor*  2008 – present

* Edit the online journal of the Witherspoon Institute of Princeton, NJ. Solicit articles, develop authors, and oversee managing and assistant editors. Turn academic prose into something accessible to and desired by a generally educated but non-specialist audience. Topics range from natural law theory to economic theory, from sociology to history, from science to international relations, from constitutional analysis to cultural criticism.

**First Things**, New York, NY, *Assistant Editor*, *Junior Fellow* 2006 – 2008

* Assisted in editorial decisions and the production of the magazine; evaluated manuscripts; oversaw correspondence with authors and the general public; managed website; wrote for both the print journal and website of *First Things* along with other publications. Wrote book reviews of titles by Michael Sandel, John DiIulio, Ronald Green, Russell Korobkin, Christopher Wolfe, Phillip Munoz, Francis Beckwith, and David Tubbs. Recipient of a year-long, $25,000 research grant for work on a series of articles for my project “Reason and Religion in the Public Square.” Resulting articles and reviews appeared in publications such as *First Things*, the *Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, the *New Atlantis*, the *Claremont Review of Books*, *Touchstone*, *Books and Culture*, *Christianity Today*, *The City*, and the *Human Life Review.*

**The Witherspoon Institute**, Princeton, NJ

*Assistant Director of the Program on Bioethics 2006 – 2008*

*Executive Director*  *2005 – 2006*

*Research Assistant* *2004 – 2005*

* Research assistant to Professor Robert P. George of Princeton University and Professor Jean Bethke Elshtain of the University of Chicago. Researched, drafted and edited portions of George’s book, *Embryo Ethics: Justice and Nascent Human Life*, and for the book, *The Meaning of Marriage: Family, State, Market, and Morals*,edited by Elshtain and George. Oversaw the daily operations of the Witherspoon Institute, including five research programs and the work of the fellows; organized conferences, seminars and publications; supervised the work of the interns and research assistants. Produced the publication, *Marriage and the Public Good: Ten Principles*. Collaborated on projects with the Witherspoon Fellows on contemporary bioethical issues.

**The Aquinas Institute**, Princeton, NJ. *Ministry Coordinator* 2004 – 2006

* After graduation, worked part-time for Princeton’s Roman Catholic Chaplaincy teaching several doctrinal and formational classes. Organized liturgical and educational activities, retreats, pilgrimages (recently to Spain and Rome), and fellowship and service opportunities. Coordinated between our chaplain and our student leaders.

**Education**

**University of Notre Dame,** Notre Dame, IN2008 **–** 2015

* Political Science; First Field: Political Theory, Comprehensive Exam January 2011 Pass;

Second Field: American Politics, Comprehensive Exam May 2010 Pass With Distinction.

* Ph.D. January 2015, M.A. January 2011, GPA: 3.98
* Dissertation: “Neither Liberal Nor Libertarian: A Natural Law Account of Social Justice and Economic Rights”

**Princeton University,** Princeton, NJ 2000 – 2004

* *Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*, cumulative GPA: 3.83, departmental GPA: 4.0.

**Fellowships**

* The Earhart Foundation, *Graduate Fellowship* 2011 – 2013
* University of Notre Dame, *Graduate Fellowship* 2008 – 2011
* The Earhart Foundation, *Graduate Fellowship* 2008 – 2009
* The Phillips Foundation, *Journalism Fellowship* 2007 – 2008
* The Claremont Institute, *Publius Fellowship* 2007

**Honors**

* Catholic Citizens of Illinois St. Thomas More Citizenship Award 2014.
* National Organization for Marriage Public Square Leadership Award 2014.
* The Heritage Foundation Drs. W. Glenn and Rita Ricardo Campbell Award for promotion of the Free Society 2014.
* Young Conservatives Coalition William F. Buckley Jr. Award 2013.
* Nominated for the Review of Politics Award for the best paper in normative political theory at the 2009 MPSA National Conference.

**Noted Publications**

* *What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense* Encounter Books (2012), co-authored with Sherif Girgis and Robert P. George. Book cited twice by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito in his dissenting opinion in *U.S.* v. *Windsor*.
* What is Marriage?”  *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* 34.1 (Winter 2011): 245-287, co-authored with Sherif Girgis and Robert P. George.
* “Morality and Legal Purposes,” an amicus brief filed with the 9th Circuit Court on the appeal of *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*. (Fall 2010).
* “Morality and Legal Purposes,” an amicus brief filed with the 1st Circuit Court on the appeal of *Massachusetts v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*. (Winter 2011).
* “Marriage and Public Policy,” an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court, and multiple district and circuit courts, on the rational basis of marriage laws and the consequences of the legal redefinition of marriage. (2012-2014).
* “Marriage: What It Is, Why It Matters, and the Consequences of Redefining it,” The Heritage Foundation, Backgrounder 2775, March 2013.
* “ENDA Threatens Fundamental Civil Liberties,” The Heritage Foundation, Backgrounder 2857, November 2013.
* “Adoption, Foster Care, and Conscience Protection,” The Heritage Foundation Backgrounder, 2869, January 2014, co-authored with Sarah Torre.
* “Marriage, Reason, and Religious Liberty: Much Ado About Sex, Nothing to Do with Race,” The Heritage Foundation, Backgrounder 2894, April 2014.
* “Protecting Religious Liberty in the State Marriage Debate,” The Heritage Foundation, Backgrounder 2891, April 2014, co-authored with Leslie Ford.

**Teaching Experience**

* Tikvah Institute Seminars on Ethics and Public Policy, Summer 2014-present.
* Acton University Seminar on Natural Law and Social Justice, Summer 2014-present.
* Natural Law and Public Affairs Seminar, Witherspoon Institute, Summer 2014-present.
* Alliance Defending Freedom, Blackstone Fellowship and Collegiate Academy, 2013-present.
* Teaching Assistant, Human Rights and Human Wrongs, Prof. Ernesto Verdeja, Spring 2011.
* Teaching Assistant, Constitutional Rights, Prof. Phillip Munoz, Fall 2010.
* Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, Prof. David Campbell, Spring 2010.
* Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Theory, Prof. Dana Villa, Fall 2009.

**Lectures**

* Delivered invited lectures on marriage, on religious liberty, and on social justice at Amherst College, Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria University Law School, Boston College, Brigham Young University (twice), Brigham Young University Law School, BYU-Idaho, Catholic University of America, Chapman University Law School, University of Cincinnati Law School, Colorado Christian University, Columbia University, Criswell College, Davidson College, DeSales University, Dickinson College, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Harvard College, Harvard Law School, Loyola University-Chicago Law School (twice), New York University, New York University Law School (twice), North Dakota State University, Northwestern Law School, Ohio State University Law School, Princeton University, Regent University, Rutgers University, Southeastern University, Stanford University, Stanford University Law School, Union University, University of Arkansas Law School, University of Dallas, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, University of Mary, University of Nebraska Law School, University of Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh Law School, University of Texas-Austin Law School, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University Law School (twice), and Yale University.
* Delivered commencement address at Regent University and Trinity Academy.
* Keynote speaker at St. Louis Right to Life, Cleveland Right to Life, North Dakota Family Council, Illinois Catholic Citizens (recipient of their St. Thomas More Citizenship Award), and Alliance Defending Freedom Academy.
* Lectured in the U.K. and Austria.
* Lectured for the Alliance Defending Freedom, Christian Union, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, the Federalist Society, Manhattan Declaration, and the Values Voters Summit.

**Media**

* Regularly appear on cable news and radio shows, including on CNN, MSNBC, FOX News, CBN, NPR, EWTN, and hundreds of radio shows.
* Writings have appeared in newspapers and magazines such as the*New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Examiner*, *National Review*, *Weekly Standard* and *Christianity Today*. Have also appeared in journals such as *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, *First Things*, *Public Discourse*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *New Atlantis*, *Touchstone*, *Books and Culture*, *The City* and *Human Life Review*.

**Conference Presentations**

* “Natural Law and Private Property,” 2014 University of Notre Dame Annual Ethics and Culture Conference
* “Marriage and the Public Good,” 2013 University of Notre Dame Annual Ethics and Culture Conference
* “Social Justice in the Libertarian, Liberal and Natural Law Traditions,” 2012 University of Notre Dame Annual Ethics and Culture Conference
* “Religious Liberty as Moral Right and as Political-Legal Right,” 2011 MPSA National Conference
* “Rediscovering Cicero’s Natural Law Theory,” 2010 MPSA National Conference
* “Political Pluralism and Public Reason: John Rawls and Robert P. George,” 2009 MPSA National Conference
* “Political Pluralism and Public Reason: John Rawls and Robert P. George,” 2009 University of Notre Dame Political Science Conference
* “Elizabeth Anscombe’s Legacy,” 2009 University of Notre Dame Annual Ethics and Culture Conference

**Seminars**

**Earhart Conference “Religion and the Idea of Liberty”**  2014

* A two-day conference sponsored by the Earhart Foundation on religion and liberty, with presentations by Fr. Robert Sirico (Acton Institute), Prof. Steven Grosby (Clemson University), and Rev. Peter Kurti (Centere for Independent Studies, Sydney, Australia).

**Princeton University Conference: The Political and Legal Theory of John Finnis** 2014

* A two-day conference at Princeton on the thought of John Finnis.

**Notre Dame Symposium: Catholic Social Thought** 2013

* A three-day conference on contemporary issues in Catholic Social Thought.

**Liberty Fund / Acton Institute Conference: The Declaration of Independence** 2013

* A three-day conference on the American Founding.

**Princeton University Conference: Contemporary Natural Law Theory**  2013

* A two-day conference at Princeton on contemporary natural law theory.

**Liberty Fund Conference: Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Social Thought** 2013

* A three-day conference on contemporary Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Society Thought.

**Liberty Fund / Acton Institute Conference: Max Weber** 2012

* A three-day conference on the thought of Max Weber.

**Liberty Fund / Koch Foundation Conference: Economics and Public Policy** 2012

* A three-day conference on economics and public policy.

**Themes in the Philosophy of Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas**  2011

* A week-long seminar at Princeton for graduate students in philosophy exploring the analytic and Thomistic traditions on subjects such as time, causality, substance, God, morality, action, mind and cognition. Faculty included John Haldane (University of St. Andrews), E.J. Lowe (Durham Univerisyt), Anthony O'Hear (University of Buckingham), and Candace Vogler (University of Chicago).

**Intercollegiate Studies Institute Summer Institute**  2011

* A two-week seminar at Princeton for advanced graduate students and junior faculty members doing work on the history of the American Founding and American political theory. Works by Aquinas, Franklin, Hamilton, Hayek, Jefferson, Lincoln, Publius, Roepke, and Tocqueville were discussed. Faculty included Sophia Aquirre, Hadley Arkes, J. Budziszewski Robert P. George, Gary Gregg, Victor Davis Hanson, Alan Charles Kors, Walter McDougall, George Nash, Randall Strahan, Gordon Wood.

**Contemporary Natural Law Consultation**  2010

* A five-day private consultation at Princeton for advanced graduate students and faculty working in the natural law tradition. Topics discussed included intention, practical and theoretical knowledge, dualism, double-effect, and sexual ethics. Faculty included Germain Grisez, John Finnis, Joe Boyle, Robert P. George, Christopher Tollefsen, and Patrick Lee.

**Aesthetics and Morality: Thomistic and Contemporary Philosophical Approaches**  2010

* A week-long seminar at Princeton for graduate students in philosophy exploring the relationship between aesthetics and morality, particularly with respect to the social aspects of human life. Faculty included John Haldane (University of St. Andrews), Thomas Hibbs (Baylor University), Anthony O'Hear (University of Buckingham), and Candace Vogler (University of Chicago).

**Jack Miller Center Summer Institute**  2010

* A two-week seminar for advanced graduate students and junior faculty members doing work on the history of the American Founding and American political theory. Works by Franklin, Hamilton, Hume, Jefferson, Locke, Machiavelli, Montesquieu, and Publis were discussed. Faculty included Joyce Appleby (UCLA), James Ceaser (UVA), John Danford (Loyola Chicago), Ralph Lerner (Chicago), Wilfred McClay (Tennessee), Peter McNamara (Utah), Nathan Tarcov (Chicago) Stuart Warner (Roosevelt), Jean Yarbrough (Bowdoin), Catherine Zuckert (Notre Dame), and Michael Zuckert (Notre Dame).

**Liberty Fund / Acton Conference: Property Rights, Economic Growth and the Environment** 2010

* A three-day conference on classic political texts and recent economic scholarship on the intersection of property, sustainable development and the environment. Works by Aquinas, Locke, Demsetz, Hardin, Ostrom, Norton, Stroup, and Simpson were discussed.

**Liberty Fund / Acton Institute Conference: Limited Government and the Rule of Law** 2009

* A three-day conference on classic texts from the Christian and liberal traditions on limited government and the rule of law. Works by Augustine, Aquinas, Fortescue, Kuyper, Tocqueville, Ropke, Hayek, and Publius were discussed.

**Elizabeth Anscombe: Religion, Philosophy, and Ethics** 2009

* A week-long seminar at Princeton for graduate students in philosophy exploring Anscombe’s philosophy of religion, epistemology, and moral theory. Faculty included John Haldane (St. Andrew’s), Candace Vogler (Chicago), Rob Koons (UT-Austin), John O’Callaghan (Notre Dame).

**Liberty Fund / Acton Institute Conference: Globalization** 2009

* A three-day conference on classic and recent texts relating to capitalism, free trade, and globalization. Works by Smith, Ricardo, List, Bastiat, Wolf, Bhagwati, Novak, Hayek, Muller, Cowen, and Hazlitt were discussed.

**Elizabeth Anscombe: Ethics, Value, and Practice** 2008

* A week-long seminar at Princeton for graduate students in philosophy examining Anscombe’s landmark essay “Modern Moral Philosophy,” virtue ethics, intentionality, reasoning about ends, political and moral authority, and creating and destroying life. Faculty included John Haldane (St. Andrew’s), Candace Vogler (Chicago), Rob Koons, (UT-Austin), David Solomon (Notre Dame).

**The Moral Foundations of Law**  2008

* A week-long seminar for law and graduate students on debates over legal positivism and natural law theory. Texts included *Natural Law and Natural Rights* and *Making Men Moral*. Faculty included John Finnis (Oxford), Robert George (Princeton), and Gerard Bradley (Notre Dame).

**Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions** 2008

* A two-week seminar at Princeton University for graduate students exploring the foundations of political society, Jewish social contract theory, the Bible and politics, Jewish and secular ethics, contemporary debates about the Jewish people, and twentieth-century Jewish thought. Directed by Leora Batnitzky (Princeton) and David Novak (Toronto).

**Teleology and Goodness: Metaphysics, Mind, and Action in the Analytic and Thomistic Traditions** 2007

* A week-long seminar at Princeton University for graduate students in philosophy exploring the nature of and relationship between teleology and goodness as they figure in metaphysics, mind, and action according to Aquinas. The seminar focused on an accurate explication and assessment of Aquinas’ views, with a special interest in how they could engage with contemporary positions on these issues within the tradition of analytic philosophy. Faculty included David Gallagher (Catholic), Gyula Klima (Fordham), Robert Koons (UT Austin), Anselm Mueller (Trier), and David Oderberg (Reading).

**Claremont Institute Publius Fellowship** 2007

* An intensive two-week seminar on American political philosophy, history, and journalism. Topics included the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the *Federalist Papers*, the Lincoln-Douglass debates, the Progressive Era, and the Great Society. Faculty included Edward Erler (CSU-San Bernardino), Harry Jaffa (Claremont), Charles Kessler (Claremont), Thomas Krannawitter (Hillsdale), John Marini (University of Nevada-Reno), Ronald J. Pestritto (Hillsdale), and Thomas West (Dallas).

**Metaphysics, Ethics and Politics in the Analytic and Thomistic Traditions** 2006

* A week-long graduate seminar at Princeton University for graduate students in philosophy examining metaphysics, ethics and politics from the perspectives of Thomas Aquinas, modern analytic philosophy, and modern Analytical Thomism. Faculty included Gabrielle De Anna (Udine/Cambridge), David Gallagher (Catholic), Michael Gorman (Catholic), Mark Murphy (Georgetown), Alexander Pruss (Georgetown), and Nicholas Rescher (Pittsburgh).

**Liberty Fund Conference on Bertrand de Jouvenel** 2006

* A three-day conference on the political and economic thought of the twentieth-century classical liberal Bertrand de Jouvenel. The seminar examined his classic texts *On Power: The Natural History of Its Growth* and *Sovereignty: An Inquiry into the Political Good*.

**Acton University** 2006

* A week-long seminar focusing on the intersection of economics, politics, ethics, and their implications for national and international policies on welfare, education, faith-based initiatives, foreign aid, economic development and globalization.

**First Principles Seminar** 2005

* An intensive two-week seminar at Princeton University sponsored by the Witherspoon Institute on competing versions of natural law philosophy and the political, legal, and moral implications of natural law philosophy for modern society. Faculty included Thomas D’Andrea (Cambridge), Hadley Arkes (Amherst), J. Budziszewski (UT-Austin), Jean Bethke Elshtain (Chicago), Robert George (Princeton), Daniel Robinson (Oxford), Jeanne Heffernan Schindler (Villanova), and Christopher Tollefsen (South Carolina).

**Tertio Millenio Seminar on the Free Society** 2005

* A three-week seminar in Poland examining Catholic Social Thought and its relevance to contemporary issues. Topics included the foundations of political and economic structures, basic human rights and their foundations, the role of religious argument in public policy, theories of government, and ethical foundations for democracy and capitalism. The seminar was led by Professor Russell Hittinger, Richard John Neuhaus, Michael Novak, and George Weigel.

**Towards a Free and Virtuous Society** 2005

* A week-long seminar sponsored by the Acton Institute and led by Dr. Samuel Gregg examining the economic, moral and political foundations of democratic capitalism.

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Tracie Sharp



Tracie Sharp is president of State Policy Network, the capacity building service organization of free market, state-focused public policy think tanks. SPN has over 130 members, including 59 state think tanks representing all 50 states. Ms. Sharp has been an active leader in the state-focused think tank movement since 1988, serving on the SPN board of directors since its founding in 1992 and hired as president in August 1999.

Ms. Sharp is a trustee to the Roe Foundation of Greenville, S.C. She also serves as trustee to the Special Hope Foundation, a family foundation supporting innovative projects to assist the causes of the physically, emotionally, and developmentally disabled.

Prior to assuming leadership of State Policy Network, Ms. Sharp was executive director and one of the founders of Cascade Policy Institute, Oregon's state-focused, market-oriented think tank. During her tenure (1991-1999), Cascade became the leading free market voice in the state, thriving on nationally-recognized public policy research, most notably in the areas of k-12 education reform and social security privatization.

In 1993, Ms. Sharp founded HOPE-Oregon, serving as its first president and on the board of directors until 1999. HOPE-Oregon is a Portland, OR-based private volunteer effort to provide health care education services to low-income families.

Previously, Ms. Sharp worked with Washington State radio commentator and political pundit John Carlson, serving as director of programs at the Washington Institute for Policy Studies in Seattle. During that time she was also active in the Puget Sound Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Ms. Sharp is a graduate of the University of Washington.

**2015 Bradley Prize Nomination** **for**:

Tracie Sharp

President, State Policy Network

**Submitted by:**

Jim DeMint

President, The Heritage Foundation

As the frustration with government grows, so does the demand for change -- and not just in Washington. The states have provided inspiring leadership, effective policy solutions, and a competitive environment of federalism in action. This hopeful turn of events is the work of the state-based think tanks that have been nurtured, mentored, and encouraged along the way by one of the movement’s most entrepreneurial leaders, Tracie Sharp, and most powerful forces in the conservative movement, State Policy Network (SPN)

As soon as she joined SPN as its President in 2000, Tracie focused on building a 50-state powerhouse network of think tanks committed to preserving and strengthening a free society. Because of her own experience in founding two think tanks, Tracie’s approach has always been principled and practical. With each political turn and development on the Left she has helped build capacities in the states to educate, investigate, litigate, and win.

The opportunities provided by SPN to their 65 member think tanks to collaborate across the conservative movement is invaluable. They understand how much is at stake – and how their victories have had a national impact. And the Left does too. As SNP’s victories have mounted, the Left’s rhetoric has become more heated. And as the stakes have grown higher, their tactics have become more desperate: Media smears, threats of government action, and now the creation of their own statewide network. They have tried to roll back the expansion of school choice and labor freedom, the growth economic liberty and strengthening of rule of law, but the SPN network under Tracie’s leadership continues to stand strong.

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**2015 Bradley Prize Nomination** **for**:

Kevin “Seamus” Hasson

Founder, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

and

Alan Sears

President and CEO, Alliance Defending Freedom

**Submitted by:**

Jim DeMint

President, The Heritage Foundation

At a time when our religious liberties are under assault from our own government, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and the Alliance Defending Freedom have been on the front lines for beleaguered Americans time and time again, bringing legal challenges against oppressive dictates and defending our First Amendment rights in courts at every level.

Kevin J. “Seamus” Hasson, Founder and former President of the Becket Fund, prided himself on representing clients “from Anglicans to Zoroastrians;” he did it, too! The Becket Fund has drawn accolades from Popes and Nobel Laureates alike, and Hasson personally argued several notable cases, most recently Newdow v. Carey (2010) preserving the right of teachers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance in schools. The Becket Fund was lauded last year for successfully representing Hobby Lobby against a federal mandate to provide abortifacient drugs.

Alan Sears is the President, CEO, and General Counsel of the Alliance Defending Freedom. Under his leadership, the ADF has developed strategic training programs for hundreds of lawyers nationwide to equip them in defending religious rights, and played a role in dozens of Supreme Court victories. Their network of allied attorneys have successfully defended marriage between a man and a woman on the state level in over 40 cases, as well as businesses forced to comply with resulting draconian restrictions.

The battle Hasson and Sears started in the early 90’s has never been more relevant than today. Since both men and their organizations continue to accomplish such incalculable good for the cause of religious freedom in America, they richly deserve to be co-recipients of the Bradley Prize.



Kevin “Seamus” Hasson, Founder

Education

J.D., Notre Dame Law School, magna cum laude

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B.S., Theology and Economics, Notre Dame

The Becket Fund is the brainchild of its founder, Kevin J. “Seamus” Hasson, who served as its first President from 1993 until his retirement due to Parkinson's, in 2011. Right from the beginning, the Becket Fund successfully represented clients ranging, literally, “from Anglicans to Zoroastrians,” as Hasson likes to say. Along the way, the Becket Fund began to win kudos from a wide array of thinkers, including Pope John Paul II and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel. Some of the notable cases Hasson argued personally include Fraternal Order of Police v. City of Newark (3d. Cir. 1999), Rigdon v. Perry (D.D.C. 1997), and Newdow v. Carey (9th Cir. 2010).

Hasson enjoys broad credibility in the national media and has been quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the Christian Science Monitor, USA Today, and US News and World Report, as well as in regional media from the Los Angeles Times to the Chicago Tribune to the Philadelphia Inquirer. He has appeared on broadcast news programs including the Today Show, Dateline NBC, Fox & Friends, NPR, CNN, and Al-Jazeera.

Hasson is the author of The Right to be Wrong: Ending the Culture War over Religion in America. Among his other publications, Hasson also authored “Religious Liberty and Human Dignity: A Tale of Two Declarations” for the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy and “The Myth: Is There Religious Liberty in America?” in The Spectator.

Prior to his retirement Hasson lectured and debated widely, in venues ranging from Oxford to the Vatican, and from Harvard to Stanford. Hasson holds a law degree, magna cum laude, from Notre Dame Law School, as well as a Master’s in Theology and a Bachelor’s in Economics from the University of Notre Dame. He holds honorary doctorates from The Catholic University of America, Ave Maria University, and his alma mater, Notre Dame. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the J. Reuben Clark Law Society’s International Religious Liberty Award, the Heritage Foundation’s 2012 Salvatori Prize for American Citizenship, the National Honors award from the First Freedom Center, the Cardinal O’Boyle award from the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, and the Becket Fund’s 2012 Canterbury Medal.

Before founding the Becket Fund in 1993, Hasson was an attorney at Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., where he focused on religious liberty litigation. Prior to that, in 1986 and 1987, he served in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice, advising the White House and Cabinet departments on church-state relations and other constitutional and legal issues.

Although retired, Hasson serves on the Becket Fund’s Board of Directors and as President Emeritus. He also serves as a trustee of the University of Dallas.



Alan Sears

*President, CEO, and General Counsel*

Alan Sears serves as president, CEO, and general counsel of Alliance Defending Freedom, an alliance-building legal ministry that advocates for religious freedom to uphold justice and preserve the right of people to freely live out their faith. He leads the strategy, training, funding, and litigation efforts of Alliance Defending Freedom that have resulted in various roles in 40 victories at the U.S. Supreme Court and wins in more than three out of four cases litigated to conclusion. Under his leadership, Alliance Defending Freedom has funded more than 2,600 grants and legal projects for allied lawyers and organizations, and Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys have successfully defended marriage as the union between one man and one woman in over 40 cases nationwide.

Since the launch of Alliance Defending Freedom in 1994, Sears has provided strategic leadership in the training of over 1,700 lawyers through the one-of-a-kind Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Academy, which is designed to equip attorneys to more effectively defend religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and marriage and the family. These attorneys have reported more than $165 million in pro-bono/dedicated time. Sears’ visionary efforts have also resulted in the graduation of more than 1,350 outstanding law students— representing more than 140 law schools—from the unique Blackstone Legal Fellowship program. This in-depth summer internship program helps equip these students to assume leadership positions to shape the future of American law. Today, Alliance Defending Freedom has more than 2,300 allied attorneys.

Sears earned his Juris Doctor from Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. While serving in numerous positions within the government, he worked for the Department of Justice under Attorneys General William French Smith and Edwin Meese III, including service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Section. Sears was also appointed as the director of the Attorney General’s Commission on Pornography and served as associate solicitor with the Department of the Interior under Secretary Donald Hodel. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Sears has continued his education with professional instruction at Stanford University, Harvard Law School, Harvard Business School, and Pepperdine University.

Practicing law for three decades, Sears is a member in good standing with the American, Arizona, California, District of Columbia (inactive), and Kentucky bar associations. He has helped fashion the language for numerous state and federal laws and has testified before committees of the U.S. House and Senate, state legislatures, and many local governments and commissions. Legislators in 20 states have adopted his legislative recommendations. Sears has assisted legislators and law enforcement officials from many countries and has spoken before committees of the British Parliament.

Sears' numerous media appearances include television interviews and features on *The Today Show*, *Nightline*, CNN, Fox News, C-SPAN, *The O’Reilly Factor*, *Oprah*, and *The Lou Dobbs Show*. He has also been a radio guest on various programs, including *The Laura Ingraham Show*, National Public Radio, *The Hugh Hewitt Show* and *The Dennis Prager Radio Show*. Sears has been extensively covered in national print media, including the *Washington Post*, the *Associated Press*, the *Washington Times*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, the *Arizona Republic*, and the *National Catholic Register*. He is a regular opinion contributor to Townhall.com and has co-authored several books, including *The Homosexual Agenda: Exposing the Principal Threat to Religious Freedom Today* (2003) and *The ACLU vs. America* (2005), both with Craig Osten. His most recent books are *In Justice* (2009) and *Trial and Error* (2011).