



Students For Liberty Conference

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It is with great pleasure that we would like to invite you to participate in the first ever Students for Liberty Conference (SFLC). Organized by students and for students, the SFLC's mission is to bring undergraduate and graduate students together to learn more about the cause of liberty and how to best promote liberty on college campuses.

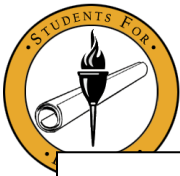
The cause of liberty is often underappreciated on college campuses today. Those students who enter college with a belief in liberty often lose sight of that belief because of the overwhelming presence of alternative ideologies. Many students give up because they believe they are alone. When students with a common belief in liberty do manage to come together, they are left with few resources or networks of support to develop their organization. The problem is significant, but the solution is simple. There is a need for students from around the country to come together to meet others interested in liberty and learn how to promote liberty, taking that experience and knowledge back to each one's college to challenge the mainstream today.

The SFLC will provide that forum for students to not only meet others who support the pursuit of liberty, but to discuss the best methods for promoting that cause at the collegiate level. The conference will take place **February 22-24 at Columbia University** in New York City. Keynote Speakers will be **David Boaz**, Executive Vice President of the Cato Institute, and **Dr. Alan Kors**, Penn Professor and Founder of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

In this letter you will find a description of the conference including registration process, preliminary schedule, and logistical information. If you have any more questions, feel free to visit our new website at www.studentsforliberty.org or email us at sflconference@gmail.com.

Best,

Students for Liberty Conference Executive Board



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Schedule

The conference will primarily consist of four different events. **(1) Speaker series** where students will commonly have the opportunity of choosing between two speakers during each time slot covering issues of liberty in general such as “Privatization” and “Liberty and the Constitution”. This is to allow students to tailor the conference to their interests. **(2) Workshop series** where students will have a choice of three different workshops to attend that specifically address applying liberty to the college setting in some manner such as “Starting a Student Publication” or “How to Improve Recruitment”. **(3) The Liberty Fair**, which is analogous to a career fair, but is designed only for organizations dedicated to advancing liberty. This is your opportunity to find out what organizations exist that are dedicated to promoting liberty, gain their materials and find out about summer internships and job opportunities. **(4) Social events** in the evening to encourage interaction between students and speakers and promote greater discuss about the issues being discussed.

The Conference schedule is listed here (note: schedule may be revised as necessary):

Friday, February 22

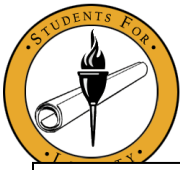
3-5:00pm	Registration
5-6:00	Meet and Greet
6-7:30	Dinner/Opening Ceremonies
7:30-9:00	Opening Keynote Speaker, <i>David Boaz</i>
9-On	Evening Social

Saturday, February 23

8-9:00am	Breakfast
9-9:50	Lecture 1
10-10:50	Workshop 1
11-11:50	Lecture 2
12-2:00pm	Lunch/Free Time
2-2:50	Liberty Fair
3-3:50	Lecture 3
4-4:50	Workshop 2
5-5:50	Lecture 4
6-6:50	Lecture 5
7-8:00	Dinner
8-On	Evening Social

Sunday, February 24

8-9:00am	Breakfast
9-9:50	Workshop 3
10-10:50	Lecture 6
11-11:50	Workshop 4
12-12:50pm	Closing Lunch
1-2:00	Closing Keynote Speaker, <i>Dr. Alan Kors</i>



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Speakers

While additional speakers and workshop leaders will be participating in the Conference, the following speakers have confirmed their attendance at the Conference:

David Boaz, *Cato Institute*

Alan Kors, *University of Pennsylvania/Foundation for Individual Rights in Education*

Greg Lukianoff, *Foundation for Individual Rights in Education*

Jim Lark, *University of Virginia/VA Libertarian Party*

Sheldon Richman, *Foundation for Economic Education*

Mark Smith, *Federalist Society*

Will Thomas, *The Atlas Society*

Jason Talley, *Bureaucrash*

Andrew Langer, *National Federation of Independent Businessmen?*

Tom Palmer, *Cato Institute*

Michelle Muccio, *Acton Institute*

The final list of topics has yet to be set for the conference, but a sample list of lectures and workshops include:

The History of Liberty

In Defense of Globalization

Academic Freedom

The Constitution

Property Rights and Abuses

Objectivism and Liberty

Lockean Philosophy

How to Use Film for Your Cause

Effective Political Activism

Presentation Skills

How to Organize

Starting a Student Publication

Funding Your Organization

Logistics

LOCATION: The Conference will primarily take place at Lerner Hall and Hamilton Building on Columbia's campus.

MEALS: All meals during the conference from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch will be provided by the Conference. If you have any dietary restrictions, be sure to let the Conference know so we can plan accordingly.



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HOUSING: The Conference is unable to provide housing to participants. There are a *very* limited number of emergency housing slots available where participants may be housed by students at Columbia, but these slots will not be given away until January and students requesting emergency housing must explain why this housing is necessary to attend the Conference. We recommend that students attending the Conference stay with a friend in NYC for the duration of the weekend if that is at all possible. If this is not possible, we recommend the following low-cost hostels for the weekend (all within approximately 10 blocks of Columbia):

1. *Hostelling International New York*- Beds start at \$29.00 a night. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.hinewyork.org/>.
2. *Broadway Hotel & Hostels*- For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.broadwayhotelnyc.com/groups.asp>.
3. *Continental Hostel*- Beds start at \$23 a night plus tax (expect at least \$35 a night). For more information, please visit their website at www.nychostels.com.
4. *NYCHostels.com* also provides a good search engine to find places to stay at <http://nychostels.com/>.

Registration

To register for the Conference, please visit our website, www.studentsforliberty.org, and click on the Registration tab. The registration process comes in two steps:

1. Students will fill out an application that includes contact info, background in liberty, and a 4-sentence description of why you want to participate in the conference. (Note: We are interested in making sure both that a diversity of schools attend the conference and that those who represent their schools will be the leaders who take the ideas they learn from the conference and use it to further the cause of liberty in some way. Because we anticipate a high number of applications that exceed our Conference capacity, not every student may be able to attend the Conference, but we will do our best to accommodate as many students as possible.) Students who are accepted to the Conference will be notified via email.
2. Students who are accepted to the Conference will have to pay a minimal registration fee. If you complete your initial application by December 31, 2007, registration is \$20 per student. If you apply on or after January 1, 2008, registration is \$40 per student. Following the Conference theme, all payments should be made through PayPal on our website. (Note: You do not need a PayPal account to use PayPal, only a credit card.)