

Emerging Issues Forum 2016

BUDGETS AND TAXES · ENERGY POLICY · EDUCATION · HEALTH CARE

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August 7, 2016
7:00 – 10:00 pm

OPENING RECEPTION

August 8, 2016
8:00 – 9:30 am

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP
Welcome and opening remarks by John Nothdurft
Gabiella Hoffman, Social Media Strategist

9:30 – 10:30 am

HEALTH CARE
Telemedicine, Certificate of need, and Direct Primary Care
Moderator: Logan Pike
Aaron Dallek, Rep. Mike Ritze, Michael Tanner

This panel will discuss how states can open up competition and reduce the costs of health care, even with the Affordable Care Act in place. Solutions we will discuss include using telemedicine, rolling back certificate of need laws, and embracing direct primary care. The panel will also address Medicaid expansion.

10:30 – 11:30 am

EDUCATION
Innovation in Education and Common Core
Moderator: Lennie Jarratt
Rep. John Anthony, Lindsey Burke, Jonathan Butcher

Education outcomes in America continue to lag globally, the debate over common Core State Standards remains heated, and education choice options such as education savings accounts and charter schools continue to grow. This panel will analyze roadblocks to transforming education as we know it.

11:30 – 11:45 am

BREAK

11:45 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rachel Campos Duffy
The Libre Initiative

1:00 – 1:15 pm

BREAK

1:15 – 2:15 pm

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
Renewable Power Mandates, Hydraulic Fracking, and EPA
Moderator: Bette Grande
Sen. Forrest Knox, Isaac Orr, Kathleen Hartnett White

America has become a leader in energy production despite President Barack Obama's efforts to discourage the use of traditional energy sources such as coal, natural gas, and oil. This panel will discuss the rise of hydraulic fracturing, the demise of renewable power mandates, and other pro-environment, pro-energy, and pro-jobs solutions.

2:15 – 3:15 pm

BUDGET AND TAXES
Pensions, Labor, and Taxes
Moderator: John Nothdurft
Brandon Arnold, Sen. Mark Green, Joseph Henchman

States are seeking ways to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses. Some states have been passing right-to-work laws, pushing tax reform, and reforming their public pension systems, while others have increased taxes and regulations. This panel will discuss which policies are working and which are not.

3:15 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

3:30 pm

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SPEAKERS

Gabriella Hoffman Social Media Strategist



Gabriella Hoffman is a young conservative blogger and political operative. Originally from Southern California, she currently resides in Northern Virginia. She is a graduate of UC-San Diego with a B.A. in political science and minor in history. She has worked for numerous organizations including Media Research Center and Leadership Institute. Her articles regularly appear in Erick Erickson's *The Resurgent*, Townhall.com, and *The Washington Times*. She has been interviewed by FoxNews.com, Marie Claire, and *The Dana Show* on The Blaze, and she is a frequent guest on NRA News' *Cam and Company Show*. She currently boasts 39K followers on Twitter and blogs at thegabriellahoffman.com. Follow her on Twitter @Gabby_Hoffman and on Instagram at @Gabriella_Hoffman.

Isaac Orr Research Fellow The Heartland Institute



Isaac Orr is a research fellow for energy and environment policy at The Heartland Institute. Orr is a speaker, researcher, and writer specializing in hydraulic fracturing, frac sand mining, and agricultural and environmental policy issues. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with studies in political science and geology, winning awards for his undergraduate geology research, before taking a position as an aide in the Wisconsin State Senate, where he served as lead-office writer and a policy advisor on frac sand mining and agricultural issues.

Orr's work on fracking is featured in the *Alternative Energy and Shale Gas Encyclopedia*, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. He has spoken at several frac sand, energy, and mining conference audiences and is featured on a series of eight videos, *Fracking Facts*, released by The Heartland Institute.

Mike Ritze State Representative State of Oklahoma



Mike Ritze was born in Trenton, Missouri. He is an ordained Southern Baptist deacon and Sunday school teacher at Arrow Heights Baptist Church. He is a cancer survivor for more than 37 years. He and his wife have served as medical missionaries to Mexico and Honduras.

Ritze is a physician and surgeon who has delivered more than 2,000 babies. In addition to being a doctor, Ritze is an adjunct professor and served as a U.S. Army Captain in the Medical Corps.

Michael Tanner Senior Fellow Cato Institute



Cato Institute Senior Fellow Michael Tanner heads research into a variety of domestic policies with a particular emphasis on poverty and social welfare policy, health care reform, and Social Security. Tanner is the author of numerous books on public policy, including *Going for Broke: Deficits, Debt, and the Entitlement Crisis*, *Leviathan on the Right: How Big-Government Conservatism Brought Down the Republican Revolution*, *Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It*, *The Poverty of Welfare: Helping Others in Civil Society*, and *A New Deal for Social Security*.

Tanner's writings have appeared in nearly every major American newspaper, including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*. He writes a weekly column for *National Review Online* and is a contributing columnist with the *New York Post*. A prolific writer and frequent guest lecturer, Tanner appears regularly on network and cable news programs.

Kathleen Hartnett White Director of the Armstrong Center for Energy & Environment Texas Public Policy Foundation



Kathleen Hartnett White joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation in January 2008. She is a distinguished senior fellow-in-residence and director of the Armstrong Center for Energy & Environment.

Prior to joining the foundation, White served a six-year term as chairman and commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). With regulatory jurisdiction over air quality, water quality, water rights, utilities, and storage and disposal of waste, TCEQ's staff of 3,000, annual budget of more than \$600 million, and 16 regional offices make it the second largest environmental regulatory agency in the world after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A writer and consultant on environmental laws, free market natural resource policy, private property rights, and ranching history, White received her bachelor's degree *cum laude* and master's degree from Stanford University, where for three years she held the Elizabeth Wheeler Lyman Scholarship for an Outstanding Woman in the Humanities. She was also awarded a Danforth National Fellowship for doctoral work at Princeton University in comparative religion and there won the Jonathan Edwards Award for Academic Excellence. She also studied law under a Foundation Fellowship at Texas Tech University.