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Writer, public-policy researcher, and activist with over 15 years in the pro-liberty movement. Areas of expertise/interest include fiscal, economic, transportation, science/technology, and energy issues.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- * freelance writer
- * commentator/speaker on Connecticut fiscal policy
- * columnist, (Waterbury) *Republican-American* -- column frequently runs in other major dailies, including the (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*
- * contract researcher for a major Connecticut trade association
- * consultant for several Connecticut taxpayer groups

EXPERIENCE

Yankee Institute for Public Policy Studies
Philip Gressel Fellow for Tax and Budget Policy

Researched, wrote, and edited op-eds, issue briefs, and long-form studies on Connecticut's fiscal policies. Established the Institute's media operation, spoke before business and civic groups, and appeared on radio/television programs.

Nevada Policy Research Institute
Director of Publications/Contributing Writer

Researched, wrote, and edited op-eds, issue briefs, and monthly magazine. Established the Institute's media operation. Wrote and recorded daily radio commentaries and wrote, produced, and appeared as a panelist on the Institute's weekly television program.

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation
Communications Coordinator

Wrote and edited fundraising letters, donor correspondence, and newsletter articles. Oversaw the design and implementation of the Foundation's website and autofax document-delivery system. Participated in both local and national media campaigns.

Media Research Center
Media Analysis Intern

Analyzed news programs, with special focus on the Public Broadcasting Service. Assisted with fact-checking, proofreading, and other editorial tasks. Wrote newsletter articles. Conducted a three-year study of the documentary series *Frontline*.

RECENT POLICY STUDIES

Growing Connecticut's Economy: Corporatism vs. Capitalism, September 2007

Reform Spending, Relieve Taxpayers: *Real Property-Tax Relief for Connecticut*, June 2007

Fiscal Flapdoodle: Governor Rell's Five Budget Myths, March 2007

Blueprint for Reform, September 2006

Fifteen Years of Folly: The Failures of Connecticut's Income Tax, August 2006

The Two Connecticut: Private vs. Public Employment in the Nutmeg State, February 2006

RECENT ARTICLES BY OR QUOTING DOWD

"Regional Government? Be Careful What You Wish For," *The (New London) Day*, May 27, 2008

"Connecticut Iron Curtain: tax policies," (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, May 14, 2008

"First Hartford rule: once a tax is in, it stays," (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, May 10, 2008

"Fairness' For All," *Hartford Business Journal*, May 5, 2008

"Tax abatement policy massive failure," *The (Windham) Chronicle*, May 1, 2008

"Free us all from fanatic bike fascists," (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, April 30, 2008

"Voices for ignorance, higher taxes," (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, April 23, 2008

"Connecticut's battle of the budgets," (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, April 16, 2008

"Taxpayers starting to make statements with local budgets," (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, April 15, 2008

"The Battle of the Budgets," *Business New Haven*, April 14, 2008

"No one rides them, yet bicycles dictate our public policy," (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, April 8, 2008

"Legislative axes hew health plan," (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, April 2, 2008

“Spiking the state’s death-tax study,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, March 19, 2008

“Protectionism = Weaker State Economy,” *Business New Haven*, March 17, 2008

“Protectionist mood menaces state economy,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, March 5, 2008

“State can’t afford more spending on commuter rail,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, February 24, 2008

“Dearth of dads little noted,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, February 5, 2008

“Perfect fiscal storm is brewing in Connecticut,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, January 28, 2008

“Connecticut’s perfect fiscal storm,” (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, January 23, 2008

“When educrats attack: Smearing Fusco,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, January 20, 2008

“The Smearing of Armand Fusco,” (Manchester) *Journal-Inquirer*, January 17, 2008

“When educrats attack: The smearing of Armand Fusco,” (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, January 14, 2008

“We know what fails; let’s try what works,” (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, October 10, 2007

“Study: Spending Reforms Are Key to property Tax relief in Connecticut,” *Budget & Tax News*, October 2007

“Look At State Lesser Fiscal Stewards,” *Hartford Business Journal*, July 30, 2007

“Questions about state’s lesser-known fiscal stewards,” (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, July 29, 2007

“Green-eyeshade partisanship,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, July 25, 2007

“Yankee Institute: Property-tax burden rooted in municipal spending, state mandates,” Kimberly Phillips, (Manchester) *Journal Inquirer*, July 14, 2007

“Rell’s car tax plan sputters again,” Brian Lockhart, *The (Stamford) Advocate*, July 6, 2007

“Spending facilitates property tax crisis,” Dirk Perrefort, *The (Danbury) News-Times*, June 21, 2007

“Want property tax relief? Political courage needed,” Scott Whipple, *The (New Britain) Herald*, June 19, 2007

“Parent revolts tie up schools,” George Krimsky, (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, June 17, 2007

“Three New Board Members Will Take Seats on Region 12 Board,” John Addyman, (Woodbury) *Voices*, June 7, 2007

“Will Hartford kill goose that lays golden egg?,” Daniel Gressel, *New Haven Register*, May 29, 2007

“The ethics of taxation and efficiency of government,” Marc Guttman, *The (New London) Day*, May 27, 2007

“Presidential visit to draw a crowd -- of protesters,” Ray Hackett, *Norwich Bulletin*, May 20, 2007

“Your taxes are finally covered,” David Krechevsky, (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, May 19, 2007

“Structural overspending Connecticut’s real problem,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, May 7, 2007

“Conn. Governor Seeks Higher Taxes on Income, Cigarettes,” Steve Stanek, *Budget & Tax News*, May 2007

“Checkmating Rell,” Don Pesci, *The (Torrington) Register Citizen*, April 16, 2007

“Rell expected to announce budget plans soon,” Brian Lockhart, *The (Stamford) Advocate*, March 28, 2007

“Jumping Tax Flash,” Phil Maymin, *Fairfield County Weekly*, February 22, 2007

“The burden of feeding the state’s unions,” *The (New London) Day*, February 11, 2007

“More spending, taxes, misery,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, February 8, 2007

“Is Connecticut Insolvent? Do You Care?,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American* on January 31, 2007

“Yankees Damn,” Andy Bromage, *New Haven Advocate*, January 4, 2007

“Rell announces health care initiative,” Scott Whipple, *The (New Britain) Herald*, December 28, 2006

“Rich States, Poor States,” *The Wall Street Journal*, January 25, 2007

“Best, worst fiscal watchdogs named,” Donna Porstner, *The (Stamford) Advocate*, December 28, 2006

“Tennessee Must Learn From Connecticut’s Income Tax Mistake,” *The Chattanooga*, December 6, 2006

“Building A Better Economy,” David Krechevsky, (Waterbury) *Republican American*, October 16, 2006

“Conservative group’s guide covers key issues,” Mike Cummings, (Manchester) *Journal Inquirer*, September 30, 2006

“Eliminating the Income Tax,” David A. Brensilver, *The Waterford Times* , September 29, 2006

“Waterbury chamber recasts format for economic forecast conference,” Mark Silivstrini, (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, September 13, 2006

“A Failed Experiment?,” *Westport News*, September 13, 2006

“Tax study flawed but thought-provoking,” William R. Bellotti, (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, September 9, 2006

“Kill the Messenger,” *Business New Haven*, September 4, 2006

“State Income Tax: A Disaster for Connecticut,” *Business New Haven*, September 4, 2006

“Report: Income Tax Disaster,” *New Haven Register*, August 25, 2006

“Study Reveals Income-Tax Folly,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, August 24, 2006

“True Yankees,” *Hartford Business Journal*, August 23, 2006

“Group calls state income tax a ‘folly’,” Jason Rowe, (Manchester) *Journal Inquirer*, August 23, 2006

“Think-tank blasts state income tax,” Associated Press, August 23, 2006

“State income tax called a failure,” Rob Varnon, (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, August 22, 2006

“State Income Tax Called ‘Failure’,” David Krechevsky, (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, August 22, 2006

“Report says state income tax hurts economy,” Steve Higgins, *New Haven Register*, August 22, 2006

“Municipal Officials Bear Blame for Booming Local Budgets,” *Fairfield County Business Times*, August 2006

“‘Mission creep’ brings higher taxes,” *New Haven Register*, July 17, 2006

“Waste High in Waste,” (Waterbury) *Republican American*, July 17, 2006

“Rell’s Ineptitude,” Joseph A. Zdonczyk, *The (Meriden) Record-Journal*, June 29, 2006

“Mythical Tax Freedom Day Celebrated in State,” Pam Dawkins, (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, May 12, 2006

“Conservatives find fault with legislative session,” Tom Breen, (Manchester) *Journal Inquirer*, May 11, 2006

“Time to Curb State Workers’ Pay, Benefits,” Peter Gioia, (Bridgeport) *Connecticut Post*, March 24, 2006

“Lawmakers Mull Creation of Three Agencies,” Associated Press, March 7, 2006

“Connecticut Public Employees Live on Easy Street,” *Budget & Tax News*, March 2006

“No More Economic Meddling,” *The Hartford Courant*, February 12, 2006

“State surplus at \$536.8 million,” Paul Hughes, (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, February 2, 2006

“Best and worst in state fiscal policy,” (Waterbury) *Republican-American*, January 27, 2006

“Those ‘two Connecticuts’ aren’t the ones we were told about,” Chris Powell, (Manchester) *Journal-Inquirer*, January 25, 2006

“Two Connecticuts? Conservative group: State divided into 2 classes of employees -- public and private,” Tom Breen, (Manchester) *Journal Inquirer*, January 25, 2006

“New Study Finds Gap in Public and Private-Sector Workers,” *Fairfield County Business Times*, January 2006

RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

“The Dan Lovallo Show” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, May 29, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, April 21, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, April 4, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, March 21, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, February 25, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, February 1, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, January 28, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, January 1, 2008

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, December 31, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, December 28, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, December 27, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, December 26, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, November 30, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, October 24, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 14, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 13, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 12, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 11, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 10, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 7, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, September 6, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 29, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 28, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 3, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 2, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 1, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, July 31, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, July 30, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, July 26, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, July 25, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, June 29, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, June 28, 2007

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, June 25, 2007

“Connecticut Newsmakers,” WVIT, June 24, 2007

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, June 20, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, June 20, 2007

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, May 30, 2007

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, May 23, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, May 18, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, May 7, 2007

“The Ray Dunaway Show with Diane Smith,” WTIC, April 19, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, April 17, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show” (guest host) WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, April 16, 2007

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, March 12, 2007

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, April 9, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, March 7, 2007

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, February 9, 2007

“Good Morning Connecticut,” WCTX, February 9, 2007

“News Channel 8 at 6:00,” WTNH, February 8, 2007

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, February 8, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, February 6, 2007

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, February 5, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, February 1, 2007

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, January 31, 2007

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, January 8, 2007

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, January 4, 2007

“The Ray Dunaway Show with Diane Smith,” WTIC, December 28, 2006

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, December 27, 2006

“Connecticut Newsmakers,” WVIT, September 3, 2006

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, August 29, 2006

“New Hampshire Taxpayer Radio,” WLMW, August 24, 2006

“News Talk,” WGCH, August 23, 2006

“The Brad Davis Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 23, 2006

“The Dan Lovallo Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, August 22, 2006

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, August 22, 2006

“Soapbox,” WWUH, May 11, 2006

“Soapbox,” WWUH, April 27, 2006

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, February 9, 2006

“The Wayne Norman Show,” WILI, February 6, 2006

“Talk of the Town with Ed Flynn,” WATR, February 1, 2006

“The Sunday Report,” Star 99.9 FM, January 29, 2006

“Connecticut Newsmakers,” WVIT, January 22, 2006

“The Brad Davis Show,” WDRC/WMMW/WSNG/WWCO, January 19, 2006

“News Talk,” WGCH, January 12, 2006

“Sound Off Connecticut with Jim Vicevich,” WTIC, January 10, 2006