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In April, Pulitzer-prize winning syndicated columnist George Will spoke to a group of AFF members in Washington, D.C. He talked about the political class in Washington and how far government has wandered from its constitutional roots. Through citation of Jefferson, Madison, and others, he explained the importance of our republic and gave prescriptions to fix many of the problems facing our nation today. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to learn from one of our nation's most widely read and influential journalists, and he stayed to answer questions from individuals after his formal presentation.

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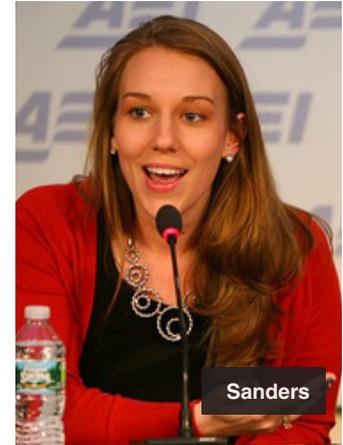
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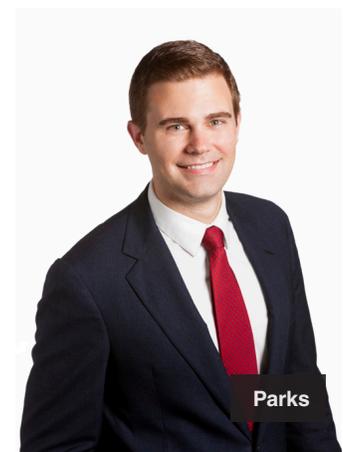
## New Staff Join AFF's Growing Team

AFF is growing and excited to welcome new staff members, bringing the AFF team to 10 full and part-time professionals working to identify and develop young professional leaders for liberty around the country.

**Lori Sanders** is AFF's *Director of Special Events*. She plans and organizes Liberty Circle events and provides support for Leadership Dinners and the Gala in order to cultivate mid-level AFF donors. In her full-time capacity, Lori is outreach director and senior fellow at the R Street Institute. Prior to her work at R Street, she held positions with the American Enterprise Institute and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. A native of Macon, Georgia, Sanders is a graduate of Mercer University.



**Andrew Parks** is AFF's *Program Manager*. He organizes Roundtables, lunches, and happy hour programs in Washington, D.C. In his full time capacity, he is the program coordinator in lectures and seminars at The Heritage Foundation. Before that he worked at The Leadership Institute, the United States Election Assistance Commission, and Congressman Steve King's office. He was born and raised in Palmer, Alaska and studied Political Philosophy at the University of Alaska Anchorage



**Greta Pisarczyk** is AFF's *Director of Student Outreach*. She coordinates student recruitment activities at conferences and events and conducts collaborative events with liberty-minded, student-oriented partner organizations. In her full-time capacity, she is a fundraiser at the Cato Institute. Prior to Cato, she worked with Americans for Prosperity in Michigan. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan.



# “What’s Best for America’s Future?” Debate Series Covers Hot Topics

In partnership with the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation, AFF held the “What’s Best for America’s Future?” Debate Series. The series of four high-level debates at America’s Future Foundation chapters in spring 2014 covered these important issues and helped hundreds of young professionals formulate their views on crucial public policy questions.

AFF Dallas held a debate entitled “What Is the Role of the NSA?” Guests Ladar Levison, founder of Lavabit LLC, and Steven Bucci, director of the Heritage Foundation’s Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign and National Security Policy squared off in the debate.



Seaman

AFF Atlanta held a friendly debate titled “Are Stadium Subsidies Good for the Economy?” on public subsidies to stadiums between economists Dr. Bruce Seaman of Georgia State University and Dr. Victor Matheson of the College of the Holy Cross.



Washington, D.C.

AFF Chicago presented a debate between conservative and libertarian perspectives on immigration reform. More than 80 young professionals heard from the Heritage Foundation’s David Inserra and Henrik Rasmussen of Rasmussen Public Affairs.

AFF Washington, D.C. hosted a debate about Right to Work policy featuring Vincent Vernuccio, director of labor policy at the Mackinac Center in Michigan and David Madland, managing director of economic policy at the Center for American Progress.



Dallas

All four debates can be viewed online at [youtube.com/americasfuturetv](http://youtube.com/americasfuturetv).



David Inserra, Eric Kohn, and Henrik Rasmussen

## Senator Mike Lee Speaks About True Leadership at DC Dinner



Senator Mike Lee

Senator Mike Lee of Utah was the special guest speaker at AFF's summer Leadership Dinner. More than 40 attendees heard advice about leadership and why we believe what we believe. He said "To get by in Washington, it may be enough to know the right people. But to be a true leader you also need to spend time and effort expanding what you know." Senator Lee focused on four specific points: never stop reading, be principled, not doctrinaire, dive into policy details, and be a "happy warrior."

He also offered this advice to AFF leaders: "We don't simply want to replace big government with smaller government. Our policies are merely the means to an end. The real goal—the real alternative to big government—is a dynamic economy and a thriving civil society, made up of close-knit communities, strong families, and heroic citizens. So there's much work to be done outside of government in building this society together."



Senator Lee said true leaders always keep learning



More than 40 young professionals enjoy the Leadership Dinner

## Boston Welcomes AFF with Highly Attended Launch Event



Bill Frezza spoke at the first AFF Boston event

Bill Frezza—venture capitalist, Real Clear Radio Hour host, and Forbes.com contributor—helped kick off AFF’s Boston chapter inaugural event on May 21.

In his talk entitled, “The Inextricable Links Between Freedom, Failure, Risks, Rewards, and Innovation,” Frezza offered insight into how society’s trajectory depends on the ways it treats its innovators. His experience investing in early-stage tech startups for more than 17 years and his dedication to innovation and risk-taking (he holds 7 patents!) made for an interesting perspective.

Bill emphasized that punishing or stifling entrepreneurs and risk-takers by stealing the fruits of their efforts, or crushing them with regulations, drives a society to stasis and decay. But, honoring their successes and making sure they bear the costs of their own failures, leads to progress and growth. He warned that in ever larger sectors of our economy we are turning away from the formula that made America great, and encouraged attendees to fight for economic freedom.

Bill’s positive message was inspiring for more than 40 people attending. AFF Boston looks forward to growing its membership and hosting more exciting speakers and events.

For more information about AFF Boston, contact Christine Goss at [christine@americasfuture.org](mailto:christine@americasfuture.org).

## AFF Jackson Hosts Discussion About Unions in Student Sports

On June 9, the Jackson Chapter of AFF hosted its second event at the Mississippi Braves Stadium in Pearl, Miss. The event, “Balls & Bosses: Unions Take on College Sports,” focused on union activity in the world of college athletics. Local attorney and former National Labor Relations Board nominee Pepper Crutcher (pictured) spoke to the group, providing an overview of recent actions taken by unions to organize private university athletic programs. In March, the NLRB in Chicago allowed Northwestern University student athletes to unionize, creating a precedent for increased unionization among student athletes.



## AFF Gala Hosts 275 Black Tie Guests

More than 275 young professionals gathered at the spectacular Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. for the annual AFF Gala. AFF executive director Roger Custer welcomed attendees, and Tim Carney from the Washington Examiner gave a toast to liberty. Guests enjoyed drinks, hors d'oeuvres, live DJ, silent auction, and networking with rising stars and established professionals. The annual gala is one of the most-anticipated social events for the Liberty Movement.

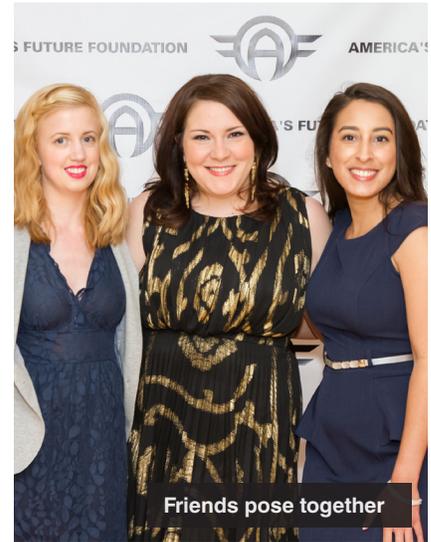
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Attendees enjoy a fun evening



Carney



Friends pose together



More than 275 young professionals attended the 2014 AFF Gala in Washington, D.C.

## AFF Partners with Atlas Network in Chicago to Discuss North Korea



Lartigue, Kohn, and Palmer



Atlas's Alex Chafuen welcomes attendees

America's Future Foundation, the Atlas Network and the Illinois Policy Institute in Chicago joined for a special Atlas Club Briefing and one-day program preceding the Philadelphia Society's 50th annual meeting.

Newspapers gravitate to sensational North Korean stories of crazy dictators, nuclear weapons, and Dennis Rodman. But those who want to truly help the oppressed citizens of North Korea need to look for practical strategies for affecting change. That was the message delivered by Atlas Network Fellow Casey Lartigue.

Lartigue said the best way to affect change is by helping North Korean refugees who have escaped, and who have ways of sending information back into the country. Lartigue and many around the world celebrated North Korea Freedom Week April 27 to May 4.



Attendees network and enjoy liberty-minded company



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Clockwise: Attendees network during an AFF happy hour, Katie Vernuccio and Heather Pfitzenmaier lead the AFF Southeast Michigan chapter, AFF executive director Roger Custer appears on Reason.tv talking about millennials, and Clay Broga speaks about entrepreneurship during an AFF Roundtable.

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