

The Free State Foundation

A Free Market Think Tank.....Because Ideas Matter

Fifth Anniversary Celebration Lunch

**Communications Law and Policy in the Digital Age:
The Next Five Years**



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Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC**

Welcome

I am very pleased to welcome you to the Free State Foundation's Fifth Anniversary Celebration. This is a special milestone for FSF, and I am grateful you are here to share it with us.

I am very proud of what the Free State Foundation has achieved in five short years. By all accounts, FSF is one of the nation's leading think tanks promoting free markets, property rights, and rule of law principles, especially with respect to the communications, Internet, and high-tech sectors. We could not have accomplished all that we have without the dedication of our staff, our adjunct fellows, members of our Board of Academic Advisors, and, of course, our many friends and supporters.

Despite the successes, there is much more work that remains to be done, and it is the nature of our system of government that there always will be. But as I write this, with the ongoing weakness in the nation's economy and jobs picture, there is no doubt in my mind that the free market-oriented policies we advocate are needed now more than ever. This is especially true in the communications, information services, and media sectors where competition has become the norm, not the exception.

So, here at FSF we look forward eagerly to the next five years. We know that every day won't bring victories. But we know – and this is most important – that with your support we will continue to have many successes, influencing public policy in a way that is good for the country and America's consumers.

Thanks again for sharing our anniversary – and for your friendship.

Randy



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Agenda

Welcome

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Randolph J. May

President, Free State Foundation

Opening Keynote Addresses

11:10 a.m. – 12 Noon

Senator Jim DeMint

Ranking Member, Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet

Congressman Marsha Blackburn

Vice-Chair, House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

Luncheon and Program

12 Noon – 2 p.m.

Communications Law and Policy in the Digital Age: The Next Five Years

Moderator:

Randolph May

President, Free State Foundation

Members of the Free State Foundation's Distinguished Board of Academic Advisors

Michelle Connolly

Duke University – Spectrum Policy

Ellen Goodman

Rutgers School of Law - Camden – Public Media

Daniel Lyons

Boston College Law School – USF Reform

Steven Wildman

Michigan State University – Media Policy

Christopher Yoo

University of Pennsylvania Law School – Internet Regulatory Policy

Closing Keynote Address

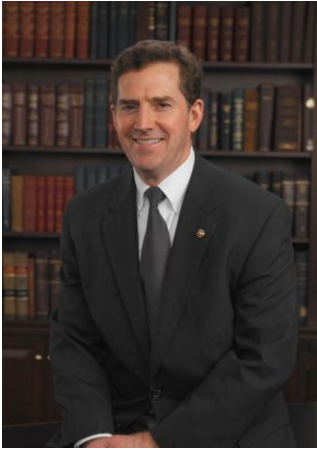
Congressman Cliff Stearns

*Chairman, House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and
Investigations*

Speaker Biographies

Senator Jim DeMint

Ranking Member, Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet



Jim DeMint was elected as South Carolina's 55th Senator in 2004. He is currently Ranking Member of the Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. This Subcommittee has jurisdiction over legislation, Congressional action, and other matters relating to communications, and is responsible for oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), and the National Telecommunications and Information Association (NTIA) at the Department of Commerce, which is the administration primarily responsible for the management of government spectrum and advising the President on telecommunications policy. In November 2010, Sen. Jim DeMint was renamed the chairman of the Senate Steering Committee, which is comprised of the majority of Republican senators and works to advance conservative legislation. He also serves on the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Foreign Relations Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee. Prior to becoming a U.S. Senator, Sen. DeMint owned a market research company. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee and an M.B.A. from Clemson University.

Congressman Marsha Blackburn

Vice-Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

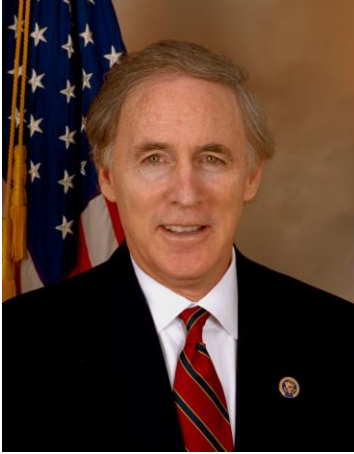


Marsha Blackburn began her elected service career in 1998 as a Tennessee State Senator. She was elected to represent Tennessee's 7th Congressional District in 2002, quickly becoming a leading voice advocating for a small, efficient federal government that is accountable to its citizens. She has been named a Taxpayer Hero by Americans for Tax Reform each year she has served in Congress. She has served on the majority and minority whip teams since her election in 2002.

Rep. Blackburn has earned a special reputation as a bi-partisan leader and policy expert on telecommunications issues and intellectual property rights. She serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over health care, energy regulation, and telecommunications issues, and is vice-chair of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade (CMT). As CMT vice-chair, she also sits on the Subcommittee on Oversight. Rep. Blackburn serves on two other critical Energy and Commerce Subcommittees: Health and Communications and Technology. She is a graduate of Mississippi State University.

Congressman Cliff Stearns

Chairman, House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations



Cliff Stearns (R-FL) was elected in 1988 to the U.S. House of Representatives, his only elected office. For the 112th Congress, Rep. Stearns is the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee in the Energy and Commerce Committee. In addition, he serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade. In the previous Congress, Rep. Stearns was the Republican Leader on the Communications, Technology and the Internet Subcommittee (formerly the Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee). He was a leader in opposing Internet regulation (net neutrality). From 2001 until 2007, Rep. Stearns was Chairman of the Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Subcommittee. He is a member of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee in the Energy & Commerce Committee and a member of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus. Rep. Stearns attended George Washington University, graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Following graduation, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force as an aerospace engineer in satellite reconnaissance during the Vietnam War.

Randolph J. May

President

The Free State Foundation

Randolph J. May is President of The Free State Foundation, an independent, non-profit free market-oriented think tank. Before entering the think tank world, Mr. May practiced communications, administrative, and regulatory law as a partner at major national law firms. He previously served as Associate General Counsel at the FCC. Mr. May has held numerous leadership positions in bar associations, including serving as Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice and a member of the ABA's House of Delegates. He has published more than one hundred and fifty articles and essays on communications, administrative and constitutional law topics. He is the editor of the book, *New Directions in Communications Policy*, and is the co-editor of two other books, *Net Neutrality or Net Neutering: Should Broadband Internet Services Be Regulated?* and *Communications Deregulation and FCC Reform*. Mr. May is an adjunct professor of law at George Mason University School of Law. He received his law degree from Duke Law School.

Members of FSF's Board of Academic Advisors

Michelle P. Connolly

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Michelle P. Connolly is Associate Professor of the Practice within the Economics Department at Duke University. She was the Economics Director of Duke in New York: Financial Markets and Institutions Program for 2007-2009. She has also served as Chief Economist of the Federal Communications Commission (2008-2009), Director of EcoTeach, and Economist for the International Research Function for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Professor Connolly's research and teaching focus specifically on international trade, telecommunications policy, media policy, growth, and development. Professor Connolly has published and presented her ideas extensively. Her articles and papers have appeared in numerous scholarly journals. Professor Connolly graduated summa cum laude from Yale University, and went on to earn her M.A. and M.Phil, and Ph.D. in economics.

Ellen Goodman

Professor, Rutgers School of Law - Camden

Ellen Goodman specializes in information policy law at Rutgers School of Law - Camden. Her research interests include media policy, spectrum policy, the use of information as a policy tool, advertising law, and the informational aspects of sustainability policy. She is an animal law expert and pioneered the teaching of animal law at the law school. Professor Goodman is currently serving as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the FCC's Future of Media Project and as a Ford Foundation grantee, working on a project developing new policy principles for public media in a networked age. She is also a Research Fellow at American University's Center for Social Media. Prior to joining the Rutgers faculty in 2003, Professor Goodman was a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Covington & Burling LLP and served as Of Counsel with the firm until 2009. Professor Goodman clerked for Judge Norma L. Shapiro on the U.S. Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, after graduating from Harvard Law School and Harvard College.

Daniel Lyons

Assistant Professor, Boston College Law School

Daniel Lyons is an assistant professor at Boston College Law School. He specializes in the areas of property, telecommunications and administrative law. Before joining the faculty, Professor Lyons practiced energy, telecommunications, and administrative law at the firm of Munger, Tolles and Olson in Los Angeles. He also clerked for the Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Lyons has participated in rulemaking proceedings before both the Federal Communications Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission and has represented clients in federal and state litigation involving numerous regulatory issues. He has also spoken at workshops nationwide on the effects of technology convergence on telecommunications regulation. He received his A.B. from Harvard College and J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Steven Wildman

James H. Quello Chair of Telecommunication Studies, Michigan State University

Steve Wildman is the James H. Quello Chair of Telecommunication Studies at Michigan State University. He is the co-author or co-editor of five books, including *Video Economics and Making Universal Service Policy*, and numerous articles on economics and policy for communication industries. His prior professional positions include Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Director of the Program in Telecommunications Science, Management & Policy, Northwestern University, Assistant Professor of Economics, UCLA, and Senior Economist, Economists Incorporated. Professor Wildman's research interests include economics and policy for mass media industries, institutional underpinnings of law and regulation for communication industries, universal service policy, and formal models of communication processes. He received his B.A. in Economics from Wabash College, and Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from Stanford University.

Christopher S. Yoo

John H. Chestnut Professor of Law, Communication and Computer & Information Science; Director, Center for Technology, Innovation, and Competition, University of Pennsylvania

Christopher Yoo is the John H. Chestnut Professor of Law, and Professor of Computer & Information Science, at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Professor of Communication at the Annenberg School for Communication. He is the Founding Director of the Law School's Center for Technology, Innovation, and Competition. His research focuses on exploring how the principles of network engineering and the economics of imperfect competition can provide insights into the regulation of the Internet and other forms of electronic communications. He is also pursuing research on copyright theory as well as the history of presidential power. Professor Yoo has written prolifically and testified before Congress and federal agencies on communications law, government regulation, and intellectual property. Professor Yoo clerked for Judge A. Raymond Randolph of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States. He earned his A.B. from Harvard, M.B.A. from UCLA, and J.D. from Northwestern University.



About the Free State Foundation

The Free State Foundation is a nonpartisan Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt research and educational institution located in Rockville, Maryland. Its purpose is to promote understanding of free market, limited government, and rule of law principles.

Thank you for joining us today and we look forward to seeing you at future FSF events.

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