

## **Berryville University Student Group to Host Free Speech Expert**

**BERRYVILLE, Utah, January 27, 2012** — Too often, college campuses betray their mission to be bastions of free speech and free thought. On college campuses across the country schools maintain unconstitutional and illiberal policies. To make ensure that their college remains vigilant against these threats, the Berryville Progressive Student Union has decided to sponsor a lecture by the president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, or FIRE, a prominent first amendment group.

FIRE is a non-profit educational foundation based in Philadelphia, PA. It was founded in 1999 by Alan Charles Kors, a professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvey A. Silverglate, an attorney in Boston. They created FIRE after co-authoring *The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on America's Campuses* in 1998 and subsequently receiving hundreds of pleas for help from victims of illiberal policies, double standards, intolerable violations of their rights, and intrusions upon private consciences on college campuses. FIRE's mission is to defend and sustain individual rights at America's increasingly repressive and partisan colleges and universities.

The Berryville Progressive Student Union will host Greg Lukianoff, FIRE's president, on Thursday, March 13. A graduate of American University and Stanford Law School, Lukianoff has been with FIRE since 2001. He has published articles in the *LA Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Stanford Technology Law Review*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Fraternal Law*, *Inside Higher Ed*, the *New York Post*, and numerous other publications. He is a blogger for the *Huffington Post* and served as a regular columnist for the *Daily Journal* of Los Angeles and San Francisco. Lukianoff is a frequent guest on local and national syndicated radio programs, has represented FIRE on national television shows—including *CBS Evening News*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Glenn Beck*, *The Abrams Report*, *Hannity and Colmes*, and *Buchanan and Press*—and has testified before the U.S. Senate about free speech issues on America's campuses.

The lecture, entitled, “Liberty in Peril: The State of Freedom on Campus” will start at 7PM in the Shirker Auditorium in the Berryville Fine Arts Building. A question and answer period and a short reception will follow the event. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Berryville Progressive Student Union is a student group at Berryville University committed to advocating progressive issues on campus. The group, founded in 2002, produces a monthly magazine, *The Pulse*, which provides relevant student opinion on campus and national issues from a progressive perspective. The group also sponsors thought-provoking lectures each semester to spark discussion and debate on campus.

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