

# Areas of my Expertise and Scholarly Activity

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## Summary

I have expertise in the following areas:

### I. Website Design and the display of Digital Texts:

1. the design of a sophisticated, award-winning academic website for the storage, manipulation, and distribution of complex texts
2. the design of search and citation tools to assist scholars in making use of the online texts in their research
3. the creation of metadata to organise the online material and to show the interconnections between the texts and authors
4. the creation of educational resources to assist teachers and students in understanding the texts

### II. The Great Books of Liberty:

1. the organisation and presentation of texts which are part of the “great books”, in particular the subset of these which are known as “the great books of liberty”
2. the creation of teaching and study guides in order to help readers understand the texts
3. the creation of a forum for academic experts in the great books to discuss these texts and make this discussion available to professors and students in multiple formats

### III. The History of the Classical Liberal Tradition

I am an active researcher in several fields, including

1. the history of the classical liberal tradition with a focus on the 17th century English Levellers, 19th century French political economy, and American radical individualists
2. the history of economic thought
3. classical liberal class analysis
4. the politics of art and film

This research has produced the following:

1. several collections of the works of unjustly neglected political and economic thinkers, including Frédéric Bastiat, Gustave de Molinari, James Mill, Lysander Spooner, Thomas Gordon, and a multi-volume collection of 17th century Leveller tracts
2. the publication of articles and books on French political economy, the classical liberal theory of class analysis, and French political thought
3. the presentation of papers at academic conferences on film theory, French political economy, French political thought, the Great Books, classical liberalism, art and politics, economics and literature, and the relationship between ideas and political change. I have presented papers at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, the Ostrom Workshop at Indiana University, the Southern Economic Association, the American Philosophical Society, and the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia.

#### IV. Public Lectures and Talks

I have given many talks and lectures to students, faculty, and interested members of the public about the history of ideas and the classical liberal tradition. I have spoken to groups such as

- several Bastiat Societies across the U.S.,
- the Cato Institute,
- the Foundation for Economic Education,
- the Ludwig von Mises Institute,
- the Institute for Humane Studies,
- the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom at the University of Arizona,
- the Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University,
- the Association of Private Enterprise Education, and
- the Philadelphia Society, in the U.S.;
- the Institute of Economics Affairs, in London;
- the Institute for Liberal Studies, in Canada; and
- the Centre for Independent Studies and
- the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation in Australia.

Two notable public lectures I have given were

- The David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture at the Department of Economics, San Jose State University; and
- The Henry Hazlitt Memorial Lecture at the Austrian Economics Research Conference, the Mises Institute, Auburn Alabama.

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# I. Website Design and Digital Texts

## Website Design

Concerning website design, I planned, designed, and built the OLL website from its inception in 2001. From the beginning, the OLL website was designed to be a sophisticated library of classic texts about liberty to serve the following goals:

1. To house the largest collection of pro-liberty texts in the world in one easily accessible place
2. To code these classic texts into an archival electronic format (XML) which would enable them to be converted into different formats as time and future technology might dictate. The texts are coded using a university library standard DTD, the TEI P4 of the TEI Consortium (Text Encoding Initiative) <<http://www.tei-c.org>>
3. To provide scholars with an easy way to cite the online texts in their research papers with a choice of using the three main scholarly formats (MLA, APA, Turabian)
4. To distribute these texts free of charge to anyone, anywhere, in a variety of formats
5. To provide guides to assist people in reading these texts for themselves
6. To show the interconnections between the authors and texts which make up the long and diverse tradition of liberty
7. To encourage teachers to use these texts and guides in their own teaching

These innovative features have made the OLL an award winning academic website which has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library of Congress, The Arts and Humanities Research Council (U.K.), and The International Political Science Association (UNESCO, Italy).

The key features of the OLL website include the following:

1. The XML Repository
2. Three Generations of Technology
3. The Search Engine
4. Multiple Formats
5. Scholarly Metadata and Citation of Texts
6. Additional Automation

### **The XML Repository**

The first step was to create a suitable, robust, academic standards compliant SGML (1999) and then XML (2002). This was done with the assistance of Apex-Covantage and is the foundation stone of the OLL collection. Texts were coded using a university library standard DTD, the TEI P4 of the TEI Consortium (Text Encoding Initiative) <<http://www.tei-c.org>>

1. A key feature was coding down to the level of a paragraph (div type=para) which was to be the basic element used for citation purposes (links to a paragraph ID) and the search engine
2. We designed a sophisticated XML repository to store and process the XML texts based upon the following software:
  - a. v.1 Manually coded HTML versions, hand-entered into the database. XML was stored on CD-ROM for future use.
  - b. v.2 Automated conversion to HTML with XSLT, automated conversion to PDF with PrinceXML. XML was stored in the MySQL database, alongside the generated HTML and other formats.
  - c. v.3 Automated conversion to valid HTML with Nokogiri, automated conversion to PDF with PrinceXML. Automated conversion to valid ePub with Epub. XML was stored in Amazon S3, along with the generated HTML and other formats.

### Three Generations of Technology

The OLL project has been under continuous development since the beginning of the 21st century. There have been three major generations of technology used in that time, with incremental improvements and major tectonic shifts along the way.

1. *Procedural PHP*: This was initially generated by David Hart (DMH) using Macromedia Dreamweaver, with additional code provided by Walter Davis Studio (WDS). HTML was hand-converted by Apex as a proofreading tool during the XML conversion, cut up and inserted into the database manually to provide the first rough version of the OLL. MySQL full-text search features were used to create a rudimentary search feature.
2. *Object-oriented PHP*: This was developed by WDS and was the foundation for the first admin console, which let DMH and others create links between titles and authors, groups, collections, and other metadata. It also meant that adding new titles to the OLL collection went from being a weeks-long process to an hours-long process. It used the following technologies:
  - a. the Sphinx search engine for robust, context-sensitive searching of the entire catalog
  - b. XSLT transforms to convert the original XML into HTML automatically.
  - c. PrinceXML to convert HTML to PDF automatically.
  - d. a pilot program to convert the HTML into ePub format
  - e. Joomla! open-source CMS to present the custom repository content alongside editorial content to the outside world
3. *Ruby on Rails*: Developed by WDS with a second-generation admin console. This meant that adding new titles and converting the XML to multiple formats was moved from taking hours to only a few minutes. It had the following features:
  - a. vastly improved and faster HTML and PDF conversion
  - b. a fully standards-compliant ePub conversion system
  - c. second-generation Sphinx search engine, with result highlighting and in-title search
  - d. a fully custom presentation system with responsive design, fully-integrated editorial content, quotations, image galleries, and more.

## The Search Engine

The second and third generation sites used a Sphinx search engine with the following features:

1. Display of the entire paragraph where a key word is located
2. Filters to provide more precise searches for authors (historical period, school of thought, nationality) and titles (historical period, subject area, topic)
3. The third-generation site included in-title and in-author search tools.

## Additional Formats

In addition to the XML texts we also needed a robust way to store and deliver other large collections of files:

1. *Facsimile (image-based) PDFs* - to allow readers to see for themselves what the original texts looked like and to keep us honest (to show that no shortcuts had been taken in coding the texts)
2. *E-Books* - to take advantage of the emergence of new devices for reading texts we offer the underlying texts in a variety of electronic formats such as ePub, Kindle, and text-based PDF
3. *Images* of people, title pages, graphs, and other illustrations - a clever system to store, resize, and embed the illustrations in other texts was developed for the editing and admin control panel

## Scholarly Metadata and Citation of Texts

We developed a sophisticated admin panel to edit and display the complex metadata of the texts, authors, and study guides and other essays. All texts online have a variety of ways to be cited in articles or other scholarly works.

Metadata:

1. Authors are provided with a brief biography and are assigned to “groups” (nationality, school of thought)
2. Titles are provided with a brief description and are assigned to “collections” (subjects areas, topics, special collections)
3. The main person or title page shows membership in the groups and collections in order to encourage browsing and exploring

Citation:

1. Titles have automatic scholarly citations, in three different standard formats (MLA, APA, and Turabian).
2. Each paragraph in the texts can be cited by scholars with either a simple URL identifier or with full bibliographical information plus URL identifier

Other Features

1. Titles can have their internally linked table of contents automatically generated from the headings in the texts (the default) or can be edited by hand to improve its structure if necessary
2. Essays and other guides can be grouped into collections based upon a hierarchical system of index pages and sub-levels for organizational and display purposes
3. There are special admin areas for the collection, display, and editing of quotations and images
4. Quotations are taken from texts, with brief essays describing their importance and place in history.
5. Titles and groups generate automatic RSS feeds with all new additions.

### **Additional Automation**

We have experimented with a number of ways of automating difficult tasks with a single click of a button:

1. the generation of the *Portable Library of Liberty* (initially a CD, then a data DVD)
2. the generation of ePub versions of the text
3. the generation of a text-based PDF directly from the XML (Prince XML)
4. the generation of the collected *Quotations about Liberty and Power* in one file
5. the Liberty Matters scholarly discussion series converted to individual titles

## The Portable Library of Liberty DVD

In order to distribute the texts on the OLL website as widely as possible I created in October 2004 the first edition of the Portable Library of Liberty (PLL) with 224 titles which could fit on a single CD. We gave this away free of charge to individuals and groups upon request. With the 7th edition published in September 2013 the PLL contained 1,088 titles in various E-book formats such as text-based PDF, ePub, and Kindle/Mobi; the complete collection of the “Quotes about Liberty and Power”; and the Intellectual Portraits Series of audio interviews. This required the use of a data DVD to accommodate its size of over 2 GB. Over the course of its existence we gave away over 25,000 copies of the PLL. It was quite popular in less developed countries where internet connections were slow or unreliable. After 10 years production of the disk was eventually discontinued as fewer computers were being built with optical drives.

## The Display of Hypertext

I am also interested in the best way to display complex academic texts (with footnotes, glossaries, maps, appendices, and other scholarly apparatus) online. The idea of “hypertext” emerged in the 1980s and I have been experimenting with it ever since. While working on the Bastiat and Molinari translation projects I have developed an experimental way to link all the component parts of the critical apparatus to the main body of the text in way that assists the reader in their exploration. I call these texts “annotated hypertexts.” See for example

- The Hypertext Annotated Bastiat <[davidmhart.com/liberty/AnnotatedBastiat](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/AnnotatedBastiat)>
- The Hypertext Annotated Molinari <[davidmhart.com/liberty/AnnotatedMolinari](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/AnnotatedMolinari)>



## II. The Great Books of Liberty

### The OLL and the Great Books

The original purpose of the OLL Project was to put online Pierre F. Goodrich's list of the "great book of liberty". This was to be one of three pillars which would constitute the OLL, the others being digital versions of books published by LF, and other texts from the classical liberal, free market and American conservative tradition as we determined.

PFG's plan was to pay academics and others to have "conversations" about the great books of liberty in order to explore the broad theoretical ideas which underpinned our understanding of what it was to be a "free and responsible individual," how these ideas evolved over time, and how they might be made relevant to debates taking place today (but without getting directly involved in those political debates). PFG drew up several lists of his idea of "the great books of liberty" which we used in the initial design and construction of the OLL website and the Great Books remained central to its function (until this year).

- see PFG's original concept for great books in "The Goodrich Seminar Room" at Wabash College <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/goodrich-seminar-room>> and
- a new version of "The Great Books of Liberty" <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/great-books>>

The strategy behind the "Great Books of Liberty" program was partly declaratory, that we were staking out some intellectual territory that was "ours" (these are our people and these are our ideas); partly educational, that we were presenting an intellectual lineage that was longstanding and worthy of study; and partly seductive, that we were enticing scholars and other readers to explore our collection by showing connections between authors and texts that may not have been aware of.

In the 15 years during which the OLL was online and under my directorship I put online over 1,700 texts (over 100 titles per annum) by nearly 500 different authors, and over 1,300 essays and guides to the material.

We won 4 major awards for excellence

1. The National Endowment for the Humanities (U.S.) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/neh-award>>
2. The Library of Congress Web Archive Minerva (U.S.) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/library-of-congress-web-archive-minerva>>
3. The Arts and Humanities Research Council (U.K.) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/ahrc-award>>

4. The International Political Science Association (UNESCO, Italy)  
<<http://ipsaportal.unina.it/?p=241>>

As of July 2019 there were

- 1,778 titles organized in 12 Subject Areas (Art, Economics (500 titles), History (312), Law (136), Literature, Music, Philosophy (178), Political Theory (671), Religion, Science, Sociology, War and Peace), 20 Topics, 13 Debates, 18 Major Collections, and 270 online versions of LF books
- by 489 authors organized by Historical Period and in 29 Schools of Thought
- 1,318 essays and study guides (in 23 categories), including
- 64 “illustrated essays” in *Images of Liberty and Power*
- 92 items in the *OLL Reader* with another 173 items in the additional expanded sections
- 100+ Key Documents of Liberty
- 40 *Liberty Matters* online discussions
- 601 *Quotations about Liberty and Power* (with an accompanying mini-essay)

## Provocative Pairings of the Great Books

I have worked for many years with the main professional association of teachers of the great books in colleges, the Association of Core Texts and Courses. I have also been developing resources on “the great books of liberty” on the OLL with things like a syllabus of “provocative pairings” of 20 great books to show how arguments over individual liberty and state power have been ongoing within western civilisation for centuries and are still not over.

- See “The Great Books of Liberty” <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/great-books>> and “Some Provocative Pairings of Texts about Liberty and Power” <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/pairings>>”
- and a paper on this way of looking at the “western tradition”: “The Conflicted Western Tradition: Some Provocative Pairings of Texts about Liberty and Power. Or, ‘Logos libertas est’” - a paper given at the Association of Core Texts and Courses annual conference, April 2019, Santa Fe, NM.  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/ProvocativePairings/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/ProvocativePairings/index.html)>

The following are examples of such “provocative pairings” of texts designed to stimulate discussion:

1. Machiavelli, *The Prince* (1513) vs. Desiderius Erasmus, *The Education of a Christian Prince* (1515)
2. Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (1651) vs. James Harrington, *The Commonwealth of Oceana* (1656)

3. Sir Robert Filmer, *Patriarcha, or the Natural Power of Kings* (1680) vs. John Locke, *The Two Treatises of Civil Government* (1689)
4. Montesquieu, *Spirit of Laws* (1748) vs. Destutt de Tracy, *A Commentary and Review of Montesquieu's 'Spirit of Laws'* (1806)
5. Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759) vs. J.-J. Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin and Basis of Inequality Among Men* (1754) and *The Social Contract* (1762)
6. Beccaria, *An Essay on Crimes and Punishments* (1764) vs. Bentham, *Panopticon, or the Inspection-House* (1787)
7. Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (1776) vs. Thomas Mun, *England's Treasure by Forraign Trade; or, the Ballance of our Forraign Trade is the Rule of our Treasure* (1644)
8. Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the French Revolution* (1790) vs. Thomas Paine, *Rights of Man* (1791)
9. Thomas Malthus, *An Essay on Population* (1798, 1826) vs. William Godwin, *Of Population* (1820)
10. Friedrich List, *Das National System der politischen Oekonomie* (The National System of Political Economy) (1841) vs. Frédéric Bastiat, *Sophismes Économiques* (Economic Sophisms) (1846, 1848)
11. Karl Marx, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848) vs. Frédéric Bastiat, *The State* (1848)
12. John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty* (1859) vs. James Fitzjames Stephen, *Liberty, Equality, Fraternity* (1874)
13. Karl Marx, *Das Kapital vol. 1* (1867) vs. Frédéric Bastiat, *Economic Harmonies* (1851) or John Stuart Mill, *Principles of Political Economy* (1848)
14. John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism* (1861) vs. Herbert Spencer, *Social Statics* (1851) or *The Principles of Ethics* (1879)
15. George Bernard Shaw, *Fabian Essays in Socialism* (1889) vs. Thomas Mackay, *A Plea for Liberty: An Argument against Socialism and Socialistic Legislation* (1891)
16. Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward: 2000–1887* (1888) vs. Eugen Richter, *Pictures of the Socialist Future* (1893)
17. Lenin, *The State and Revolution* (Aug.-Sept. 1917) vs. Ludwig von Mises, “Economic Calculation in the Socialist Commonwealth” (1920) and *Socialism* (1922)
18. Ludwig von Mises, *Nation, State, and Economy* (1919) vs. Carl Schmitt, *Dictatorship* (1921), *Political Theology* (1922), and *The Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy* (1923)
19. *The Beveridge Report* (Social Insurance and Allied Services) (1942) vs. Friedrich Hayek, *The Road to Serfdom* (1944)

## Liberty Matters and the Great Books

One of the main purposes of the Liberty Matters online discussion forum (which began in 2013 and has held 43 discussions) was to invite scholars to talk about some of the great books (and authors) of liberty which we had online, and to provide an opportunity for readers to explore these authors and texts in greater detail. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/liberty-matters>>.

One of my great frustrations while at LF was that I could not persuade the powers that be to put online our own editions of some of the great books of liberty, which would be “enhanced” in various ways with scholarly introductions and other educational aids. I developed a handful of

examples but did not have the time or the resources to take the project any further. The “enhancements” include, in addition to the text, supplementary material such as essays, chronologies, study guides, and “Liberty Matters” online discussion forums on the author. Some editions are bi-lingual editions which include the text in its original language and an English translation. I had plans to do this for 20 or so key works. See the following experimental editions to get an idea of what I had in mind <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/editor-classics-of-liberty-the-enhanced-editions>>:

1. Hugo Grotius, *The Rights of War and Peace* (1625) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/grotius-war-peace>>
2. John Locke, *Two Treatises of Government* (1689) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/john-locke-two-treatises-1689>>
3. Wilhelm von Humboldt, *The Sphere and Duties of Government* (1854) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/humboldt-government>>

### III. Teaching and Lecturing about the Classical Liberal Tradition

I taught at the University of Adelaide for 15 years, won the University teaching prize, and have lectured widely in the U.S. promoting the OLL website over the past 18 years.

At the University of Adelaide (1986-2001) I managed a large (300 plus students) first year introductory course on Modern European history, taught several upper division courses on European and intellectual history (“Liberal Europe,” “Responses to War”, and “Film and History”), and an Honors course on “The Enlightenment.” I also won the University Teaching Prize for my efforts.

I speak regularly to groups about the history of ideas and the classical liberal tradition, such as the Cato Institute, the Ludwig von Mises Institute, the Institute for Humane Studies, the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom at the University of Arizona, the Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University, the Association of Private Enterprise Education, and the Philadelphia Society, in the U.S.; the Institute of Economics Affairs, in London; the Institute for Liberal Studies, in Canada; and the Centre for Independent Studies and the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation in Australia.

Some examples of talks and seminars I have given to various groups:

- " How to kill the Marxist zombie once and for all: or, how you can learn to stop worrying about S&M on campus" YAL Conference, Washington D.C. 26 July, 2018  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2018/ZombieMarxism/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2018/ZombieMarxism/index.html)>
- “Bastiat: the ‘Unseen’ Radical”. The Henry Hazlitt Memorial Lecture, Austrian Economics Research Conference, Mises Institute (March 2017)  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/UnseenRadical/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/UnseenRadical/index.html)>
- “On teaching economics as “a Way of Thinking” by telling your students good stories”. Talk given in Tucson, AZ (Aug. 2017)  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/TeachingEconomics/DMH-Talk.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/TeachingEconomics/DMH-Talk.html)>
- “Competing Visions of the Future: Socialist and Classical Liberal.” A paper given to the Institute for Humane Studies, Advanced Studies Summer Seminar, Bryn Mawr College, PA (June 2015). <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2015/IHS/4-VisionsFuture/Lecture/Lecture4-VisionsFuture.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2015/IHS/4-VisionsFuture/Lecture/Lecture4-VisionsFuture.html)>
- “‘Unfortunately, hardly anyone listens to the Economists’: The Battle against Socialism by the French Economists in the 1840s”. Paper given to the Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney, 8 July 2014. <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2014/CIS-July/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2014/CIS-July/index.html)>
- “Frédéric Bastiat (1801-1850): Campaigner for Free Trade, Political Economist, & Politician in a Time of Revolution”. The David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series, Dept. of Economics, San Jose State University.  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/Bastiat/BastiatTalks.html#sjsu](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/Bastiat/BastiatTalks.html#sjsu)>.

## IV. Scholarly work on the history of the Classical Liberal and Libertarian traditions

My research interests include the history of classical liberal thought (with a focus on the 17th century English Levellers, 19th century French liberals, and American radical individualists), the history of economic thought, classical liberal class analysis, and the history of war and film. I have presented papers at meetings of the Libertarian Scholars Conference, the Ostrom Workshop at Indiana University, the Southern Economic Association, the American Philosophical Society, and the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia.

In addition to the material on the OLL website I have an extensive collection of texts and essays on my personal website <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/>>. Here is a list of some of the things I have done in this area:

1. The History of the Classical Liberal Tradition
2. Opposition to Socialism
3. The Art of Politics and the Politics of Art
4. The History and Theory of Strategies to achieve a free society
5. Classical Liberal Class Analysis

### The History of the Classical Liberal Tradition

I have lectured on and written a survey of the classical liberal tradition, assembled introductory collections of classical liberal writings in the form of an anthology and a large collection of quotations, written essays on “images of liberty and power,” and edited and written on a number of important but neglected classical liberals such as James Mill, Lysander Spooner, Gustave de Molinari, and the Levellers. And then of course there is my extensive work on Bastiat, Molinari, and the Paris School of Political Economy.

See also my entries on French liberals to *The Encyclopedia of Libertarianism*. Editor-in-Chief Ronald Hamowy. Assistant Editors Jason Kuznicki and Aaron Steelman. Consulting Editor Deirdre McCloskey. Founding and Consulting Editor Jeffrey D. Schultz. (Los Angeles: Sage, 2008. A Project of the Cato Institute). Online at <<https://www.libertarianism.org/encyclopedia>>.

- Comte, Charles (1782-1837), pp. 86-87.
- Condorcet, Marquis de (1743-1794), pp. 87-88.

- Constant, Benjamin (1767-1830), pp. 97-98.
- Dunoyer, Charles (1786-1862), pp. 129-30.
- French Revolution, pp. 191-94.
- Molinari, Gustave de (1819-1912), pp. 336-37.
- Say, Jean-Baptiste (1767-1832), pp. 449-50.
- Tracy, Destutt de (1754-1836), pp. 509-10.
- Turgot, Anne-Robert-Jacques (1727-1781), pp. 515-16.

## *A Survey of the History of Classical Liberalism / Libertarianism*

I have written guides and given lectures on the key concepts of liberty and the main historical movements in the development of the classical liberal tradition (both ideas and institutions).

- see “The Classical Liberal Tradition - A History of Ideas and Movements over 400 Years” which began as lectures given to the Institute for Humane Studies, Advanced Studies Summer Seminar, Bryn Mawr College, PA (June 2015), and which have evolved over the years: <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2015/IHS/1-2-HistoryCL/Lecture/Lecture1-12KeyConcepts.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2015/IHS/1-2-HistoryCL/Lecture/Lecture1-12KeyConcepts.html)> and <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL.html>>
  - Part 1: What Classical Liberals were FOR and what they were AGAINST <[davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL.html)>
  - Part 2: Ideological Movements and Key Political Events <[davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL2.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL2.html)>
  - Part 3: Quotations about Liberty and Power <[davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL3.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/HistoryCL3.html)>
- and a “concept map” of the key ideas of classical liberalism and their interrelationship <[davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/KeyIdeasCL-mapApril2015.jpg](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassicalLiberalism/KeyIdeasCL-mapApril2015.jpg)>

## *Introductions to the Key Classical Liberal Texts*

I have compiled a reader of key texts (160 items) and a collection of important quotes about liberty and power (600), both organized by theme. These are very useful introductions to the breadth and depth of the classical liberal tradition. Each quote comes with a brief essay on why the quote is important and the historical context in which it was written. I had hoped to have these collections published in book form but could never get LF interested in doing this.

- *The OLL Reader* - an anthology of some of the best material in the OLL collection; there are 90 items in the main collection covering 12 topics providing an overview of classical liberal and free market thinking <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/oll-reader>> with another 160 items in additional expanded sections
- *Quotations about Liberty and Power*: 600 quotations with brief bios and analyses of their significance; organised by 30 topics <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes>>

See also the following:

- *Key Documents of Liberty*: over 100 legal documents from the Code of Hammurabi to the early 19th century <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/key-documents>>; and
- a *Pocket Guide to Political and Civic Rights (1215-1830)* <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/pocket-guide-to-political-and-civic-rights>>

## Rediscovering forgotten or neglected Classical Liberals

I have assembled more complete collections of the work of important but neglected classical liberal thinkers and organized scholarly discussions of their work for the Liberty Matters online discussion forum. This includes the work of the following:

- James Mill: *The Political Writings of James Mill: Essays and Reviews on Politics and Society, 1815-1836* (2013) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2520>>
- Liberty Matters discussion: Sandra Peart, “James Mill on Liberty and Governance” (September 2014) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-mill>>
- *The Works of Jeremy Bentham, published under the Superintendence of his Executor, John Bowring* (1838-1843). 11 vols. <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/1920>>
- Lysander Spooner: *The Works of Lysander Spooner (1808-1887)*, 5 vols. (2008-10) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/works-of-spooner>>
- Liberty Matters discussion: Randy E. Barnett, “The Significance of Lysander Spooner” (Jan. 2016) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-spooner>>
- Thomas Gordon and John Trenchard: Thomas Gordon, *Political Discourses on Tacitus and Sallust: Tyranny, Empire, War, and Corruption (1728-1744)* (2013) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2556>>
- Liberty Matters discussion: David Womersley, “John Trenchard and the Opposition to Standing Armies” (September 2016) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-trenchard>>
- The Levellers: *The Leveller Tracts Project: Tracts on Liberty by the Levellers and their Critics (1638-1660)*, 7 vols. (2014-18), with over 300 tracts by the Levellers (both the better down ones like Overton, Lilburne, and Walwyn, along with many other lesser known ones) and their critics (both Parliamentary and royalist). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/leveller-tracts-summary>>. This project has led to some essays and thematic anthologies:
- an essay on “The Art of the Levellers” which shows the use of images and graphic type fonts to help make their political arguments <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/art-of-levellers>>
- two Anthologies of Leveller writings:
- the Leveller’s “Agreements of the People” were proto-constitutional documents which had an impact on American colonial thinking: *Agreements of the People, Petitions,*



*Remonstrances, and Declarations (1646-1659)* <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/leveller-anthology-agreements>> and

- *The Levellers and the Origins of Anglo-American Constitutionalism* <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/leveller-conference1>>
- I have plans for additional anthologies of Leveller writings on the following topics:
- on economic matters: taxes, tythes, free trade, monopolies. It is not well known how many Levellers defended the idea of free trade and non-intervention in the economy. Marxist historians consistently ignore this aspect of Leveller thought
- militias, standing armies, free-quartering: the impact of Leveller thinking on militias and their opposition to standing armies, especially in late 17th and 18th century American colonial thought on this matter
- religious toleration and their influence on American colonial thought and practice
- legal theory and practice: Magna Carta, Petition of Right, the rights of “free-born” Englishmen

Other important and often neglected classical liberals which we discussed can be found in the full list of Liberty Matters discussions <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/liberty-matters>>. In particular I have organized discussions of Frederick Douglass, Denis Diderot, Wilfredo Pareto, Germaine Necker (Stäel), William Graham Sumner.

## Promoting the Austrian and Public Choice Schools of Economic Thought

A major purpose of the Liberty Matters online discussion forum was to promote the large number of important free market economists from the Austrian and Public Choice schools (along with other important figures) many of whose works LF publishes in book form. Each of these discussions is between 50-70 pages in length and contains an extensive bibliography to encourage further reading and research. I organized discussions of the following theorists:

- Austrian school: Böhm-Bawerk, Ludwig von Mises, Friedrich Hayek, Israel M. Kirzner, Ludwig Lachmann, Frank Fetter
- Public Choice: James Buchanan, Gordon Tullock
- Others: John Stuart Mill, Arthur Seldon, Anthony de Jasay

## The Rediscovery of the “Paris School” of French political economy

My original and main scholarly interest has been in 19th century radical French classical liberalism, as represented by Charles Comte and Charles Dunoyer during the Restoration; Frédéric Bastiat, Gustave de Molinari, and the Guillaumin network of political economists in Paris in the 1840s and 1850s; and the work of Molinari throughout the rest of the 19th century. I think it has been unfortunate that so much attention has been paid, especially by American scholars, to the work of Benjamin Constant and Alexis de Tocqueville who are not radical liberals, to the detriment of the more radical “other tradition” in French liberalism of hard core natural rights and consistent laissez-faire. I have both written on these topics as well as collected scores of texts which I have edited and put online at my personal website in an attempt to make it the major repository for 19th century French classical liberal thought in the world. These efforts have coincided with a number of bicentennials which I have used as a way to promote my efforts.

I have also worked with Robert Leroux, Department of Sociology, University of Ottawa, in publishing two anthologies of 19th century classical liberal thought to provide an overview of this tradition, one in English with Routledge, and one in French by Ellipses.

- French Liberalism in the 19th Century: An Anthology Edited by Robert Leroux and David M. Hart (Routledge studies in the history of economics, May 2012)
- L’âge d’or du libéralisme français. Anthologie. XIXe siècle. Robert Leroux et David M. Hart. Préface de Mathieu Laine (Paris: Editions Ellipses, 2014). [The Golden Age of French Liberalism. The 19th Century].

I have worked on the following projects concerning the French classical liberal tradition over the years:

1. Charles Comte (1782-1837) and Charles Dunoyer (1786-1862)
2. Frédéric Bastiat (1810-1850)
3. Gustave de Molinari (1819-1912)
4. Guillaumin and the Paris School of Political Economy

## *Charles Comte (1782-1837) and Charles Dunoyer (1786-1862)*

Under the mentorship of Leonard Liggio who first brought my attention to the work of these pioneering radical liberals I wrote a PhD thesis on their ideas, *Class Analysis, Slavery and the Industrialist Theory of History in French Liberal Thought, 1814-1830* (1994). To commentate the bicentennial of the publication of their pathbreaking journals *Le Censeur* (1814-1815) and *Le Censeur européen* (1817-1819), which combined the economic theory of J.B. Say, the more mainstream liberal political theory of constitutionalism and limited government, and a radically new liberal theory of class analysis, I put online copies of their journal, their main published works, and began work on an anthology of their key articles from *Le Censeur*.

- See the work of Comte  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Comte/Comte-BioBibliography.html>>
- the work of Dunoyer  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Dunoyer/Dunoyer-BioBibliography.html>>
- my unpublished PhD thesis: *Class Analysis, Slavery and the Industrialist Theory of History in French Liberal Thought, 1814-1830: The Radical Liberalism of Charles Comte and Charles Dunoyer* (unpublished PhD, King's College Cambridge, 1994).  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/ComteDunoyer/CCCD-PhD/index.html>>
- my colleague Robert Leroux has published *Aux fondements de l'industrialisme: Comte, Dunoyer et la pensée libérale en France* (Paris: Hermann, 2015).
- to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Charles Comte's and Charles Dunoyer's journals *Le Censeur* (1814) and *Le Censeur européen* (1817) I have compiled an anthology of their key writings

## *Frédéric Bastiat (1810-1850)*

At a conference held in the south of France in 2001 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bastiat LF agreed to publish a translation of his *Collected Works* under the editorial direction of a French businessman and Bastiat enthusiast Jacques de Guenin. This proved to be a terrible choice as Guenin had no experience as a scholarly editor and little knowledge of the historical period in which Bastiat lived and worked. I stepped in to help rectify these problems and after his death in 2015 I took over as the editor and translator of the project. I have retranslated most of the remaining volumes, checked it against earlier translations, found dozens of new and never before published pieces by Bastiat, and written the hundreds of footnotes, glossaries, introductions, and brief essays which make up the scholarly apparatus of the six volumes and one million words of Bastiat's *Collected Works*. Under my editorship volume 3 *The Economic Harmonies and What is Seen and What is not Seen* appeared in 2017, and volumes 4 *Miscellaneous Economic Writings* and 5 *Economic Harmonies* have been completed for in-house editing. Drafts of the latter 2 volumes are available online.

The Collected Works of Frédéric Bastiat:

- A summary of the Bastiat translation project: <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/bastiat-project-summary>>
- *Collected Works* vol. 1 *The Man and the Statesman. The Correspondence and Articles on Politics* (March 2011) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2393>>
- vol. 2 *"The Law," "The State," and Other Political Writings, 1843-1850* (June 2012) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2450>>
- vol. 3 *Economic Sophisms and "What is Seen and What is Not Seen"* (March, 2017) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2731>>
- final drafts of vol. 4 *Miscellaneous Economic Writings* <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/cw4>> and
- vol. 5 *Economic Harmonies* <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/cw5>>

The introductions, glossaries, appendices, and essays I have written as part of the scholarly apparatus of the Bastiat translation project:

- "Bastiat's Political Writings: Anecdotes and Reflections" in *Collected Works of Frédéric Bastiat. Vol. 2* (2012), pp. 401–15. <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2450#lf1573-02\\_head\\_060](http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2450#lf1573-02_head_060)>
- "Introduction" pp. xlix-lxxiii; and "Further Aspects of Bastiat's Life and Thought," pp. 455-85, in *The Collected Works of Frédéric Bastiat. Vol. 3: Economic Sophisms and "What is Seen and What is Not Seen."* (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2017).
  - Appendix 1: Further Aspects of Bastiat's Life and Thought <[https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03\\_label\\_996](https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03_label_996)>

- Appendix 2: The French State and Politics <[https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03\\_label\\_1090](https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03_label_1090)>
- Appendix 3: Economic Policy and Taxation <[https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03\\_label\\_1100](https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03_label_1100)>
- Appendix 4: French Government's Budgets for Fiscal Years 1848 and 1849 <[https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03\\_label\\_1118](https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/the-collected-works-of-frederic-bastiat-vol-3-economic-sophisms-and-what-is-seen-and-what-is-not-seen#lf1573-03_label_1118)>
- for vol. 4:
  - Appendix 1: Further Aspects of Bastiat's Thought <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/cw4#chapter-7-8723>>
  - Appendix 2: The French State and Politics <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/cw4#chapter-7-9164>>

I have also retranslated and re-edited two of Bastiat's most important essays which appeared in vol. 2 of the *Collected Works* which I thought were inadequate and needed correcting:

- Introduction and Notes to the revised translation of Bastiat's *The State*, *Online Library of Liberty* (June 2018). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/state-lf>>
- Introduction and Notes to the revised translation of Bastiat's *The Law*, *Online Library of Liberty* (Feb. 2018). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/bastiat-the-law-revised-lf-edition>>.

To promote scholarly discussion of Bastiat I have organized a Liberty Fund Conference on Bastiat and two Liberty Matters online discussions of his work:

- Liberty Matters online discussion: Robert Leroux, "Bastiat and Political Economy" (July 1, 2013), with response essays by Donald J. Boudreaux, Michael C. Munger, and David M. Hart. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/bastiat-and-political-economy>>.
- Liberty Fund conference: "Liberty and Responsibility in the Thought of Frédéric Bastiat" (Nov. 2016)
- Liberty Matters online discussion: David M. Hart, "Reassessing Bastiat's *Economic Harmonies* after 160 Years" (May 2019) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-harmonies>>.

In addition to the poor editing and the rushed translation which was not sensitive to the specialized economic vocabulary Bastiat had developed to express his original ideas, the major flaw in the Bastiat translation project was the idiosyncratic division of the texts into "thematic" volumes. I think a chronological ordering would have been much more preferable not least because it would allow the reader to following the changes in Bastiat's thinking over time and his reaction to the historical events taking place around him. I have created an "alternative" chronological version online in order to overcome these deficiencies. Perhaps one day, if there is ever a second edition of his *Collected Works* it will be published in this format:

- Chronological version <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/list-of-bastiat-s-works-in-chronological-order>> along with
- a new and expanded bibliography of FB's writings in chronological order with unique ID numbers, dates, titles, place of publication, etc., to incorporate all the new items I have come across. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/bastiat-chrono-list>>

During the course of the Project I have written many papers and study guides on Bastiat's political and economic thought and have given many talks to groups such as Bastiat Societies across the country. Some examples are:

Guides:

- "A Reader's Guide to the Works of Frédéric Bastiat (1801-1850)" <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/fb-readersguide>>

Talks:

I have three talks which I give to groups like the Bastiat Societies which have sprung up all over the U.S., the topic depends on the particular nature of the audience:

- a general overview of his life and work;
- one on the principle of the "seen" and the "unseen";
- one on his connection with the US and the conservative movement.

I have spoken to the following Bastiat Societies: Delaware, Charlotte, Wichita, Colorado Springs, Nashville.

I also give talks and lectures to libertarian groups such as FEE, Cato Institute, Institute for Liberal Studies (Canada), IEA (London), Centre for Independent Studies (Sydney) as well as colleges such as College of New Jersey, Ball State University, New York University, Free Market Institute, Texas Tech, Political Theory Project, Brown University, San Jose State, Indiana University Bloomington. Some specific examples of talks:

- "Bastiat: the 'Unseen' Radical". The Henry Hazlitt Memorial Lecture, Austrian Economics Research Conference, Mises Institute (March 2017) <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/UnseenRadical/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/UnseenRadical/index.html)>
- "'Unfortunately, hardly anyone listens to the Economists': The Battle against Socialism by the French Economists in the 1840s". Paper given to the Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney, 8 July 2014. <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2014/CIS-July/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2014/CIS-July/index.html)>
- "Frédéric Bastiat (1801-1850): Campaigner for Free Trade, Political Economist, & Politician in a Time of Revolution". The David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series,

Dept. of Economics, San Jose State University.

[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/Bastiat/BastiatTalks.html#sjsu](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/Bastiat/BastiatTalks.html#sjsu)>.

- “Cato Institute Book Forum, 14 October, 2011: The Collected Works of Frédéric Bastiat, vol. 1” <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Teaching/2011/CatoBookForum/CBF-6Oct2011.html>>

Scholarly papers and publications:

- “The ‘Seen’ and the ‘Unseen’ Bastiat: Some Reflections on Editing his Work and his Continuing Relevance for Today,” Ostrom Workshop, Tocqueville Lecture Series, 28 Sept. 2018, Indiana University, IN.
- “Bastiat: the ‘Unseen’ Radical”. The Henry Hazlitt Memorial Lecture, Austrian Economics Research Conference, Mises Institute, Auburn AL (March 2017).  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/UnseenRadical/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/UnseenRadical/index.html)>
- "Bastiat's Theory of Class: The Plunderers vs. the Plundered" (May, 2016). An introduction to a bilingual anthology of Bastiat's writings on class and exploitation.  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/ClassAnthology/index.html>>
- "Reassessing Frédéric Bastiat as an Economic Theorist". A paper presented to the Free Market Institute, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, October 2, 2015.  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/EconomicTheorist/DMH\\_Bastiat-EconomicTheorist21Sept2015.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/EconomicTheorist/DMH_Bastiat-EconomicTheorist21Sept2015.html)>
- “Bastiat goes to the Movies, or How to Popularise Economic Ideas in Film”, a paper given at the Association for Private Enterprise Education (April 2017)  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/FilmingFreddie/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/FilmingFreddie/index.html)>
- an very much expanded version of this paper was given at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, The Kings College, NYC (Sept. 2019): “Some Thoughts on an ‘Austrian Theory of Film’: Ideas and Human Action in a Film about Frédéric Bastiat”  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/FilmingIdeas/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/FilmingIdeas/index.html)>
- An article on “Broken Windows and House owning Dogs: The French Connection and the Popularization of Economics from Bastiat to Jasay,” *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy. Symposium on Anthony de Jasay* (Summer 2015), vol. 20, no. 1, pp. 61-84.
- a longer version online: “Negative Railways, Turtle Soup, talking Pencils, and House owning Dogs”: “The French Connection” and the Popularization of Economics from Say to Jasay" (Sept. 2014) <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/BastiatAndJasay.html>>
- "Literature IN Economics, and Economics AS Literature I: Bastiat's use of Literature in Defense of Free Markets and his Rhetoric of Economic Liberty." A paper given at the Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference (April 12-14, 2015) , Cancún, Mexico.  
<[http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/FrenchLiterature/DMH\\_BastiatFrenchLiterature.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/FrenchLiterature/DMH_BastiatFrenchLiterature.html)>
- "Literature IN Economics, and Economics AS Literature II: The Economics of Robinson Crusoe from Defoe to Rothbard by way of Bastiat." A paper given at the Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference (April 12-14, 2015), Cancún, Mexico.

[http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/CrusoeEconomics/DMH\\_CrusoeEconomics.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/CrusoeEconomics/DMH_CrusoeEconomics.html)>

- "The Liberal Roots of American Conservatism: Bastiat and the French Connection." A paper given to the Philadelphia Society meeting March 27-29, 2015 on "The Roots of American Conservatism - and its Future"  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/LiberalRoots/DMH\\_LiberalRoots.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/LiberalRoots/DMH_LiberalRoots.html)>
- "Seeing the 'Unseen' Bastiat: the changing Optics of Bastiat Studies. Or, what the Liberty Fund's Translation Project is teaching us about Bastiat." A paper presented to the "Colloquium on Market Institutions & Economic Processes" at NYU, Monday, December 1, 2014. <[http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/DMH\\_Bastiat-SeenAndUnseen15Nov2014.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/DMH_Bastiat-SeenAndUnseen15Nov2014.html)>
- "On Ricochets, Hidden Channels, and Negative Multipliers: Bastiat on Calculating the Economic Costs of 'The Unseen'." A Paper given at the History of Thought Session of the Society for the Development of Austrian Economics. Southern Economic Association 83rd Annual Meeting, November 23-25, 2013. [PDF 725 KB  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2013/SEA/DMH-BastiatRicochet\\_24Nov2013.pdf](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2013/SEA/DMH-BastiatRicochet_24Nov2013.pdf)>
- "Frédéric Bastiat's Distinction between Legal and Illegal Plunder" - A Paper given at the Molinari Society Session "Explorations in Philosophical Anarchy" at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Society, Seattle WA, 7 April, 2012.  
<[http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/Bastiat\\_LegalPlunder.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/Bastiat_LegalPlunder.html)>
- "Is Biography History? The Relationship between Ideas and Human Action in the Life of Frédéric Bastiat (1801-1850): A Biographical Approach." A Paper given at the Historical Society's conference on "Popularizing Historical Knowledge: Practice, Prospects, and Perils," University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC, May 31 - June 3, 2012. [PDF 1.3 MB] <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/IdeasAndAction/Bastiat-IdeasAndAction.pdf](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/IdeasAndAction/Bastiat-IdeasAndAction.pdf)>
- "Opposing Economic Fallacies, Legal Plunder, and the State: Frédéric Bastiat's Rhetoric of Liberty in the Economic Sophisms (1846–1850)". A paper given at the July 2011 annual meeting of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia (HETSA) at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.  
<[http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/Hart\\_BastiatsSophismsAug2011.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Bastiat/Hart_BastiatsSophismsAug2011.html)>

#### Liberty Fund Conference:

- I was the Discussion Leader for a LF/SLS conference on Bastiat, "Liberty and Responsibility in the Thought of Frédéric Bastiat" (Nov. 2016)

#### Other papers and publications:

- "'I, Pencil': An Intellectual History" (January, 2017). An introduction to an anthology of texts by authors stretching back to the 1640s who had a similar idea to that of Leonard Read. They include Anon, "I, Mill Horse" (1644); Bernard Mandeville, "I, Beehive" (1714); Adam Smith, "I, Pin-Maker" (1776); Jean-Baptiste Say, "I, Playing Card Maker" (1828); William Fox, "I, Foreigner" (1844); Frédéric Bastiat, "I, Carpenter" (1848); Frédéric Bastiat, "I, Broken Window" (1850); Leonard Read, "I, Pencil" (1958)



- *Jacques Bonhomme: L'éphémère journal de F. Bastiat and G. de Molinari* (Institut Coppet, 2014). I purchased original copies of this rare and important magazine which Bastiat and Molinari published and handed out on the streets of Paris in June 1848. I co-edited its publication in French for the Institut Coppet in Paris.
- a screenplay "Broken Windows" for a film on the life of Bastiat <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Screenplay/BrokenWindows2.html>> with an accompanying "Illustrated Essay" to show what Paris and the world of the economists looked like <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Screenplay/BrokenWindows.html>>.
- "Bastiat's Theory of Class: The Plunderers vs. the Plundered" (May, 2016). <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/ClassAnthology/index.html>>.

## *Gustave de Molinari (1819-1912)*

Concurrent with the Bastiat translation project I have been working on a translation of Gustave de Molinari's 1849 book *Les Soirées de la rue Saint-Lazare: Entretiens sur les lois économiques et défense de la propriété* (Evenings on Saint Lazarus Street: Discussions on Economic Laws and the Defence of Property). This work was chosen because it is unusual and important for a number of reasons: it was one of the first one volume surveys of the classical liberal worldview, it presented a set of radical liberal proposals for the private provision of every public good traditionally provided by governments, it gave the first defense of the private provision of police and national defense (as so is the first expression of the “anarcho-capitalist” position later adopted by Rothbard), and it was an important text in the classical liberal campaign against the rise of socialism during the 1848 revolution organized by the publishing firm Guillaumin. A final draft of the translation is available online and the manuscript has been submitted for in-house editing.

- see the “Summary of the Molinari Project page <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/molinari-project-summary>>
- the 2019 draft of the translation <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/gdm-soirees3>>

The introductions, glossaries, appendices, and essays I have written as part of the scholarly apparatus of the Molinari translation project:

- “Introduction” and “Further Aspects of Molinari’s Life and Thought” in Gustave de Molinari, *Evenings on Saint Lazarus Street: Discussions on Economic Laws and the Defense of Property* (Liberty Fund, forthcoming). <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/gdm-soirees3>>

Liberty Matters discussion:

- Roderick Long, “Gustave de Molinari’s Legacy for Liberty” (May, 2013) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/roderick-long-gustave-de-molinari-s-legacy-for-liberty-may-2013>>

I have edited three online anthologies of Molinari’s writings to commemorate a couple of significant anniversaries (2012 - the 100th anniversary of his death; and 2019 - the 200th anniversary of his birth)

- “*The Bicentennial Anthology of Gustave de Molinari’s Writings on the State (1846-1911)* (2019): this contains a detailed biographical essay on his life and work “Gustave de Molinari (1819-1912): A Survey of the Life and Work of an “*économiste dure*” (a hard-core economist)”

- <[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/BiographicalIntro2018.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/BiographicalIntro2018.html)> ,  
 24 extracts from his writings between 1846-1911 with brief introductions to each one  
 <[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/Anthology/2019/Introductions.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/Anthology/2019/Introductions.html)>, and an updated bibliography of his writings  
 <[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/Bibliography-2018.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/Bibliography-2018.html)>
- “The Collected Articles in the *Dictionnaire de l'économie politique* (1852-53)” (2019): the 30 articles he wrote for the DEP  
 <[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/DEP/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/DEP/index.html)>
  - “Molinari’s Collected Writings on the Production of Security (1846-1901)” (2019): 24 extracts from his writings with a long introduction on the intellectual history of this important concept
  - the introduction to this anthology was given as a paper at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, NYC (Sept. 2019): “Was Molinari a true Anarcho-Capitalist?: An Intellectual History of the Private and Competitive Production of Security”  
 <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/ProductionSecurity/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/ProductionSecurity/index.html)>

#### Publications:

- “Gustave de Molinari and the Anti-Statist Liberal Tradition,” *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, Vol. 5, no. 3 (Summer 1981), pp. 263-90; Vol. 5, no. 4 (Fall 1981), pp. 399-434; and Vol. 6, No. 4 (Winter 1982), pp. 83-104. A translation of Molinari’s “Eleventh Soirée” from *Les Soirées de la rue Saint-Lazare* (1849) was included as an Appendix in the latter volume, pp. 89-102.
- Translation of Gustave de Molinari's "Eleventh Soirée" from *Les Soirées de la Rue Saint-Lazare* (1849) in *Panarchy: Political Theories of Non-Territorial States*, ed. Aviezer Tucker, Gian Piero de Bellis (Routledge, 2016).
- Jacques Bonhomme: L'éphémère journal de Frédéric Bastiat et Gustave de Molinari (11 juin – 13 juillet 1848). Recueil de tous les articles, augmenté d'une introduction. Ed. Benoît Malbranque (Paris: Institut Coppet, 2014).  
 <<http://www.institutcoppet.org/2014/10/10/jacques-bonhomme-lephemere-journal-de-f-bastiat-et-g-de-molinari/>>
- scans of the original journal used in editing this book:  
 <[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/JB/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Molinari/JB/index.html)>

#### Other papers:

- "The Struggle against Protectionism, Socialism, and the Bureaucratic State: The Economic Thought of Gustave de Molinari, 1845-1855." Paper given at the Austrian Economics Research Conference, 31 March to 2 April 2016, The Mises Institute, Auburn, AL.  
 <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/EconomicThought/index.html>>
- “The Life of Jacques Bonhomme, Printer (1819–1865),” *Online Library of Liberty* (27 March, 2016). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/jb-life>>
- “Charles Coquelin, Gustave de Molinari, Frédéric Bastiat and the “Austrian Moment” in French Political Economy 1845-1855”, a paper given at the Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 19-21 Nov., 2016, Washington, DC.

<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/AustrianMoment/DMH\\_AustrianMomentNov2016.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/AustrianMoment/DMH_AustrianMomentNov2016.html)>

- “Gustave de Molinari and The Seven Musketeers of French Political Economy in the 1840s” (25 June, 2015).  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/SevenMusketeers/SevenMusketeers.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/SevenMusketeers/SevenMusketeers.html)>
- “Gustave de Molinari and the Future of Liberty: ‘Fin de Siècle, Fin de la Liberté?’” A paper presented to the Australian Historical Association 2000 Conference on “Futures in the Past”, The University of Adelaide, 5-9 July, 2000.  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/FutureLiberty/GdM-FutureLiberty.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Molinari/FutureLiberty/GdM-FutureLiberty.html)>

## *Guillaumin and the Paris School of Political Economy*

The importance of the “Paris School” of political economy and the role played by the entrepreneurial publisher Gilbert-Urbain Guillaumin (1801–1864) has not been fully appreciated by historians of thought. I have attempted to summarize the contributions of its members in several papers:

- a short chapter-length essay: “The Paris School of Liberal Political Economy,” *Cambridge History of French Thought*, ed. Michael Moriarty and Jeremy Jennings (Cambridge U.P. , 2019), pp. 301-12.
- and a book-length essay online: “The Paris School of Liberal Political Economy, 1803-1853” (2018) <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/ParisSchool/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/ParisSchool/index.html)>
- "For Whom the Bell Tolls: The School of Liberty and the Rise of Interventionism in French Political Economy in the Late 19thC," *Journal of Markets and Morality*, vol. 20, Number 2 (Fall 2017), pp. 383-412.  
<<http://www.marketsandmorality.com/index.php/mandm/article/view/1298>>
- also my translation of Passy’s lecture: Frédéric Passy, “The School of Liberty” in *Journal of Markets and Morality*, vol. 20, Number 2 (Fall 2017), pp. 383-412.  
<<http://www.marketsandmorality.com/index.php/mandm/article/view/1299>>
- and a biographical listing of the key players: “The World of French Political Economy” (Oct. 19, 2010)  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Glossary.html>>

I am working with colleagues in Paris on compiling a complete list of all books and pamphlets published by the Guillaumin firm during their existence between 1837 and 1910, and linking the catalogue to online copies of the books (if we have them). So far we have found 2,359 items, several dozen of which were by Bastiat and Molinari.

- Gilbert-Urbain Guillaumin (1801-64) and the Guillaumin Publishing Firm (1837-1910)  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Guillaumin/index.html>>.
- See also my statistical analysis of the firm’s activities: “Gilbert-Urbain Guillaumin (1801-64) and the Guillaumin publishing firm (1837-1910): A Statistical Analysis of Seventy Years of Publication” (January, 2017).  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Guillaumin/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Guillaumin/index.html)>

## Opposition to Socialism

Over the past year or so I have been running a special “anti-socialism” program on the Online Library of Liberty website because of the spread of socialist ideas among students at college. I wrote this 80 page *Socialism: A Study Guide and Reader* (July 2018)

<<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/socialism>> and expanded the section in the *OLL Reader* which deals with “The Critique of Socialism and Interventionism” <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/oll-reader#part10>>. This resulted in the *Liberty Matters* online discussion of Karl Marx in October 2018 and the putting online of much more material by and about Karl Marx.

- “Socialism: A Study Guide and Reader,” *Online Library of Liberty* (July, 2018) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/socialism>>. This Study Guide examines the long-standing clash between Socialism and Marxism (S&M), and Classical Liberalism (CL) over the past 200 years. It provides a brief history of the S&M tradition, some of its main criticisms of the free market, the CL response to these criticisms, extensive quotes from some of these texts, and links to them in the OLL collection.
- Liberty Matters online discussion of Karl Marx (Oct. 2018): Virgil Storr, “Marx and the Morality of Capitalism” (October, 2018) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-marx>>

Texts in the OLL Library by Marx:

- The 19th century Untermann translation: Karl Marx, *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy*. 3 vols. Edited and translated by Frederick Engels and Ernest Untermann (Chicago: Charles H. Kerr and Co., 1909-1910).
  - *Volume I: The Process of Capitalist Production* (1909) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/965>>
  - *Volume II: The Process of Circulation of Capital* (1910) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/966>>
  - *Volume III: The Process of Capitalist Production as a Whole* (1909) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/967>>

Other Texts by Marx in the OLL Forum (HTML only):

- This is a collection of Marx’s writings on economics (in HTML) in German <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-works>> to accompany the late 19th century English translation of *Das Kapital* which we have:
- *Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei* (1848) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-manifest>>
- *Manifesto of the Communist Party* (1888) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-manifesto>>
- *Das Kapital* (1867, 1885, 1894)

- *Das Kapital Buch 1* (1867) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-k1-1867>>
- *Das Kapital Buch 1* (1890) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-k1-1890>>
- *Das Kapital Buch 2* (1885) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-k2>>
- *Das Kapital Buch 3a* (1894) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-k3a>>
- *Das Kapital Buch 3b* (1894) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/marx-k3b>>

#### Critiques of Marx by Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk (1851-1914):

- Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk (1851-1914) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/people/eugen-von-bohm-bawerk>>
- Böhm-Bawerk, “On the Completion of Marx’s System (of Thought)” (1896, 1898) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/completion>>.
  - English trans.: Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk, *Karl Marx and the close of his system, a criticism. Translated by Alice M. Macdonald with a Preface by James Bonar* (London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1898). Revised slightly by Paul M. Sweezy (1949) and David M. Hart (2018).
  - a facsimile PDF version of the original Macdonald translation can be found at <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2760>>.
- German: Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk, "Zum Abschluss des Marxschen Systems" in *Staatswissenschaftliche Arbeiten. Festgaben für Karl Knies zur fünfundsiebzigsten Wiederkehr seines Geburtstages in dankbaren Vehehring*. Otto v. Boenigk (Hrsg.) (Berlin: O. Haering, 1896), S. 87—205.
  - a facsimile PDF version of the original German edition can be found at <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/2761>>; and
  - an HTML version <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/abschluss>>.

#### Other Collections in the OLL:

- Topic: Socialism and the Classical Liberal Critique <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/groups/64>>
- People: School of Thought: Socialism <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/groups/29>>
- Debate: Fabian Socialism vs. Radical Liberalism <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/groups/76>>

#### Essays and Guides in the OLL Forum:

- the section of the OLL Reader dealing with Socialism: Part X: The Critique of Socialism and Interventionism <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/oll-reader#part10>>
- an 80 page Study Guide on “Socialism: A Study Guide and Reader” <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/socialism>>.

I had planned to something similar for other areas where I think we are losing the intellectual battle of ideas. These include:

1. war and peace,
2. sound money and banking,
3. the growth of presidential power,
4. the growth of the surveillance state,
5. the revival of interest in socialism, and
6. protectionism

I had begun work on a reader and guide on free trade and protection before the OLL project was frozen and my position eliminated.



## The Art of Politics and the Politics of Art

For many years I have been interested in the intersection between art, visual propaganda, and political and economic ideas. I have lectured on this and created a special section in the OLL website as well as my personal website for the presentation and discussion of interesting pieces of political art broadly defined.

See:

- my “Images of Liberty and Power: Art and Politics”  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/politics.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/politics.html)> and “War and Art”  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/war.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/war.html)> and
- Imagery of class analysis:
  - “The Ruled as Atlas” <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/Class/ImagesAtlas.html>>
  - “Images of the Ruling Class and the State”  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/Class/ImagesOfRulingClass.html>>
- my “Illustrated History of the Life and Work Frédéric Bastiat”  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Screenplay/BrokenWindows.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Screenplay/BrokenWindows.html)>
- an illustrated “Bastiat for Dummies” - FEE’s illustrated edition of *The Law* from the late 1940s  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Books/Sampling\\_TheLaw/Bastiat\\_IllustratedTheLaw.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/Books/Sampling_TheLaw/Bastiat_IllustratedTheLaw.html)>
- an illustrated version of Hayek’s *The Road to Serfdom* (1945)  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/GermanClassicalLiberals/Books/Hayek/IllustratedRoadSerfdom/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/GermanClassicalLiberals/Books/Hayek/IllustratedRoadSerfdom/index.html)>
- the dozens of essays in “Images of Liberty and Power” at the OLL website  
<<http://oll.libertyfund.org/images>> on such topics as
  - cartoons of ““New” Socialist Ideas in the 1848 Revolution” - also here  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/FeaturedImages/NewIdeas1848/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/FeaturedImages/NewIdeas1848/index.html)>
  - “Abraham Lincoln as the “Federal Phoenix” (1864)”
  - “Algernon Sidney (1622-1683) and the Thomas Hollis Library of Liberty”
  - “The Art of the Levellers”
  - “Brueghel, Taxes, and the Numeration of the People of Bethlehem (1566)”
  - “Cobden and the Anti-Corn Law League”
  - “Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen”
  - “Encyclopedic Liberty and Industry”
  - “Eugène Delacroix on Press Censorship during the Restoration (1814-1822)”
  - “Images of the British Abolitionist Movement”
  - “James Gillray on War and Taxes during the War against Napoleon”
  - “Ludwig von Mises on Rationing in WW2”
  - “New Playing Cards for the French Republic (1793-94)”
  - “Presidents Day and the Apotheosis of Washington”
  - “Shaftesbury’s Illustrations for Characteristicks (1732)”
  - “The Spanish-American War and the Anti-Imperialism League (1902)”

- “The Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry (1416)”
- “Washington and Napoleon in their Study”

#### Lectures and talks:

- “Images of Liberty and Power: the Subversion of State Propaganda.” A paper given to the Institute for Humane Studies, Advanced Studies Summer Seminar, Bryn Mawr College, PA (June 2015). [PDF] <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2015/IHS/3-ImagesLibertyPower/IHS2015-ImagesofLibertyPower.pdf](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2015/IHS/3-ImagesLibertyPower/IHS2015-ImagesofLibertyPower.pdf)>
- “Political Propaganda and the State: On Seeing through the Culture of Authority”, Institute for Liberal Studies & Laurier Students for Liberty, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario. (Oct. 2012) [PDF 13 MB] <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2012/InstituteLiberalStudies-2012/PoliticalPropanganda\\_Sept2012.pdf](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2012/InstituteLiberalStudies-2012/PoliticalPropanganda_Sept2012.pdf)>
- Lecture on “Pablo Picasso (1881-1973): From the Spanish Civil War to Vietnam” <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2004/Picasso2.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2004/Picasso2.html)>
- Lecture on “Reflections on Liberty and Power in Modern Art” at the Westervelt-Warner Museum of American Art, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (Nov. 2010). <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2010/LibertyPower1/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2010/LibertyPower1/index.html)>
- Lecture on “The Culture of Liberty vs. The Culture of Authority: Marching to the Beat of a Different Drummer”. The Liberty + Power Lectures, Department of History, the University of Alabama (Nov. 2010) <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2010/LibertyPower2/index.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2010/LibertyPower2/index.html)>.
- Lecture on “Propaganda and Obedience to the State” to the Students for Liberty Midwest Regional Conference, University of Chicago (Oct. 2011) [PDF 14.7 MB] <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2011/SFL/PropObedience-Oct2011.pdf](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2011/SFL/PropObedience-Oct2011.pdf)>
- Talk on “Picasso’s war art” to the Honors Program in the Faculty of Arts, James Madison University, Virginia. <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2004/Picasso2.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Lectures/2004/Picasso2.html)>

#### Publications:

- “War and Peace in the Arts”, in *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, ed. Maryanne Cline Horowitz (New York: Charles Scribners & Sons, 2004). In 6 Volumes. vol. 6, pp. 2454-60. Online version <[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/WarPeace-Arts2004/WarAndPeaceArts2004-final.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/WarPeace-Arts2004/WarAndPeaceArts2004-final.html)>
- Two articles on art for Cultor College (Italian) - part of the Global Cultural Network
  - an Italian translation of my article on “Pablo Picasso (1881-1973): From the Spanish Civil War to Vietnam.” (Guerra e Arte: Guernica. Pablo Picasso dalla guerra civile spagnola al Vietnam) (2011). Online <<http://www.cultorweb.com/Picasso/Pc.html>>
  - an Italian translation of my article on a comparison of official portraits of George Washington and Napoleon - “Un paragone tra i ritratti di Napoleone Bonaparte (1812) e George Washington (1796)” <<http://www.cultorweb.com/N%26W/N.html>>.

## The History and Theory of Strategies to achieve a free society

In designing and building the OLL website I was consciously following a strategy which I had developed over many years regarding the theory and history of how ideas can and have in fact “changed the world.” My thinking was guided by the following works:

- Hayek’s essay on “The Intellectuals and Socialism” (1949) - this seems to have become the default theory of strategy for many libertarian organisations since the Second World War, in spite of its rather superficial and unhistorical analysis of the problem
- PFG’s writings in the late 1950s and early 1960s when he was setting up LF
- Murray Rothbard’s long paper on strategy which he wrote at the time the Cato Institute was being established: Murray N. Rothbard, *Toward a Strategy for Libertarian Social Change* (April, 1977).  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/OtherWorks/Rothbard/Rothbard\\_1977TowardStrategy.pdf](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/OtherWorks/Rothbard/Rothbard_1977TowardStrategy.pdf)>
- other writings such as
  - John Blundell, *Waging the War of Ideas* (London: The Institute of Economic Affairs, 2001, 2015)
  - Wayne A. Leighton and Edward J. Lopez, *Madmen, Intellectuals, and Academic Scribblers: The Economic Engine of Political Change* (Stanford University Press, 2013)
  - Richard Fink’s Plenary Address, “Ideas into Action: Applying Hayek,” *The Association of Private Enterprise Education, 40th Annual Conference*, Cancun, Mexico, April 12–14, 2015

This produced a series of Liberty Matters online discussions on ideas and social change, and a major research paper on the subject.

- on the strategy used by Arthur Seldon and the Institute of Economic Affairs : John Blundell, “Arthur Seldon and the Institute of Economic Affairs” (November, 2013)  
<<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/seldon-and-the-iea>>
- on the strategy used by Richard Cobden and the Anti-Corn Law League: Stephen Davies, “Richard Cobden: Ideas and Strategies in Organizing the Free-Trade Movement in Britain” (January 2015) <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-cobden>>
- and more generally: David M. Hart, “On the Spread of (Classical) Liberal Ideas,” *Liberty Matters* (March 2015) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-ideas>>.
- my research paper: “Entrepreneurs, Investors, and Scribblers: An Austrian Analysis of the Structure of Production and Distribution of Ideas”. A paper given at the Southern Economics Association, New Orleans, November 21-23, 2015.  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/StructureProductionIdeas/DMH\\_StructureProductionIdeas21Oct2015.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/StructureProductionIdeas/DMH_StructureProductionIdeas21Oct2015.html)>

During 2018 when LF was undergoing a so-called “strategic refresh” I wrote several positions papers on strategy in general, an examination of PFG’s own theory of strategy, and how the OLL in particular was designed to carry out PFG’s strategy, but these were either ignored or over-ruled in LF’s restructuring. See for example:

- on PFG’s original strategic thinking behind setting up LF: “Pierre F. Goodrich’s Goals and Strategy for the Liberty Fund: A Reconstruction (Feb. and June 2018)”
- my position paper stating how the OLL pursued the goals and strategies as outlined in LF’s “Founding Documents”: “The OLL Strategy Document (Feb. and Sept. 2018)”

## Classical Liberal Class Analysis

Class analysis is a topic which many libertarians ignore or reject but one which I have pursued for decades. I have been influenced in my thinking by Walter Grinder, Leonard Liggio, and Murray Rothbard whom I met in the 1970s. If we want to be able to reduce the power of the state we need to know who wields power in our society, how this is done, and how they benefit from this. I have explored the long tradition of asking these questions by classical liberals and other radicals going back to the Renaissance and have given several lectures and talks on this subject. A recent result of this research is a book I co-edited in 2018:

- *Social Class and State Power: Exploring an Alternative Radical Tradition*, ed. David M. Hart, Gary Chartier, Ross Miller Kenyon, and Roderick T. Long (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

This was a very much shortened version of a longer collection I have online:

- "Plunderers, Parasites, and Plutocrats: An Anthology of Classical Liberal Writing on Class Analysis from Boétie to Buchanan."  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassAnalysis/Anthology/ToC.html>>

There is also a Liberty Matters discussion of liberal ideas of class:

- I wrote the lead essay: "Classical Liberalism and the Problem of Class," *Liberty Matters Online Discussion Forum*, Online Library of Liberty (Nov. 2016)  
<<http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-class>>

Both the *OLL Reader* and the *Quotations about Liberty and Power* have sections on class:

- The Online Library of Liberty Reader: "Part Xi: The Ruling Class and the State"  
<<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/oll-reader#part11>>
- now expanded <<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/ruling-class-anthology>>
- Quotations about Liberty and Power: section on "Class"  
<<https://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes#class>>

Other lectures, talks, and papers:

- Lectures to FEE and IHS: "The State and the Ruling Class" A Lecture given at the Institute For Humane Studies "Liberty And Society" Summer Seminars 2012  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/ClassAnalysis/ClassTheory/Lecture-ClassAndState.html>>

- “Plunderers, Parasites, and Plutocrats: Some Reflections on the Rise and Fall and Rise and Fall of Classical Liberal Class Analysis.” Paper given at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, The Kings College, NYC, 20 Oct. 2018.  
<[davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Plunderers/DMH-PPP-Oct2018.html](http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Papers/Plunderers/DMH-PPP-Oct2018.html)>
- "Bastiat's Theory of Class: The Plunderers vs. the Plundered" (May, 2016).  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/FrenchClassicalLiberals/Bastiat/ClassAnthology/index.html>>.
- the imagery of class analysis:
  - “The Ruled as Atlas” <<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/Class/ImagesAtlas.html>>
  - "Images of the Ruling Class and the State"  
<<http://davidmhart.com/liberty/Art/Class/ImagesOfRulingClass.html>>