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Cato Is Expanding

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Several accomplished scholars and analysts have joined the Cato Institute’s policy staff recently. **Jeb Hensarling**, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 16 years and chaired both the House Republican Conference and the House Financial Services Committee, has been named economics fellow. He will be writing and speaking on economic policy and advising Cato staff on strategy.

Anastasia Boden has been named director of the Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies. She joins Cato from the Pacific Legal Foundation, where she was a senior attorney and led the equality and opportunity program. She got her law degree at Georgetown University, where she was a research assistant to Professor Randy Barnett, a Cato senior fellow. After law school she was both an intern and a legal associate at Cato.

Also at the Levy Center, **Ilya Somin**, professor of law at George Mason University and a longtime Cato adjunct scholar, is now the B. Kenneth Simon Chair in Constitutional Studies. He’s the second occupant of the chair, after Roger Pilon, who held it from its inception in 1998. Somin is the author of several books, including *Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government Is Smarter*, and writes frequently both for law journals and the Volokh Conspiracy blog.

Joshua Shiffrin, a professor at the University of Maryland, has been named a nonresident senior fellow of the Cato Institute. Shiffrin has published extensively on international security policy, U.S.-Chinese relations, NATO enlargement, U.S.-Russian relations, and nuclear policy and is the author of *Rising Titans, Falling Giants: How Great Powers Exploit Power Shifts*.

Marc Joffe has joined Cato as a federalism and state policy analyst. After a long career in the financial industry, including a senior director role at Moody’s Analytics, he transitioned to policy research, having most recently worked at the Reason Foundation. Joffe’s research focuses on government finance and state policy issues.

Chad Davis joined Cato in November as vice president for government affairs. He spent 12 years working as a staff member in the House and Senate. More recently he handled legislation, external affairs, and communications at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and other financial agencies. ■



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Cato News Notes

MACKEY JOINS BOARD



John Mackey, the visionary entrepreneur who cofounded Whole Foods Market and led the company as its CEO over 44 years of persistent

growth, has been elected to the Cato Institute’s Board of Directors. He retired from Whole Foods in 2022.

Under his leadership, Whole Foods was named Number One Most Admired Food and Drug Store Company in the World, and Mackey himself received numerous “CEO of the Year” accolades.

Mackey has often been an outspoken defender of freedom and capitalism. His books include *Conscious Capitalism: Liberating the Heroic Spirit of Business*, and he created controversy more than once with his criticisms of Obamacare.

CATO’S IMMIGRATION WORK CONTINUES TO MAKE AN IMPACT

In conversation with Governor Greg Abbott on CNN’s *The Lead with Jake Tapper*, Tapper cited “an interesting study from the libertarian think tank the Cato Institute, which said Trump’s policies drove migrants to cross illegally and hide, and get away, as opposed to crossing and seeking asylum.” Tapper then showed an image of a 2021 blog post by Cato’s David Bier and quoted the piece: “Border Patrol recorded 41 percent more successful illegal entries in fiscal year 2019 than in 2016.” Bier is widely regarded as a leading expert on immigration, and recently participated in a *Wall Street Journal* debate on whether the United States should expand the H-1B visa program.