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ACADEMIC  
PRESENTATIONS

Bridwell Institute Economic Freedom Research Colloquium, 2021-2023  
Association for Private Enter. Educ., 2011-2012, 2014-2016, 2018-2019, 2023  
Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes, NYU, 2021  
Institute for Humane Studies, 2019  
Mont Pelerin Society, 2016, 2019  
Southern Economic Association, 2015-2018  
Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, 2018  
Economic Freedom of North American Network, 2018  
Public Choice Society, 2016, 2018  
George Mason University Public Choice Seminar, 2018  
Creighton University BEEP Seminar Series, 2017  
George Mason University PPE Workshop, 2017  
American Institute for Economic Research, 2017  
Free Market Institute, Texas Tech University, 2016  
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John Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2015  
Economic Freedom of the World Network, 2014, 2015  
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NON-ACADEMIC  
PRESENTATIONS

Bastiat Society, 2021  
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