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## Healthcare policy & economics: Two sciences inextricably linked.

Greetings!

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The *Oxford Compact Dictionary* (Oxford University Press 2005) defines economics as:

***"The branch of knowledge concerned with the production, consumption, and transfer of wealth."***

Dubbed "the dismal science" by Thomas Carlyle in 1849 (in support of an argument **equally absurd**), we at BRI find economics anything but dull or dismal. In fact, we're proud to say that most of the students who are attracted to our organization are also attracted to understanding economic principles, which tie in to healthcare and the delivery of medicine.

At BRI's upcoming Leadership Conference, "**Doctors as Leaders, Doctors as Advocates,**" we are partnering with **American Enterprise Institute (AEI)** to explore the economics of healthcare in detail -- especially as it relates to the poor. Understanding the nature of poverty will shed light on healthcare solutions based in freedom, which are the likeliest to do the most good for the greatest number of people, both wealthy *and* indigent.

Trenton Schmale, energetic president of the BRI-Marian University chapter reviews two articles on proposed healthcare solutions through an economic lens.

Trenton poses the intriguing questions:

*"What would come of a national healthcare policy guided by the ethical principle of noninterference? While it won't prevent market failures from occurring in healthcare, it will allow the free market to fix the failures instead of government. Market forces not only act faster than government, a free market response will keep costs down, innovation up, and allow as many people as possible to obtain healthcare."*

**READ TRENTON'S ARTICLE**

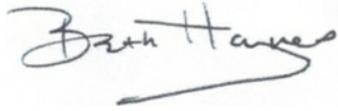
If you're a student interested in learning more about BRI, or if you're already engaged with a BRI chapter, it isn't too late to **REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE**.

If you know medical students who should be with us in Washington, DC, forward this email to them, and encourage them to contact me for more information. The dates are March 31st -

April 3, 2016.

The more we know and understand, the more effectively we can create healthcare solutions that work.

Thank you,



Beth Haynes, MD  
Executive Director  
[Benjamin Rush Institute](#)



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BRI student leader, Joshua de Gastyne, BRI-Georgetown authored this short, sharp piece in **The Daily Signal**:

### Medicaid: Half of Doctors Won't Accept New Patients

Written in 2014, Joshua's article is still timely and relevant, especially in the face of seeing many free market thinkers' predictions about consequences of the ACA are coming true.

[READ JOSHUA'S ARTICLE](#)

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Dr. Edmond Weisbart debates Dr. Josh Umbeh

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Dr. Mitchell J. Heller debates Dr. David U. Himmelstein

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## Please extend a warm BRI Welcome to Joe McKinney!

Please extend a warm BRI welcome to **Joe McKinney**, BRI's newest staff member. Joe is BRI's new Operations and Development Manager. He is a recent grad of the University of

Minnesota, and has moved to the Silicon Valley to promote liberty and begin his own startup. Joe is deeply invested in Benjamin Rush's mission due to personal hardship in contemporary healthcare.

Please note **JOE'S UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS:**

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Joe McKinney,  
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WELCOME ON BOARD, JOE!



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- Provide lunch for 5 or 6 attendees at a noontime lecture
- Publish and promote a student-authored blog post that touches many readers
- Help defray costs of sending students to the 2016 4th Annual BRI Student Leadership Conference!

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