

Cato scholar hits the road

Book Tour for America's Nuclear Crossroads

For Cato scholars, producing a book is a labor of love, but the labor doesn't end with the book's release date. These volumes are not produced merely to sit on shelves, of course. Part of the purpose is to spread them far and wide and reach as many readers as possible, with an emphasis on students and policymakers.

One such recent release is *America's Nuclear Crossroads*, an anthology edited by Caroline Dorminey and Eric Gomez that seeks to address key questions of nuclear weapons policy for the 21st century. (See "Taming the Destroyer of Worlds," *Cato Policy Report*, September/October 2019.)

As part of the promotion for this book, Gomez has undertaken a nationwide tour. In New York City, he participated in a roundtable event at the EastWest Institute and a panel hosted by New York University. In upstate New York, he spoke to Syracuse University's chapter of the John Quincy Adams Society (JQAS) and has two presenta-

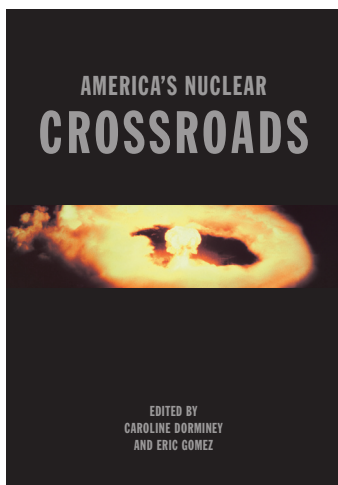
tions scheduled at the State University of New York—Geneseo. In Boston, Gomez participated in a workshop with the Nuclear Weapons Working Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In Virginia, he delivered a guest lecture at George Mason University in Fairfax and a speech to William & Mary's JQAS chapter in Williamsburg.

In Los Angeles, Gomez spoke at a debate as part of the Pacific Council's annual PolicyWest conference and at Pomona College, the University of Southern California, and the RAND Corporation. In Colorado, Gomez presented at the University of Denver as part of a conference on international security studies.

Gomez is slated for several additional events in 2020. He has been invited to attend a dialogue on U.S.-Chinese relations at Tsinghua University in January to address the nuclear aspects of the U.S.-Chinese relationship and nuclear diplomacy with North Korea. Additional tentatively planned engagements include multiple on-campus events in Texas and New Jersey.

Reaching new audiences and forging new relationships is a crucial part of the work done by Cato policy scholars. At Pomona College, a professor in the theater department attended the talk and was impressed by Gomez's ability to convey complex concepts about nuclear deterrence to those like her who are unfamiliar with the subject matter.

Additionally, participation at the early October event for the Pacific Council led to several more *Crossroads*-related events for when he returned to Los Angeles in November. One of those events, in turn, produced a connection with a U.S. military officer who was able to connect Gomez with the Strategic Command's Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance. As Christopher Preble, vice president for defense and foreign policy studies, explains, "Such cascades of new relationships resulting from promotional events outside the DC area are a frequent occurrence." ■



Cato News Notes

HUMAN FREEDOM INDEX IN NATGEO ATLAS

The latest edition of *National Geographic's Atlas of the World* features the findings of Cato's 2018 *Human Freedom Index*, which ranks human freedom across 162 nations. National Geographic created an infographic of the *Human Freedom Index* findings, highlighting the strong relationship among economic freedom, democracy, and higher per capita incomes.

DEANGELIS VS. ELIZABETH WARREN

Corey DeAngelis, Cato Institute adjunct scholar, recently uncovered evidence that presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) had sent her son to private school, in spite of her opposition to school choice. When asked about this, Warren was caught on video denying it. This subsequently became a substantial story in the presidential race, with widespread coverage including a retweet by President Trump.

MASHBURN TO FHFA

Lydia Mashburn, managing director of the Cato Institute's Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives, has departed the Institute to become deputy chief of staff at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the regulator that oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Mashburn will be working under another former Cato employee, former Director of Financial Regulation Studies Mark Calabria, whom the Senate recently confirmed to be director of FHFA.