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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2016, I have served as the president & CEO of the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. Previously, I served as the provost of Washington College (2012-2016), and as associate dean and the Elbert H. Neese Professor of Economics at Beloit College.

EDUCATION

In 1993, I earned my PhD in economics from George Mason University. I also earned my MA and BA in economics from George Mason in 1990 and 1988, respectively.

RECENT MEDIA

See essays and commentary in [Discourse Magazine](#), [Persuasion](#) (also [here](#) and [here](#)), [Profectus](#), [Forbes](#), [Wall Street Journal](#) (also [here](#)), [USA Today](#) (also [here](#)), [Washington Post](#), [Inside Higher Ed](#) (also [here](#)), [Orange County Register](#) (also [here](#)), and the [Knight Foundation](#).

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