**2015 Bradley Prizes Nomination for:**

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Nominee’s areas of expertise: Journalism, Conservative Thought, Culture, Economics, Family Values, Human Rights, Law, Tax Reform

**Statement of Nomination:**

In the 20 years since he graduated from Princeton and joined the staff of *National Review*, Ramesh Ponnuru has established himself as one of the most penetratingly intelligent journalists in American politics. A “reformocon” before the term was coined, he has written brilliantly about the most complex and compelling public policy problems in Washington. From taxes and spending to health care, from the interest rate policies of the Fed to the politics of presidential nominations, from the moral principle of the sanctity of life to the practical realities of immigration policy, no journalist working today writes with more reliable good sense about more matters of national concern than Ramesh Ponnuru. He is so highly respected for his versatility, his supple intelligence, and his special interest in the Constitution that the running joke at NRO of “Ponnuru for SCOTUS!” is not really a joke at all.

Now a senior editor at *National Review*, a syndicated columnist at *Bloomberg View*, and a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, Ramesh has also been on the visiting faculty of the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago. He has always represented the best features of the reform impulse in conservatism—a commitment to smarter as well as leaner government; a respect for constitutional forms, the rule of law, and the equal dignity of every human being; and a belief that the welfare of American society rests with the health of the family and of civil society.

**Nominee’s biography is attached as a separate document.**

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