

Dear Colleagues:

It is tremendously important that our undergraduate students have at their disposal accurate information concerning graduate schools. Specifically, whether or not a given school has on its faculty scholars sympathetic to the free enterprise, limited government philosophy.

I am also circulating another letter, attempting to do for economics, what I am trying to do here for law, history, sociology and political science.

The major concern is the libertarian status of a faculty member. I define this term very broadly, taking a “big tent” approach to this issue. Anyone sympathetic to free markets, to the Constitution, private property rights, etc., will do just fine. However, the people I am interested in listing must, absolutely must, be involved in graduate Ph.D. (or law) granting institutions. As I’m sure you can appreciate, undergraduate teaching is irrelevant to my present concerns.

So, please, give me the names, addresses, affiliations of faculty so defined. If you know of their sub specialties, that would be great, too. If you know merely of a name, with no other information, that would also be helpful. In some cases, below, I so far have only a name; more info would certainly be appreciated.

My list is in alphabetical order, by school. It is very incomplete, and there are undoubtedly errors in it. I am looking for corrections, additions, etc. Don’t get angry at me if you are unjustly not included. The reason for this is that I simply have not been given this information. Please, instead, give it to me. This is a work in process, no more.

Dear Free Market Oriented Undergraduate Students Contemplating Graduate Study in Law, History, Sociology and Political Science:

I advise you to apply to at least several graduate schools, and go to the one with the highest prestige that accepts you. On the other hand, if it is a tie between two or more places in terms of prestige, money offered you, and whatever else is of importance to you (e.g., geographical considerations), you might find the list below of help. It attempts to list universities with faculty members who are sympathetic to the free enterprise, private property, limited government or libertarian philosophy. Yes, your education should include input from all perspectives, but, in my opinion, the libertarian view is under represented in graduate school, and it is nice to find a kindred spirit on the faculty, so this list may be of great help to you.

Best regards,

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Comment from a contributor to this compilation: For students interested in practicing law, that is, for career-bound students, the state public law school of the state in which they want to practice law is ALWAYS the best choice. For intellectually-minded students -- that is, those who want to study the history or philosophy of law or law as policy science, et cetera -- the only 3 games in town are Chicago, Yale, and George Mason law schools.

3. Philosophy:

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Specializations: Pascal, Montaigne, nature of philosophy, pre- and anti- Enlightenment; philosophical anthropology.

<http://www.emory.edu/PHILOSOPHY/faculty/hartle.htm>

University of Oklahoma

Neera Badhwar, University of Oklahoma, neo-Aristotelian ethics, virtue ethics, war and terrorism

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Jerry Gaus, Tulane, moral and political philosophy, 19th century political philosophy (theories of public reason and justification, deontology, interface of ethics and epistemology)

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Lester Hunt, Wisconsin (Madison), moral and political philosophy, especially virtue ethics, Nietzsche

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Alan Gotthelf, Rand

4. Political Science:

Dennis Coyle, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Specialization American Government, political theory

5. Sociology:

Doug Heckathorn

Stanislav Andreski

6. Miscellaneous

In addition, there is a graduate school in Argentina that features numerous free market oriented scholars, and offers the following degrees:

Master in Corporate Law

PhD in Economic and Social History

PhD in Management

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